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Just Say VETO!

The regular California legislative session for this year is over and all bills passed through their second house by last Friday's deadline are on their way to the governor's desk. It is time to share your concerns about some troubling measures and ask for his veto. If Gov. Schwarzenegger does not specifically veto bills by his October 11 deadline, they will become law without his signature.

Use our "[Targeted Bills](#)" list as a reference for action, status of bills and sample letters.

Governor's Contact Information

Call or Fax:

Sacramento Office: Phone (916) 445-2841; Fax (916) 558-3160
(*The Sacramento line is often busy, so you may wish to call another office.*)

Fresno Office: Phone (559) 477-1804; Fax (559) 445-5328
Los Angeles Office: Phone (213) 897-0322; Fax (213) 897-0319
Riverside Office: Phone (951) 680-6860; Fax (951) 680-6863
San Diego Office: Phone (619) 525-4641; Fax (619) 525-4640
San Francisco Office: Phone (415) 703-2218; Fax (415) 703-2803

E-mail: Web form at <http://gov.ca.gov/interact>.

Write, preferably a hand-written letter, to: The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814



Phone Survey: To voice your opinion on **SB 572** (Harvey Milk Day), call the governor's office any time of the day or night and participate in the telephone survey he has established for SB 572. Call (916) 445-2841; press "1" to continue in English; press "2" to connect to the legislation area; press "1" to voice your opinion on SB 572; press "2" to oppose.

SB 572 – Establishes "**Harvey Milk Day**" in California public schools. SB 572 seeks to normalize homosexuality in our schools through this "day of special significance" honoring the late Harvey Milk, a controversial figure and the "first openly gay elected official." The bill is sponsored by Equality California (EQCA) which identifies itself as "the largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender-rights advocacy organization in California."

A [SurveyUSA poll](#) sponsored by San Francisco television station KPIX earlier this year specifically asked if Harvey Milk's birthday should be recognized statewide as a "day of significance." Just 19 percent of respondents were in support with a full **69 percent opposed to the premise of SB 572**. Divided along ideological lines, 78 percent of those who identified as conservative and 59 percent who identified as liberal opposed "Harvey Milk Day." Please let Gov. Schwarzenegger know that SB 572 is supported by special interest – not Californians! Tell him that he did the right thing vetoing a similar bill last year. [Find a sample veto letter for SB 572 here.](#)

SB 54 – Requires California to recognize **same-sex "marriages" from other states** if they occurred before November 5, 2008, the day Prop 8 went into effect. The bill further requires our state to recognize same-sex "marriages" from other states as equal to our definition of marriage in every way, except for the designation "marriage" if they occurred after Prop 8 was passed. Please ask the governor to support the will of the people and veto SB 54! [Find a sample veto letter for SB 54 here.](#)

We have added another bill to our veto list that allows the state to intrude in the affairs of local governments:

AB 1288 prohibits the state, a city, county, or other local governing body from requiring that any employer use an electronic employment verification system (such as E-Verify) to determine worker eligibility except when required by federal law or as a condition of receiving federal funds. In the midst of difficult economic times with double-digit unemployment, legal Californians must be given every opportunity to be part of the work force. It just makes sense that cities should be able to ensure that jobs that are so needed to support our families not be lost to persons who have defied our laws and entered our state illegally. E-Verify is a free and simple system that returns results to employers in seconds. Please ask the governor to veto AB 1288. [Find a sample veto letter for AB 1288 here.](#)

Several Troubling Measures Stall

In good news, three items we targeted for opposition have stalled until January. All are sponsored by Equality California. SB 543, directed primarily at lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth, would authorize a minor as young as age 12 to participate in mental health treatment or residential shelter services without the consent of a parent. AJR 13 calls on the President to encourage and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to adopt policies that would repeal the current Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ban on blood donations by men who have sex with men – a ban that protects the public health. AJR 19 asks Congress and the President to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). A repeal would put state laws protecting marriage at risk. Thank you for making contacts opposing these measures. No further action is needed on your part until January.



“Wait No More” Event This Saturday!

Register now to attend a free event this Saturday, September 19, at Calvary Chapel Downey from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Thousands of children are waiting in our foster care system. Are they waiting for you?

Consider sending a representative from your church to find out about this great need, the adoption process and how Christian families can help these precious children. Find out more by visiting iCareAboutOrphans.org.

While the event is free, you must pre-register. **[Click here to register.](#)** “Wait No More” is sponsored by California Family Council, Focus on the Family, Olive Crest Homes, Koinonia Homes, and Bethany Christian Services.

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