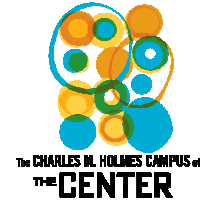


San Francisco LGBT Community Center



Take Action!

August 2009

The 43rd anniversary of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot and the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots give us all an opportunity to reflect upon the immense growth and progress our community has experienced over the years. For more than four decades, we have proudly marched forward with heads held high, proclaiming our right to fairness, justice and equality. We must rightly celebrate all that we have achieved in this time but recognize equally that our work remains unfinished. Join with the Center today and Take Action to ensure that all members of our community may live with dignity, equality and respect. Below you will find a number of state and national legislative bills that can be passed and/or signed into law with your involvement today!

State Legislation

Urge Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to sign the "Harvey Milk Day Bill"

Harvey Milk was—and still is—an inspiration not only as one of the first openly gay men elected to office, but as a trail blazer who understood the value of working with allies, the importance of living our lives openly with authenticity and the power that our stories have to change hearts and minds. Please help us ensure that the story of Harvey Milk continues to inspire and give hope to future generations. Contact Governor Schwarzenegger today and urge him to sign the Harvey Milk Day Bill (AB 2567). Visit [Equality California](http://EqualityCalifornia.org) to take action today.

Help pass the Marriage Recognition and Family Protection Act

The state Marriage Recognition and Family Protection Act (SB 54) affirms that couples who married outside the state prior to the passage of Proposition 8 are still married — and that those who marry out-of-state in the future will not be left without their basic rights. Please contact your local State Senator today and urge her or him to support this vital measure so that LGBT couples will no longer have to live in

confusion and uncertainty. Visit [Equality California](#) to take action today.

Federal Legislation

Urge your Senators to pass the transgender inclusive “Employment Non-Discrimination Act” (ENDA)

This federal bill (S.1584), which would extend existing federal laws prohibiting employment discrimination to protect people on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, is much needed and long overdue. We have a good chance of passing this bill, but we need your help! President Obama has said that he is ready to sign this bill. All we need now is for the Senate to act. Please email your Senators and ask them to co-sponsor the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA)! Visit the [United ENDA Coalition](#) website that the Center is proud to be a part of and take action today.

Help Pass the Uniting American Families Act

The Uniting American Families Act ([H.R. 1024](#), [S. 424](#)) and Reuniting Families Act ([H.R. 2709](#)) – two measures which would give U.S. citizens and permanent residents the same ability to sponsor a same-sex partner for immigration benefits that opposite-sex spouses currently enjoy, have been introduced into the House of Representatives and the Senate respectively. Please urge your representatives and senators to support swift passage for these important measures so that we can ensure equal treatment of same-sex couples with respect to immigration. Visit [Immigration Equality](#) or visit [Out4Immigration](#) to take action today.

Help pass the Safe Schools Improvement Bill 2009

In May 2009, California US House Representative Linda Sánchez introduced the Safe Schools Improvement Bill (HR. 2262) which would require schools that receive federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act funding to implement comprehensive anti-bullying policies that protect LGBT Youth. It is important that our Representatives hear from us; and equally important for us to reach out to our networks across the country and ask our families and friends to urge their Representatives to ensure protections for our community’s youth. Visit the [Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network](#) (GLSEN) to take action today.

Help Pass [the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act](#)

In July 2009, the US House of Representatives Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal

Service and the District of Columbia began consideration of the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act (H.R. 2517). This bill would provide the same family benefits to federal civilian employees and their same-sex partners as those already provided to employees with non-LGBT spouses. Contact your local Representative today and urge her or him to support equality within our federal employment system. Visit the [National Center for Lesbian Rights](#) and take action today.

Help Repeal “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”

In July 2009, the Military Readiness Enhancement Act (HR. 1283)– a measure which seeks to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" - was referred to the US House of Representatives Committee on Armed Services and the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. Contact your House Representative and encourage him or her to support this measure. This act would ensure equality and justice for all those who risk their lives to protect our nation’s security and deserve to serve openly and with dignity. Visit “[Voices of Honor](#)” – a joint initiative by the Human Rights Campaign and Servicemen United to take action today.