



Building a State of Equality



2008
Legislative
Scorecard



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2008 Accomplishments

10 Years Building a State of Equality

During the past decade, EQCA has worked to strategically move California from a state with almost no legal protections for LGBT individuals to the state with the most rights enacted through the legislative process. In 2008, the organization reached a milestone when the 50th piece of EQCA sponsored legislation passed the legislature.



Tenacity Under Pressure

Despite one of the worst budget stalemates in California history and Governor Schwarzenegger vetoing more bills than any Governor in 40 years, three pieces of EQCA-sponsored legislation were enacted, including bills to ensure the protection of LGBT seniors and foster youth, and strengthen and expand non-discrimination in insurance and state contracting.



And working with LGBT Caucus members, EQCA worked to successfully secure nearly half a million dollars in state funding for LGBT health and human services programs at a time when funding for programs in many areas was being significantly reduced.

Increasing Support in the Legislature

More legislators than ever before—67 of 120—voted for every piece of EQCA-sponsored legislation, with a solid majority in both houses scoring 100% in 2008. This year, the number of legislators with perfect scores increased by 6%

First Line of Defense

EQCA continues to lead lobbying efforts to defeat each and every anti-LGBT bill that is introduced, including three this year. We monitor hundreds of bills every year for their potential impact on LGBT Californians.



Supporting our Coalition

Winning LGBT equality depends on a vast array of organizations. Just as we would not be successful without the support of ally organizations, each year EQCA supports legislation important to our coalition partners in the civil rights, labor, and social justice movements.

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2008 Sponsored Legislation

Harvey Milk Day Act | AB 2567



Lead Author: Assemblymember Mark Leno

What it does: Would have put California on record as the first state to officially honor an LGBT leader by making May 22 of each year Harvey Milk Day, and encouraging schools to use the day to teach students about Milk's contributions to society.

Status: Passed by the Legislature. Vetoed by the Governor.

Civil Rights Act of 2008 | AB 2654

Lead Author: Assemblymember John Laird

Partner Organization: California NAACP

What it does: Prohibits discrimination based on race, sex, gender identity, color, religion, ancestry, ethnic group identification, national origin, disability, medical condition, marital status, and sexual orientation in all insurance and state-funded programs or activities. Part of an historic multi-year effort to add protections for LGBT individuals to all non-discrimination provisions in California Law.

Status: Passed by the Legislature. Signed by the Governor. Goes into effect **January 1, 2009**.

LGBT Senior Care Training | SB 1729

Lead Author: Senator Carole Migden

What it does: Requires licensed health professionals in senior care facilities to receive mandatory training on how to foster an environment for seniors in these settings that is free from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Status: Passed by the Legislature. Signed by the Governor. Goes into effect **January 1, 2009**.



Foster Youth School Safety Education | AB 3015

Lead Author: Assemblymember Julia Brownley

Partner Organizations: National Association of Social Workers – California Chapter, Gay-Straight Alliance Network

What it does: Requires individuals who care for foster youth, and foster youth, to receive training on the laws that protect students from bias-motivated harassment and discrimination.

Status: Passed by the Legislature. Signed by the Governor. Goes into effect **January 1, 2009**

Housing Co-Ownership | SB 153

Lead Author: Senator Carole Migden

What it does: Would have ended unfair and unequal property tax increases on the survivor of a same-sex partner, if the couple was not married or registered as domestic partners with the state.

Status: Passed by the Legislature. Vetoed by the Governor.



SCORECARD METHODOLOGY AND SYMBOL KEY

The analysis of votes is based on the final floor votes cast on the measures. Yes votes are represented by "✓" and no votes are represented by "✗." Legislators present, but not voting, are denoted by "-." Passage of legislation requires a "yes" vote by majority of all legislators. Therefore, not voting when present has the same effect as a "no" vote on the outcome. Legislators who were officially absent for a vote did not have their vote included in the rating and are denoted on the scorecard with a "•." The governor was rated on legislation that reached his desk.

2008 GOVERNOR'S SCORECARD

	Party	District	AB 2567	AB 2654	AB 3015	SB 1729	SB 153	Score
Arnold Schwarzenegger	R	N/A	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	60%

2008 SENATE SCORECARD

	Party	District	AB 2567	AB 2654	AB 3015	SB 1729	SB 153	Score
Sam Aanestad	R	4	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Dick Ackerman	R	33	•	X	X	X	X	0%
Elaine Alquist	D	13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Roy Ashburn	R	18	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Jim Battin	R	37	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Ron Calderon	D	30	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Gilbert Cedillo	D	22	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Dave Cogdill	R	14	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Ellen Corbett	D	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	100%
Lou Correa	D	34	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Dave Cox	R	1	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Jeff Denham	R	12	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Denise Moreno Ducheny	D	40	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	80%
Bob Dutton	R	31	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Dean Florez	D	16	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tom Harman	R	35	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Dennis Hollingsworth	R	36	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Christine Kehoe	D	39	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sheila Kuehl	D	23	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Alan Lowenthal	D	27	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mike Machado	D	5	-	✓	✓	X	✓	60%
Abel Maldonado	R	15	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Bob Margett	R	29	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Tom McClintock	R	19	X	X	X	X	✓	20%
Carole Migden	D	3	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	80%
Gloria Negrete McLeod	D	32	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jenny Oropeza	D	28	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Alex Padilla	D	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Don Perata	D	9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mark Ridley-Thomas	D	26	•	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Gloria Romero	D	24	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
George Runner	R	17	-	X	X	X	•	0%
Jack Scott	D	21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Joe Simitian	D	11	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	80%
Darrell Steinberg	D	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tom Torlakson	D	7	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	80%
Ed Vincent	D	25	•	•	•	✓	•	100%
Pat Wiggins	D	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mark Wyland	R	38	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Leland Yee	D	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%

