



Equality California

2009

LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

BUILDING A STATE OF EQUALITY

Despite a tough legislative session and the worst budget crisis in California history, this year has been one of Equality California's best yet in Sacramento. We passed a record 11 pieces of Equality California-sponsored legislation that will improve the lives of LGBT Californians. Another six bills and resolutions passed their first house or key committee and will be taken up again when the Legislature reconvenes in January.

Through partnerships with terrific legislators, smart and strategic lobbying, grassroots support including the largest LGBT lobby day in state history, over 150,000 emails and petitions signed, more than 75,000 phone calls from our field offices, and visits to the members in their districts, we made history.

Thanks to all of this hard work, three of Equality California's bills were enacted, including legislation that honors Harvey Milk, protects married same-sex couples regardless of where and when they were married, and expands access to funding for LGBT domestic violence programs.

Disappointingly, the governor vetoed two important bills on the grounds that existing law and policy already provided the protections the bills sought to put into statute: the Equal ID Act, allowing transgender people to obtain corrected birth certificates and the LGBT Prisoner Safety Act, requiring consideration of sexual orientation and gender identity in housing prisoners.

FEDERAL RESOLUTIONS

Equality California seized the opportunity for real change on the federal level by sponsoring a number of resolutions pushing the U.S. Congress and President to support LGBT rights. These resolutions put California, the state with the most LGBT people in the country and the largest Congressional delegation, on record in support of overturning discriminatory federal laws and providing critical rights and protections for our community. Equality California's field organizers and volunteers also worked on the ground to lobby Congress to take action on our rights.

INCREASING SUPPORT IN THE LEGISLATURE

This year we obtained a substantial number of votes for LGBT rights on the floor of the legislature and enjoyed more bipartisan support than last year.

Over the past 11 years we've passed 63 pieces of legislation to advance LGBT equality and improve the lives of Californians. Each year we move closer and closer to the dream of full equality and a better life for LGBT people in the Golden State.

2009 SPONSORED LEGISLATION

✓ SIGNED LEGISLATION

Marriage Recognition and Family Protection Act | SB 54

What it does: This bill affirms that same-sex couples married before the passage of Prop. 8 are entitled to full recognition as married spouses in California, regardless of where they married and that couples married outside of California after the passage of Prop. 8 must be given all of the rights, protections and responsibilities of spouses under California law.

Author: Senator Mark Leno

Status: Passed by the legislature. Signed by the governor.

Harvey Milk Day Bill | SB 572

What it does: This bill requires the governor to annually proclaim May 22nd as Harvey Milk Day, designating it as a “day of special significance” and encourages public schools and educational institutions to conduct suitable commemorative exercises about the historical accomplishments of Harvey Milk.

Author: Senator Mark Leno

Status: Passed by the legislature. Signed by the governor.

LGBT Domestic Violence Services Act | AB 1003

What it does: This bill improves and expands access to a state domestic violence fund for LGBT-specific organizations that serve victims of domestic abuse.

Author: Assemblymember John A. Pérez

Status: Passed by the legislature. Signed by the governor.

× VETOED LEGISLATION

LGBT Prisoner Safety Act | AB 382

What it does: This bill would have required state prisons to consider sexual orientation and gender identity to safely house prisoners.

Author: Assemblymember Tom Ammiano

Status: Passed by the legislature. Vetoed by the governor.

Equal ID Act | AB 1185

What it does: This bill would have codified existing legal protections for transgender people born in California which allows them to obtain a court order reflecting their correct gender and any accompanying name change.

Author: Assemblymember Ted Lieu

Status: Passed by the legislature. Vetoed by the governor.

PENDING LEGISLATION

Mental Health Services for At-Risk Youth | SB 543

What it does: This bill would expand access to essential mental health services for minors age 12 to 17, including LGBT youth, and allow them to obtain counseling without parental consent. Many LGBT youth seek counseling to help them with issues relating to coming out and either cannot obtain parental consent or are fearful of doing so.

Author: Senator Mark Leno

Co-sponsors: National Association of Social Workers – California Chapter, Mental Health America of Northern California, GSA Network

Status: Will be heard after the legislature reconvenes in January.

Survivors' Home Protection Act | AB 103

What it does: This bill would end an inequity that presently exists for LGBT partners, particularly seniors, by preventing them from having to pay unfair property taxes and potentially losing their shared home following the death of a partner.

Author: Assemblymember Kevin de León

Co-sponsor: San Francisco Assessor Phil Ting

Status: Will be heard after the legislature reconvenes in January.

2009 SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS URGING THE REPEAL OF PROP. 8

SR 7 | Senator Mark Leno

HR 5 | Assemblymember Tom Ammiano

Status: Passed by the legislature.

RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE MATTHEW SHEPARD HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

SR 23 | Senator Christine Kehoe

HR 16 | Assemblymember Pedro Nava

Status: Passed by the legislature.

RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

SR 27 | Senator Mark DeSaulnier

HR 20 | Assemblymember Mike Eng

Status: Passed by the legislature.

RESOLUTION URGING REPEAL OF "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" | SJR 9

Author: Senator Christine Kehoe

Status: Passed by the Senate. Will be heard in the Assembly after the legislature reconvenes in January.

U.S. BLOOD DONOR NONDISCRIMINATION RESOLUTION | AJR 13

Author: Assemblymember Tom Ammiano

Status: Passed by the Assembly. Will be heard in the Senate when the legislature reconvenes in January.

UNITING AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT RESOLUTION | AJR 15

Author: Assemblymember Kevin De León

Co-Sponsor: Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality

Status: Passed by the Assembly. Will be heard in the Senate when the legislature reconvenes in January.

