



Fighting For the LGBT Community

Hillary has been a longtime friend of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. She has fought for policies that promote equality, while taking a strong stand against forces that have tried to marginalize the LGBT community.

Hillary's Vision

As President, Hillary will replace the divisive leadership of the past six years. She will work with the LGBT community and allies in Congress to change laws. The LGBT community will always have an open door to a Clinton White House. She knows that working together, we can continue to work against hate and stand united for equality.

- ❖ **Supports civil unions** – Hillary will work to ensure that all Americans in committed relationships have equal benefits – from health insurance and life insurance, property rights, and more.
- ❖ **Pass ENDA** – It is inconceivable to Hillary that people who work hard and do a good job every day can still be fired because of who they love. It's unfair, it's un-American, and she will put a stop to it once and for all.
- ❖ **Pass federal hate crimes legislation** – Hillary believes that hate crimes undermine the fundamental principle upon which our nation was founded, namely that all men and women are equal. She will strengthen law enforcement and prosecution against discriminatory acts of violence against gays, lesbians, and transgender individuals by signing the *Matthew Shepard Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act* into law.
- ❖ **End Don't Ask Don't Tell** – Hillary knows that courage, honor, patriotism and sacrifice – the traits that define our men and women in uniform – have nothing to do with sexual orientation. She's concerned that the military is discharging people with critical skills – including desperately needed Arabic language skills. Hillary believes that this is a matter of national security and will fix it.

Hillary's Record

As First Lady and U.S. Senator, Hillary has championed numerous proposals to improve the lives LGBT Americans. Hillary's accomplishments on behalf of the LGBT community include:

- ❖ **Fought against Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA)** – In 2004 and again, in 2006, Hillary worked to defeat the FMA. As Chair of the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee, she met with leaders of the LGBT community to come up with a smart strategy to stop FMA. Hillary won't stand for anyone trying to write discrimination into the Constitution.
- ❖ **Supported ENDA** – Throughout her Senate career, Hillary has been an original co-sponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would finally end employment discrimination against gays, lesbians, and transgender individuals.

- ❖ **Supported anti-hate crimes legislation** – Hilary is an original co-sponsor of the *Matthew Shepard Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act*, which would provide additional resources to fight hate crimes.
- ❖ **Fought for AIDS funding and access to services** - Hillary wrote the Early Treatment for HIV Act, which expands access to vital treatment options for low-income individuals living with HIV. She also fought to fully fund the Ryan White CARE Act to improve access to treatment and support for those living with this tragic disease.
- ❖ **Supported equal benefits for federal employees** – Hillary is an original cosponsor of the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligation Act, which would grant the same benefits (including health insurance) to domestic partners of federal employees that are currently offered to employees' legal spouses.
- ❖ **Participated in numerous LGBT events** – Hillary was the first First Lady to march in a Gay Pride Parade and has marched multiple times as Senator. She has also spoken in front of LGBT audiences on numerous occasions, including delivering keynote addresses at events hosted by the Human Rights Campaign, Empire State Pride Agenda, the Hetrick Martin Institute, PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) , GMHC (Gay Men's Health Crisis), and the American Foundation for AIDS Research. Of all the presidential candidates invited to address the Human Rights Campaign's Board Meeting and Equality Convention in March 2007, only Senator Clinton accepted the invitation and addressed the HRC.