

**CWA of California**  
**Action Alert**  
**May 13, 2005**

**SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL MOVING TOWARD FLOOR!**

Dear Friend:

Assemblyman Mark Leno's (D-San Francisco) homosexual marriage bill [passed](#) the Assembly Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, April 26. It will be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on Wednesday, May 18. If passed, the bill may then move quickly to the Assembly floor.

**WE HAVE A CHANCE TO STOP THIS BILL ON THE ASSEMBLY FLOOR!**

Please continue contacting your assembly member and Governor Schwarzenegger via phone, fax and/or e-mail. They must hear the public's outrage that our will under Prop. 22 is being dismissed by our own government. Below is a list of 15 members considered to be key swing votes who may be able to stop AB 19 in its tracks! Please take time to call as many of these assembly members as possible. Ask them to protect marriage between a man and a woman.

**Contact information:**

To find your assembly member: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>.

Gov. Schwarzenegger's phone: (916) 445-2841; fax (916) 445-4633

Below are talking points for your phone call and sample text for a letter to mail or fax. Most legislator sites include a fax number.

**Key Votes**

<p><u>Juan Vargas</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">Chula Vista</a>)  <i>San Diego and Imperial counties</i>            916-319-2079 capitol office            619-409-7979 district office            Staff: <a href="mailto:George.Jordan@asm.ca.gov">George.Jordan@asm.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><u>Hector De La Torre</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">South Gate</a>)  <i>South Gate, Downey, Bellflower, Lynwood</i>            916-319-2050 capitol office            562-927-1200 district office  <a href="mailto:Assemblymember.DeLaTorre@assembly.ca.gov">Assemblymember.DeLaTorre@assembly.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><u>Nicole Parra</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">Bakersfield</a>)  <i>Bakersfield, Shafter, Hanford, Kingsburg</i>            916-319-2030 capitol office            661-334-3745 district office  <a href="mailto:Assemblymember.Parra@assembly.ca.gov">Assemblymember.Parra@assembly.ca.gov</a></p>
<p><u>Joe Baca, Jr.</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">San Bernardino</a>)  <i>San Bernardino, Rialto, Fontana, Colton</i>            916-319-2062 capitol office            909-388-1413 district office  <a href="mailto:Assemblymember.Baca@assembly.ca.gov">Assemblymember.Baca@assembly.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><u>Mike Gordon</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">El Segundo</a>)  <i>El Segundo, Venice, Torrance, Beach Cities</i>            916-319-2053 capitol office            310-615-3515 district office  <a href="mailto:Assemblymember.Gordon@assembly.ca.gov">Assemblymember.Gordon@assembly.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><u>Simon Salinas</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">Salinas</a>)  <i>Monterey and San Benito counties</i>            916-319-2028 capitol office            831-759-8676 capitol office  <a href="mailto:Assemblymember.Salinas@assembly.ca.gov">Assemblymember.Salinas@assembly.ca.gov</a></p>
<p><u>Joe Canciamilla</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">Pittsburg</a>)  <i>Pittsburg, Martinez, Concord, Antioch, Pinole</i>            916-319-2011 capitol office            925-372-7990 district office  <a href="mailto:Assemblymember.Canciamilla@assembly.ca.gov">Assemblymember.Canciamilla@assembly.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><u>Jerome Horton</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">Inglewood</a>)  <i>Gardena, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale</i>            916-319-2051 capitol office            310-412-6400 district office  <a href="mailto:Assemblymember.Jerome.Horton@assembly.ca.gov">Assemblymember.Jerome.Horton@assembly.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><u>Alberto Torrico</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">Newark</a>)  <i>Newark, Fremont, Union City, Milpitas</i>            916-319-2020 capitol office            510-440-9030 district office  <a href="mailto:Assemblymember.Torrico@assembly.ca.gov">Assemblymember.Torrico@assembly.ca.gov</a></p>
<p><u>Ed Chavez</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">La Puente</a>)  <i>Azusa, Covina, W. Covina, La Puente</i>            916-319-2057 capitol office            626-961-8492 district office  <a href="mailto:Assemblymember.Chavez@assembly.ca.gov">Assemblymember.Chavez@assembly.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><u>Barbara Matthews</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">Stockton</a>)  <i>Stockton, Tracy, Merced, Atwater, Lathrop</i>            916-319-2017 capitol office            209-948-7479 district office            Staff: <a href="mailto:Cathleen.Galgiani@asm.ca.gov">Cathleen.Galgiani@asm.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><u>Tom Umberg</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">Santa Ana</a>)  <i>Santa Ana, Anaheim, Garden Grove</i>            916-319-2069 capitol office            714-939-8469 district office  <a href="mailto:Assemblymember.Umberg@assembly.ca.gov">Assemblymember.Umberg@assembly.ca.gov</a></p>
<p><u>Joe Coto</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">San Jose</a>)  <i>San Jose</i>            916-319-2023 capitol office            408-277-1220 district office  <a href="mailto:Assemblymember.Coto@assembly.ca.gov">Assemblymember.Coto@assembly.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><u>Gloria Negrete McLeod</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">Ontario</a>)  <i>Ontario, Pomona, Chino, Montclair</i>            916-319-2061 capitol office            909-621-2783 district office  <a href="mailto:Assemblymember.Mcleod@assembly.ca.gov">Assemblymember.Mcleod@assembly.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><u>Juan Arambula</u> (Democrat: <a href="#">Fresno</a>)  <i>Fresno, Dinuba, Reedley, Selma, Sanger</i>            916-319-2031 capitol office            559-445-5532 district office  <a href="mailto:Assemblymember.Arambula@assembly.ca.gov">Assemblymember.Arambula@assembly.ca.gov</a></p>

## Talking points

The voters of our state passed Prop. 22 by a margin of over 61 percent in 2000, defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Our state constitution provides that the legislature "may amend or repeal an initiative statute by another statute that becomes effective **only when approved by the [voters]**." The will of the people cannot be changed by our legislators without first returning the issue to us!

An opinion issued by a Sacramento appeals court regarding domestic partnership laws recently confirmed this fact when the court stated, "Without submitting the matter to the voters, the Legislature cannot change this absolute refusal to recognize marriages between persons of the same sex."

Children thrive best in a home with a mother and father who are married. Children must come first—not adults' sexual desires.

Any redefinition of marriage poses a threat to the moral structure of the family with no logical stopping point (polygamy, incestuous relationships, etc.).

## Sample letter

Dear :

I respectfully request that you oppose AB 19, which allows two people of the same sex to marry.

The public does not support same-sex "marriage." Californians passed Prop. 22, which defines marriage as between a man and a woman, by 61.4 percent.

Referring to Prop. 22, an appellate court recently ruled, "Without submitting the matter to the voters, the Legislature cannot change this absolute refusal to recognize marriages between persons of the same sex." AB 19 defies this ruling and the California Constitution.

Further, children thrive best in a home with a mother and father who are married. Children must come first – not adults' sexual desires. Any redefinition of marriage poses a threat to the moral structure of the family with no logical stopping point. Would we next legalize polygamy or incest?

Please oppose AB 19!

Respectfully,

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In addition to making your voice heard on this and other critical legislation, please remember to pray regularly for our legislators and visit the legislation section of our [California Web site](#) for the [current status](#) of many important pending bills.

***Thank you for making a difference!***

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