

THE LEAGUE  
OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF PALO ALTO



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April 15, 2013

Dear Mayor Scharff and City Council members,

This letter is to thank you for your April 1, 2013, vote to approve a resolution in support of same-sex marriage and in opposition to Proposition 8 that is being heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. The League of Women Voters agrees with you: the right to marry the person of one's choice is a civil right.

The League supports legislation to equalize the legal rights, obligations and benefits available to same-gender couples with those available to heterosexual couples. The League also supports legislation to permit same-gender couples to marry under civil law. The League believes that the civil status of marriage is already clearly distinguished from the religious institution of marriage and that religious rights will be preserved.

We are pleased that you oppose Proposition 8 and support overturning DOMA, the Federal Defense of Marriage Act. Thank you for joining other cities and counties in California by passing a resolution, which clearly demonstrates that the City is on the side of civil rights for all.

Thank you.

Mary Alice Thornton  
President, League of Women Voters of Palo Alto

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Alice Thornton'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Alice Thornton  
President, LWVPA