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Discrimination bad for business, says gay Chamber of Commerce
Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce denounces Court's denial of same-sex marriage, calls on State to take swift action to ensure equal status

SACRAMENTO, Calif. –The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce expressed its disappointment in the California Supreme Court ruling on Proposition 8 in the following statement released today:

“The membership of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce is deeply disappointed in today’s California Supreme Court ruling which upholds Proposition 8, which sought to prevent same-sex couples from marrying. However, the Chamber is heartened by the fact that the Supreme Court reaffirmed that same-sex couples are entitled to ‘establish an officially recognized family relationship’ equal in all respects to marriage. One of the Chamber’s primary purposes is to help create a healthy, strong business community in which all individuals can prosper and grow. The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce urges the State to swiftly follow the Court’s opinion and take steps to ensure that same-sex couples receive a status equal to marriage.

“The Chamber rejoices with the 18,000 same-sex couples whose right to use the word ‘marriage’ has been upheld by today’s decision, but we are disheartened by the knowledge that thousands more will be denied this right. We stand with all fair-minded Californians in our determination to right this injustice by every legal means.

“Despite our concerns over today’s decision, the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce does not condone boycotts or protests aimed at specific businesses or business owners. Rather, we call upon our fellow Californians to proactively support those businesses who support equality.”

The purpose of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce is to promote networking among the gay and lesbian community and its supporters, enhance awareness of political and social causes, and encourage involvement in charitable causes. For more information, visit www.rainbowchamber.com.

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