

# RESTORING AND PROTECTING MARRIAGE: YES ON PROPOSITION 8

*“For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.”*

GENESIS 2:24

Since the dawn of time, marriage has been understood by people of virtually every faith and culture to be the union of a man and a woman. Marriage predates government. Its unique place in civilization is both derived from God and inherently natural to man. Marriage is intrinsic to a stable, flourishing and loving society. It provides the ideal relationship to commit men and women to each other, to provide for the procreative continuation of civilization and to raise children with both a mother and father. The sanctity of marriage is worth defending and protecting.

**Proposition 8 says simply and powerfully:**

*“Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.”*

**Proposition 8:**

- **Restores the definition of marriage.** God himself is the author of marriage. Its meaning is written in the very nature of man and woman as they come from the hand of the Creator.



Over 61% of Californians have recognized this with their votes in favor of traditional marriage.

- **Changes the California Constitution** to overturn the decision of four judges on the California Supreme Court who wrongly imposed same-sex marriage on California, against the express desire of millions of voters.
- **Secures parental rights** to teach children about relationships according to their own values and beliefs. Unless Proposition 8 passes, California law may compel public schools to teach children there is no difference between traditional marriage and same-sex marriage. When Massachusetts legalized gay marriage, schools began teaching second graders that boys can marry other boys. The courts ruled that parents had no right to object.

Proposition 8 does not take away any rights or benefits from gay or lesbian domestic partners. Under California's domestic partner laws (Family Code Section 297.5) they have rights and benefits identical to those of spouses.

## STAND UP FOR TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 8

Volunteers and funds are urgently needed to reach voters with a message that affirms traditional marriage. Your help is needed now! Please go to [www.ProtectMarriage.com](http://www.ProtectMarriage.com) to volunteer or to contribute. California is counting on you!