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California Supreme Court Denies Rehearing and Stay in Marriage Cases

Decision to become final on June 16 at 5:00 p.m.

San Francisco—The California Supreme Court today filed an order in the *Marriage Cases* (S147999; decision filed May 15, 2008), denying requests to stay its decision until after the November 2008 election and denying petitions for rehearing.

The rehearing petitions were denied by a 4-3 vote. Chief Justice Ronald George, and Justices Joyce Kennard, Kathryn Werdegar, and Carlos Moreno voted to deny rehearing. Justices Marvin Baxter, Ming Chin, and Carol Corrigan would have granted rehearing.

The order further specified that the decision of the court filed on May 15, 2008, will become final on June 16, 2008, at 5 p.m.

The full text of the order is attached.

Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Div. 3 - Nos.
A110449/A110450/A110451/A110463/A110651/A110652
S147999

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

En Banc

In re MARRIAGE CASES.

The requests for judicial notice filed on May 22, 2008, by the Proposition 22 Legal Defense and Education Fund and on May 30, 2008, by the Campaign for California Families are granted in part and denied in part. The requests for judicial notice of the information regarding authentication of signatures on the "Limit on Marriage" initiative published by the Secretary of State at http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pend_sig/init_sample_1298.pdf are granted. In all other respects, the requests for judicial notice are denied.

The request for judicial notice filed on May 28, 2008, by the City and County of San Francisco is granted.

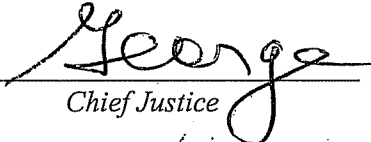
The petition for rehearing filed by the Proposition 22 Legal Defense and Education Fund on May 22, 2008, is denied.

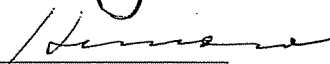
The petition for rehearing and motion for stay filed by the Campaign for California Families on May 30, 2008, is denied.

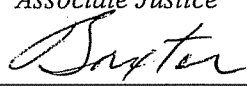
Baxter, Chin, and Corrigan, JJ., are of the opinion rehearing should be granted.


The request to stay the effective date of the decision of the court filed on May 15, 2008, until after the November 2008 election is denied.


The decision filed on May 15, 2008 will become final on June 16, 2008 at 5 p.m.

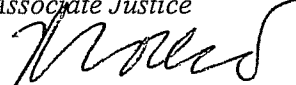

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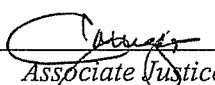

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