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2007 Sponsored Legislation

Every year, Equality California proposes and lobbies for the passage of legislation to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Californians. EQCA is committed to building a better future by protecting youth, strengthening families and empowering communities.

In 2007, EQCA is the sponsor of nine pieces of legislation that will move us closer to that goal.

Strengthening Our FAMILIES

**AB 43: Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act**
Author: Assemblymember Mark Leno, D-San Francisco
Will allow same-sex couples the ability to marry in California, affording them the honor and support that comes only with marriage.

**AB 102: Name Equality Act**
Author: Assemblymember Fiona Ma, D-San Francisco
Co-Sponsor: American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
Provides domestic partners the right to select a new family name when they register with the state.

**SB 105: Joint Income Tax Filing Implementation Bill**
Author: Senator Carole Migden, D-San Francisco
Simplifies the process of filing joint state income tax returns for registered domestic partners.

**SB 559: Fair and Equal Taxation for Surviving Partners Act**
Author: Senator Christine Kehoe, D-San Diego
Offers relief to domestic partners who paid discriminatory taxes prior to 2006.

Protecting Our YOUTH

**AB 394: Safe Place to Learn Act**
Author: Assemblymember Lloyd Levine, D-Van Nuys
Co-Sponsor: Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality
Provides protection for youth in California schools, including those who identify as LGBT.

**SB 518: Juvenile Justice Safety and Protection Act**
Author: Senator Carole Migden, D-San Francisco
Establishes a safe environment for LGBT youth residing in juvenile justice facilities with the creation of a Youth Bill of Rights.

**SB 777: Student Civil Rights Act**
Author: Senator Sheila Kuehl, D-Santa Monica
Ensures that all students will have the opportunity to be safe in school by establishing student civil rights protections.

Empowering Our COMMUNITIES

**AB 14: Civil Rights Act of 2007**
Author: Assemblymember John Laird, D-Santa Cruz
Co-Sponsor: California NAACP
Strengthens California’s nondiscrimination protections so all Californians have equal access to state services and business establishments open to the public.

**SJR 6: Resolution Supporting the Repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”**
Author: Senator Christine Kehoe, D-San Diego
Urges Congress and the President to repeal the federal “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy, which excludes able and willing LGBT people from serving openly in the military.

2007 Opposed Legislation

EQCA monitors thousands of bills each year and leads the effort to defeat legislation that has a negative impact on the LGBT community and our families. Here are two examples of the bills we oppose this year.

**AB 1249: Limitation on Diversity Education**
Author: Assemblymember Jim Silva, R-Huntington Beach
Requires parental permission in order for students to learn about diversity and tolerance issues in school.

**AB 1498: Discrimination in State Services**
Author: Assemblymember Chuck DeVore, R-Irvine
Weakens nondiscrimination standards that apply to state-funded and operated programs and services.
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