2008 ASSEMBLY SCORECARD

	Party	District	AB 2567	AB 2654	AB 3015	SB 1729	SB 153	Score
Anthony Adams	R	59	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Greg Aghazarian	R	26	-	X	X	X	X	0%
Joel Anderson	R	77	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Juan Arambula	D	31	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Karen Bass	D	47	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jim Beall, Jr.	D	24	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
John Benoit	R	64	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Patty Berg	D	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tom Berryhill	R	25	X	X	-	•	X	0%
Sam Blakeslee	R	33	-	X	X	X	X	0%
Julia Brownley	D	41	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Anna Caballero	D	28	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Charles Calderon	D	58	✓	✓	✓	•	✓	100%
Wilmer Amina Carter	D	62	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Paul Cook	R	65	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Joe Coto	D	23	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mike Davis	D	48	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Hector De La Torre	D	50	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kevin de Leon	D	45	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Chuck DeVore	R	11	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Mark DeSaulnier	D	70	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Michael Duvall	R	72	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Mervyn Dymally	D	52	✓	✓	✓	•	✓	100%
Bill Emmerson	R	63	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Mike Eng	D	49	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Noreen Evans	D	7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mike Feuer	D	42	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Felipe Fuentes	D	39	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jean Fuller	R	32	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Warren Furutani	D	55	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ted Gaines	R	4	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Cathleen Galgiani	D	17	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Bonnie Garcia	R	80	X	X	X	-	-	0%
Martin Garrick	R	74	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Loni Hancock	D	14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mary Hayashi	D	18	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ed Hernandez	D	57	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Shirley Horton	R	78	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Guy Houston	R	15	X	•	-	X	X	0%
Bob Huff	R	60	X	X	X	X	X	0%

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Jared Huffman	D	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kevin Jeffries	R	66	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Dave Jones	D	9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Betty Karnette	D	54	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rick Keene	R	3	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Paul Krekorian	D	43	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Doug La Malfa	R	2	X	X	X	X	X	0%
John Laird	D	27	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mark Leno	D	13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lloyd Levine	D	40	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sally Lieber	D	22	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ted Lieu	D	53	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Fiona Ma	D	12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Bill Maze	R	34	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Tony Mendoza	D	56	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Gene Mullin	D	19	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Alan Nakanishi	R	10	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Pedro Nava	D	35	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Roger Niello	R	5	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Fabian Nunez	D	46	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nicole Parra	D	30	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
George Plescia	R	75	X	X	X	•	X	0%
Anthony Portantino	D	44	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Curren Price	D	51	✓	✓	✓	•	✓	100%
Sharon Runner	R	36	•	X	X	•	•	0%
Ira Ruskin	D	21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mary Salas	D	79	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lori Saldana	D	76	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jim Silva	R	67	X	✓	X	X	X	20%
Cameron Smyth	R	38	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Jose Solorio	D	69	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nell Soto	D	61	•	•	•	•	•	No Score
Todd Spitzer	R	71	-	X	✓	X	X	25%
Audra Stickland	R	37	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Sandre Swanson	D	16	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Alberto Torrico	D	20	✓	✓	✓	•	✓	100%
Van Tran	R	68	-	X	X	X	X	0%
Mike Villines	R	29	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Mimi Walters	R	73	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Lois Wolk	D	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%



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About EQCA

Founded in 1998, EQCA celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2008, commemorating a decade of building a state of equality in California. In the past 10 years, Equality California has strategically moved California from a state with extremely limited legal protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals to a state with some of the most comprehensive civil rights protections in the nation.

Improving the Lives of LGBT Californians

EQCA works to achieve equality and secure legal protections for LGBT people. To improve the lives of LGBT Californians, EQCA sponsors legislation and coordinates efforts to ensure its passage, lobbies legislators and other policy makers, builds coalitions, develops community strength and empowers individuals and other organizations to engage in the political process. EQCA links its members directly with their elected officials by holding annual lobby days in Sacramento and organizing in-district lobbying meetings.

Creating a Strong California

Over the past ten years, EQCA has successfully sponsored more than 50 pieces of legislation to advance the rights of the LGBT community.

Working in partnership with California's LGBT Legislative Caucus, EQCA is committed to building a better future for all Californians by protecting youth, strengthening families and empowering communities. Each year at the Capitol, EQCA monitors hundreds of bills and leads efforts to defeat legislation that could have a negative impact on LGBT Californians and their families.

Defending LGBT Rights and Protections

EQCA, represented by our community's legal organizations and pro bono counsel, has been a party to key lawsuits on behalf of its members including the historic case before the California Supreme Court striking down state law that barred same-gender couples from marriage. EQCA is also a party to litigation before the Supreme Court seeking to invalidate Prop 8. In addition, EQCA has participated in cases defending California's domestic partnership laws and safe schools protections for LGBT youth.

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