

President John Stroger  
C/o Cook County Board of Commissioners  
County Building  
118 North Clark Street, 5th Floor, Room 567  
Chicago, Illinois, 60602-1304

**Re: Recognizing and legalizing same-sex relationships**

March 30, 2004

Dear Mr. Stroger and the Cook County Board of Commissioners,

Let us begin by saying thank you for your years of service as a public servant. We are grateful for your concern for all your constituents, and know that we are concerned as well. As you work together to serve the best interest of the people of Cook County, we feel a need to address a specific issue with the Board.

Homosexual acts are morally wrong and physically harmful. They destroy both body and soul. God hates the homosexual act - calling it perversion, detestable and shameful. God clearly states that those who engage in this behavior will not inherit Heaven. ***“Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10.***

But God loves the homosexual. Like all sin, there is forgiveness if one repents and asks Jesus to be the Lord of their life. ***“And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:11.)*** This amazing grace has helped many escape this deadly prison.

Marriage is a unique institution established by God. Marriage between one man and one woman is the very best environment to raise children. Special rights and benefits have been given to marriage by government because it has long been recognized as the foundation of a healthy and stable society. Same-sex marriage counterfeits God’s creation and we can no longer be silent while we watch it being destroyed.

God says ***“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil” (Isaiah 5:20.)***

For these reasons, we must voice our concern and our opposition to the county’s policies that favor homosexuality in addition to recent statements made by county officials in favor of same-sex marriage. Homosexual behavior is physically and spiritually destructive. Approval will cause more to become trapped.

- **We are opposed to the Cook County Clerk granting marriage licenses, domestic partner certificates and the recognition of all unmarried unions, no matter what their title.**
- **We ask that the Cook County Board of Commissioners rescind the sections of ordinances that include “sexual orientation.”**
- **We ask that the Cook County Board of Commissioners cease giving benefits to homosexual partners of county employees.**

Sincerely,

(Cook County Commissioners)

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