

SCA 1 Marriage Talking Points

1. The California people support the traditional definition of marriage between one man and one woman as demonstrated by the overwhelming support for Prop. 22 in 2000. SCA 1 places their wishes in our state constitution.
2. The traditional definition of marriage has been the foundation of civilization for thousands of years.
3. Marriage is the union of the only type of couple capable of natural reproduction of the human race—a man and a woman. Children need both mothers and fathers, and marriage is society's way of obtaining them.
4. The union of a man and a woman in marriage provides the best environment for raising well-rounded and healthy children and provides a stabilizing force in our society.
5. Marriage encourages the sexes to complement each other's strengths and weaknesses.
6. Marriage is of such importance that it is uniquely protected in the law and culture. No civilization can survive without it, and those societies that allowed it to become irrelevant have faded into history.
7. This state constitutional amendment also protects the rights, obligations and benefits of marriage from being conferred or granted to other relationships. This is critical because if the state sanctions the union of two persons of the same sex by any name it creates a counterfeit variety of marriage, thereby weakening marriage. This harms children, weakens the family and weakens society. When the state sanctions domestic partnerships or civil unions it also shows indifference to the tragic results of homosexuality.

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