



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Torres,  
Councilmember Davis,  
Councilmember Foley

**SUBJECT:** PROPOSITION 3: RIGHT TO MARRY & REPEAL PROP 8    **DATE:** 8/23/24

Approved

Date:

## RECOMMENDATION

- Adopt a position of support for Prop 3, Right to Marry, and Repeal Prop 8 Amendment.

## DISCUSSION

There is a stain here in California where we deny a human right to a subset of the population to marry the person they love and want to commit their future with. In 2008, California voted in favor of Proposition 8, which outlawed same-sex marriage. This November, we can correct this by passing Proposition 3, which would enshrine the right to same-sex marriage in the state Constitution. This will ensure that here in the State of California, people are allowed to marry the person they love regardless of gender, which provides a historically marginalized population the respect and dignity they deserve.

Although the U.S. Supreme Court voted in 2013 to recognize same-sex marriages in California and extended this right to the entire country in 2015, recent decisions and remarks by Supreme Court Justices suggest a willingness to reconsider and possibly rescind these landmark rulings. If that happens, Prop 8 could once again become law, prohibiting same-sex marriages. We cannot allow this backward step.

As Californians, we pride ourselves on being leaders in equality and justice. By adopting a position of support of Prop 3, we can reaffirm these values and show that love, commitment, and family are universal rights. We can create a future where everyone has the right to marry whom they love, ensuring that we stand on the right side of history. Let's show that in California, we lead with our hearts and uphold the principle that love knows no bounds.

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