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Statement on California Supreme Court Case Ruling on Same-Sex Marriage

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San Francisco — The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) applauds the California Supreme Court ruling allowing same-sex couples to marry. JCRC President Cheryl L. Feiner stated “the organized Jewish community supports same-sex civil marriage. This ruling is a huge step forward for civil rights and equality for all.”

JCRC Executive Director Rabbi Douglas Kahn stated “the JCRC has a historic commitment to civil rights, social justice, and compassion. We firmly support the right of same-sex couples and their families to enjoy liberty and equal protection under the law. We applaud the court’s ruling for providing a fundamental freedom to same-sex couples.”

JCRC, after an intensive review of the subject, approved a [consensus statement on same-sex civil marriage](#) in February 2006. The consensus statement affirms the importance of equality for all people. “One of the JCRC’s core values is *B’Tselem Elohim* — the belief that all people are created in God’s image and accordingly each person’s life is of infinite value. This principle leads JCRC to maintain that it is critical for equal opportunity to exist under the laws for every individual, and there be no unlawful discrimination in any aspect of life, regardless of a person’s race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.”

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The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) is the central public affairs and community relations arm of the organized Jewish community. Representing more than 80 congregations and Jewish institutions throughout the Bay Area, JCRC promotes a just society and a secure Jewish future.