



# San Jose ♦ Peninsula Newsletter

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## The Supreme Court Decisions

### Proposition 8

If the justices rule in favor of the couples in *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, the challenge to California's Proposition 8, the ruling could take a number of forms.

It could overturn every state constitutional provision and law restricting marriage to heterosexual couples. It could also overturn just Proposition 8, limiting the effect to California, as a federal appeals court ruled earlier this year. The Court could also avoid ruling altogether on the constitutional question and find that the backers of the measure have no standing to defend it in court, presumably meaning that a 2010 district court ruling striking down Proposition 8 would stand.

On the other hand, if the court upheld Proposition 8, while California couples would be unable to marry for the time being, it would leave open the effort to expand fair marriage laws state by state — in the form of marriage, or domestic partnerships or civil unions that offer same-sex couples most of the state rights and benefits that extend from marriage, without the respect and status conferred by the word "marriage" itself.

### DOMA

The Supreme Court has been inundated with legal briefs from "friends of the court" supporting the argument that the so-called Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional. Edie Windsor's challenge to DOMA has now been joined by more than 46 other briefs filed by one of the most extraordinary collections of "friends of the court" ever assembled. Some of the people and organizations that have weighed in on the side of equality include:

- Military leaders and families
- Religious leaders from a wide of a range of religious faiths
- Businesses – 278 companies stated that DOMA is bad for business
- Members of Congress – 40 Senators and 172 Representatives signed a brief arguing that DOMA violates the Constitution
- Former Senators who voted for DOMA
- Former Cabinet secretaries
- Psychologists and sociologists – The APA and ASA
- The American Political Science Association
- The Organization of American Historians and the American Studies Association
- President Obama filed a brief attacking DOMA

And so many more! These diverse voices have united to tell the Court that DOMA has to go, and to rebut the mistaken assertions that the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group (BLAG) of the House of Representatives has made about DOMA.

A decision in both cases is expected by the end of June.

## Meeting Calendar

◀ APRIL/MAY ▶

**May 13 Redwood City** Support - **7:00 pm**

**April 8** Sequoia Union H.S. District Offices  
480 James Ave., Redwood City  
(2nd Monday of the month)

**May 8 San Jose** Support - 7:30 pm

### PFLAG SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

**Apr. 10** First Congregational Church  
1980 Hamilton Ave. (at Leigh)  
(2nd Wednesday of the month)

**May 16 Straight Spouse** Support-7:30 pm

**Apr. 18** call San Jose Helpline for info.  
(3rd Thursday of the month)

**May 16 Board Meeting** Teleconference  
(3rd Thursday of the month)

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**GILROY** and other locations:  
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**June/July Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Friday, May 24**

## San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

**Wednesday, May 8**  
**7:30 PM**

**at the San Jose support Meeting**

**All are Welcome!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PFLAG Support Meetings

**Redwood City, April 8**

**San Jose, April 10**

**Judy Rickard and Karin Bogliolo** will be our guest speakers for both of the April support meetings. They will speak about immigration reform and the struggle to include gay and lesbian couples. About 48,000 same-sex couples in the United States include at least one immigrant partner who is not a citizen, according to a study released by UCLA's Williams Institute. Even if those couples are legally married, the federal government denies them the visas that allow opposite-sex immigrant spouses to become Americans. "We've started calling ourselves 'prisoners of love,'" said Judy, "until something happens in Congress or the Supreme Court."



**San Jose, May 8**

**PFLAG Scholarship Awards Night!**

**Redwood City, May 13—NEW Time! - 7:00 PM!**

Speaker to be announced.

Small group support will be offered at all meetings. ▼

### PFLAG Membership Dues are Due!

Your 2013 PFLAG membership dues are now past due — please take a moment to join or renew today!

Please consider the Benefactor, Angel, or Diva level. Donations to our Scholarship Fund are also deeply appreciated. Many employers offer matching programs that could double your contribution. If you ask your employer to make a matching gift, you will need to give them our EIN (Employer ID Number): 7702544991. Other ways to support PFLAG and make contributions can be found in *The Gift of Giving* brochure on our website.

Mail your contribution with the form on page 4 of this newsletter, or renew online at: [www.pflagsanjose.org](http://www.pflagsanjose.org). On behalf of our chapter, we thank you for your commitment to the mission of PFLAG.

Sincerely,  
Your Finance Committee ▼

### Easy Activism — California Communities United Institute

California Communities United Institute (CalComUI) e-mails you letters on LGBT bills in the state legislature. If you agree with the letter, simply add your name and address and click on the "Send" button. The letter is then sent to our legislators. They also send letters on bills that benefit people of color, people with HIV, women, and the poor. Sign up for email alerts in the box at the bottom of their webpage: [www.calcomui.org/](http://www.calcomui.org/) ▼

### Out to Eat - Outlet Benefit

**May 3**

Computer History Museum — 6-10 PM  
1401 North Shoreline Blvd,  
Mountain View, CA 94043

You are invited to the Peninsula's favorite LGBT event, Out to Eat, supporting Outlet and LGBTQ youth. Join us to celebrate our community while providing critical funding to the only comprehensive LGBTQ youth program between San Jose and San Francisco. This will be a fabulous event, including youth awardees, a festive silent and live auction, raffle, hearty hors d'oeuvres and delicious desserts.

