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Re: Request for Title and Summary for Proposed Initiative

Dear Ms. Knight,

Pursuant to Article 11, Section 10(d) of the California Constitution, we are submitting to your office the attached proposed statewide Constitutional Amendment, entitled the "Voters' Right to Protect Marriage Initiative," and cordially request that you prepare an unbiased Title and Summary of the measure as provided by law. We have also included with this letter the required signed statement under California Elections Code, Section 9608, our voter registration addresses, and payment in the amount of \$200.

Thank you very much for your time and service. Should you have any questions or require additional information, you can contact us through [VoteYesMarriage.com](http://VoteYesMarriage.com), P.O. Box 1978, Sacramento, CA 95812 (916) 265-5643.

Sincerely,

Larry Bowler

Ed Hernandez

Randy Thomasson

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**INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUMMITTED DIRECTLY TO VOTERS**

Section 1: Title

This amendment is the Voters' Right to Protect Marriage Initiative.

Section 2: Marriage for One Man and One Woman Benefits Children, Families, and Society

The People of California have a compelling responsibility to protect the essence of marriage by ensuring that the civil institution of marriage between one man and one woman is not abolished or diminished. The People find that marriage between one man and one woman is diminished when government requires private entities to offer or provide rights, incidents, or benefits of marriage to unmarried individuals, or when government bestows statutory rights, incidents, or employee benefits of marriage on unmarried individuals. The People further find and declare it is in a child's best interest to have a mother and a father, and that marriage rights for one man and one woman should be protected for the well-being of children, families, and society.

Section 3: Vote Yes to Stop Marriage from being Abolished or Diminished

Section 1.1 of Article I of the Constitution is added to read:

SEC. 1.1. Only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or recognized in California, whether contracted in this state or elsewhere. Neither the Legislature nor any court, government institution, government agency, initiative statute, local government, or government official shall abolish the civil institution of marriage between one man and one woman, or require private entities to offer or provide rights, incidents, or benefits of marriage to unmarried individuals, or bestow statutory rights, incidents, or employee benefits of marriage on unmarried individuals. Any public act, record, or judicial proceeding, from within this state or another jurisdiction, that violates this section is void and unenforceable.