

# NO ON 8

## STOP THE MARRIAGE BAN



Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to you because of a very serious issue facing voters this November in California. Proposition 8 is an initiative on the ballot that, if passed, could eliminate the right to marry for same-sex couples. I'm writing to ask you to do whatever you can to help defeat it.

You know how important being treated equally is for every member of this community. Your cooperative spirit, neighborliness, and goodwill have sustained households like mine many times over the years—through good times and hard times. Our family is now facing one of the most difficult challenges we have ever faced, one that will directly impact my life and the lives of many, many more. That's why I'm asking for your support now. Please, vote No on Prop 8.

All same-sex couples in California now have the same rights and protections that all other committed and loving couples enjoy. I can't tell you how powerful that is, to share the same fundamental freedoms as everyone else, to no longer be treated differently. That fairness is so important. I firmly believe that committed and loving couples who want to accept the responsibility that comes with marriage should be treated just like everyone else. And as a home owner I too want my lifetime partner to have the same rights under the law to inherit property which my parents, grand parents and great-grand parents took for granted during their lives.

This issue means everything to me, my family and those I love which is why I am asking you now to Vote NO on Proposition 8—the marriage ban.

Our Constitution was designed to provide equal protections under the law for all of us in California, and it SHOULD NOT be used to treat people differently. That's what we think this upcoming election is all about—fairness and equality. Your help and support for me and my family would mean the world to us.

We've come a long way, but the fight is far from over. We need your support now more than ever. Please, Vote NO on Proposition 8 and tell others to do the same. Together, I am positive that we can help make our state a more accepting and considerate place to live.

Respectfully yours,

Ronald W. Peters;

along with: Christopher Purifory