Register early as prices increase on April 1st!

Go green by registering online or by phone!

Call Outlet office to register at (650) 965-2020, ext 22.

Register online at [www.outtoeat.org](http://www.outtoeat.org) ▼

### Vote for SF Pride Grand Marshals

The San Francisco LGBT Pride Celebration Committee has announced its 2013 nominees for the public choice for community grand marshals.

Online voting is open at <http://www.sfpride.org/vote>. Several polling places will also be available. The deadline is April 15. Nominees' lives and work are reflective of this year's theme, "Embrace, Encourage and Empower."

Grand marshals appear in the Pride Parade and take part in other activities. In addition to individual community grand marshal there is an organizational community grand marshal. A pink brick prize goes to a detractor of the LGBT community. You can vote in all 3 categories. ▼



#### ► Mark Your Calendar ◀

April 29 — Queer Youth Advocacy Day

May 3 — Out to Eat for Outlet

May 8 — PFLAG Scholarship Awards Night

June 2 — Santa Cruz Pride Parade

June 8 — PFLAG Brainstorming Session

June 15 — San Mateo Pride—First ever!

June 30 — SF Pride Parade

July 4 — Redwood City Parade

August 17-18 — San Jose Pride Festival



## PFLAG Scholarship Awards Night May 8

Mark your calendars now! Four to five talented student activists from San Mateo and Santa Clara counties will receive scholarship awards and will share their stories. Don't miss this wonderfully inspiring event! ▼

## Save the date! — PFLAG Chapter Shape the Future Brainstorming Session June 8

Join your fellow PFLAG members and leaders on Saturday afternoon, June 8 in Palo Alto to brainstorm ways that our chapter can more effectively fulfill our mission. How can we grow? What are you passionate about?

Food, Fun and the Future of PFLAG — Don't miss it! ▼

## PFLAG Table at Bay Area Youth Summit May 11

Bay Area Youth Summit invites our San Jose Peninsula PFLAG chapter to table at the 2013 Summit on May 11, at Aragon High School in San Mateo. We will have the opportunity to connect with over 300 anticipated attendees and share our mission and educational materials. If you can help, contact Ken Klucsor: [kenklucsor@yahoo.com](mailto:kenklucsor@yahoo.com) ▼

## Santa Cruz Pride: Calling All Allies! June 2

Join your neighbors in PFLAG Santa Cruz County and march in the 39th Annual Santa Cruz Pride event! Parade through downtown Santa Cruz beginning at 11 AM. The Festival runs from 11:30 AM to 4 PM. Make it a day trip or a weekend away and come enjoy Santa Cruz's hometown Pride! ▼



## San Mateo Pride Celebration June 15

Save the date! First ever San Mateo Pride Celebration! At the Central Park recreation center in San Mateo, **12 noon—4 PM**. We will have a PFLAG table, along with many other agencies! ▼

**Your grandchildren someday will ask you ...  
'How did you vote on marriage equality?'  
Hopefully you'll be able to say the right thing.  
Rhode Island state Rep. John Edwards**

## Marriage Equality Resources

Here are a number of helpful resources:

### Equality on Trial Case Timeline

<http://equalityontrial.com/timeline/>

Find thorough, accessible and up-to-date information on the myriad marriage equality lawsuits taking place across the U.S. The timeline covers state-based challenges to domestic partnership and civil union laws such as the lawsuit against Proposition 8 in California, as well as litigation challenging the Defense of Marriage Act. View events by case name or category. A few examples from the list: DOMA, Federal Marriage Equality, Proposition 8, State Marriage Equality, Windsor.

### The Prop 8 trial: Where Things Stand

<http://equalityontrial.com/2011/11/23/where-things-stand-with-the-prop-8-trial/>

Continuously updated: an easy-to-understand, one-stop-shopping guide to where things stand with the Prop 8 trial.

### SCOTUS Roundup by Shannon Price Minter, Esq., NCLR Legal Director

[www.nclrights.org/site/PageServer?  
pagename=about\\_ewsletter\\_031213#2](http://www.nclrights.org/site/PageServer?pagename=about_ewsletter_031213#2)

A brief overview of the Prop 8 and DOMA cases.

### California Gay Marriage Timeline

Check out this new interactive look at key events regarding the rights of same-sex couples in California:

[www.sacbee.com/2012/12/03/5028077/interactive-timeline-gay-marriage.html](http://www.sacbee.com/2012/12/03/5028077/interactive-timeline-gay-marriage.html)

### Marriage and the Supreme Court — What Could Happen?

When you click on this link from Marriage Equality USA, you will have the option to open or download a pdf document:

#### [THIRD WAY SUPREME COURT CHEAT SHEET](#)

— includes an overview of the Proposition 8 and DOMA cases, and a flow chart of “Marriage and the Supreme Court—What Could Happen?”

**Prejudice may not ... be the basis for differential treatment under the law.**

**U.S. Department of Justice amicus brief filed in the Supreme Court Prop 8 case**



### PFLAG Amicus Brief

Click here to read the PFLAG National Amicus Brief to the Supreme Court!

<http://community.pflag.org/document.doc?id=733>

