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To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

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Subject: Request the City Attorney to prepare a resolution opposing the Federal Marriage Amendment (H.J.Res.56 & S.J.Res.26)

Background

As the most diverse large city in the United States, and one that honors that diversity by protecting the dignity of all of its people, we have a responsibility to oppose efforts to deprive any of our citizens the right to live freely.

Traditionally, our Constitution has been amended to enumerate and expand the rights Americans enjoy. It would be a tragedy to undo this long history by amending our Constitution to limit the rights of a group of Americans, especially as we so recently celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the landmark *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision.

Two bills in Congress would change the U.S. Constitution in a way that would move our country away from the ideals established at our founding: that we may all live in a country dedicated to the proposition that all persons are created equal, with unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Recommended Action

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