RESOLUTION URGING REPEAL OF THE FEDERAL DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT | AJR 19

Author: Assemblymember Julia Brownley

Co-Sponsor: California Faculty Association

Status: Passed by the Assembly. Will be heard in the Senate when the legislature reconvenes in January.

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 "-" which is equivalent to a "no" vote. Passage of legislation requires a "yes" vote by majority of all legislators. Therefore, not voting has the same effect as a "no" vote. 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. Exceptions were made in some cases where a vote was missed if the legislator was a co-author or voted to support the bill for a previous floor vote or in committee. Members of the LGBT Legislative Caucus are indicated with a ★.

GOVERNOR SCORECARD

	Party	SB 572	SB 54	AB 1003	AB 382	AB 1185	Score
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger	R	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	60%

SENATE SCORECARD

	Party	District	SB 54	SB 572	AB 382	AB 1185	AB 1003	SR 7	SR 23	SR 27	Score
Sam Aanestad	R	4	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	0%
Elaine Alquist	D	13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Roy Ashburn	R	18	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	0%
John Benoit	R	37	x	x	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	x	x	0%
Ellen Corbett	D	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	100%
Lou Correa	D	34	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	•	86%
Dave Cox	R	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0%
Jeff Denham	R	12	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	x	0%
Mark DeSaulnier	D	7	✓	✓	✓	•	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Denise Ducheny	D	40	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	✓	•	100%
Bob Dutton	R	31	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	x	0%
Dean Florez	D	16	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	•	•	83%
Loni Hancock	D	9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tom Harman	R	35	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	x	0%
Dennis Hollingsworth	R	36	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	x	0%
Bob Huff	R	29	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	x	0%
★ Christine Kehoe	D	39	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
★ Mark Leno	D	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Carol Liu	D	21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	✓	✓	100%
Alan Lowenthal	D	27	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Abel Maldonado	R	15	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	•	43%
Gloria Negrete McLeod	D	32	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	✓	•	100%
Jenny Oropeza	D	28	✓	✓	•	•	-	✓	•	•	75%
Alex Padilla	D	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	✓	100%
Fran Pavley	D	23	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	100%
Curren Price	D	26	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	100%
Gloria Romero	D	24	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
George Runner	R	17	x	x	x	-	x	x	x	x	0%
Joe Simitian	D	11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Darrell Steinberg	D	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tony Strickland	R	19	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	x	0%
Mimi Walters	R	33	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	0%
Patricia Wiggins	D	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	•	100%
Lois Wolk	D	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rod Wright	D	25	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%
Mark Wyland	R	38	x	x	x	x	x	•	-	•	0%
Leland Yee	D	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	✓	•	100%

ASSEMBLY SCORECARD

	Party	Dis- trict	SB 54	SB 572	AB 382	AB 1185	AB 1003	HR 5	HR 16	HR 20	Score
Anthony Adams	R	59	x	x	✓	x	x	x	-	x	13%
★ Tom Ammiano	D	13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Joel Anderson	R	77	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0%
Juan Arambula	I	31	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	75%
Karen Bass	D	47	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jim Beall, Jr.	D	24	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Bill Berryhill	R	26	x	x	-	x	-	x	✓	x	13%
Tom Berryhill	R	25	x	x	✓	x	x	x	-	x	13%
Sam Blakeslee	R	33	x	x	✓	x	-	x	-	-	13%
Marty Block	D	78	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	88%
Bob Blumenfield	D	40	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Steven Bradford	D	51	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	100%
Julia Brownley	D	41	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Joan Buchanan	D	15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Anna Caballero	D	28	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%
Charles Calderon	D	58	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Wilmer Amina Carter	D	62	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	63%
Wesley Chesbro	D	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	✓	✓	100%
Connie Conway	R	34	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x	13%
Paul Cook	R	65	x	x	-	x	x	x	-	x	0%
Joe Coto	D	23	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%
Mike Davis	D	48	•	•	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Hector De La Torre	D	50	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kevin de León	D	45	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Chuck DeVore	R	70	-	-	✓	x	x	x	x	x	13%
Bill Emmerson	R	63	x	x	✓	x	x	x	-	x	13%
Mike Eng	D	49	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Noreen Evans	D	7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	88%
Mike Feuer	D	42	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nathan Fletcher	R	75	x	x	✓	x	x	•	✓	x	29%
Paul Fong	D	22	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Felipe Fuentes	D	39	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jean Fuller	R	32	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0%
Warren Furutani	D	55	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ted Gaines	R	4	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	13%
Cathleen Galgiani	D	17	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Martin Garrick	R	74	x	x	-	x	x	x	x	x	0%
Danny Gilmore	R	30	x	x	✓	x	x	•	-	x	14%
Curt Hagman	R	60	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	13%

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Isadore Hall III	D	52	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Diane Harkey	R	73	x	x	✓	x	x	x	-	x	13%
Mary Hayashi	D	18	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ed Hernandez	D	57	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jerry Hill	D	19	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Alyson Huber	D	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	88%
Jared Huffman	D	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kevin Jeffries	R	66	x	x	-	x	x	x	-	x	0%
Dave Jones	D	9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Steve Knight	R	36	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0%
Paul Krekorian	D	43	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ted Lieu	D	53	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	✓	100%
Dan Logue	R	3	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0%
Bonnie Lowenthal	D	54	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Fiona Ma	D	12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tony Mendoza	D	56	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jeff Miller	R	71	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0%
Bill Monning	D	27	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Pedro Nava	D	35	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Brian Nestande	R	64	x	x	✓	x	x	x	-	x	13%
Roger Niello	R	5	x	x	✓	x	x	x	-	x	13%
Jim Nielsen	R	2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0%
★ John A. Pérez	D	46	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
V. Manuel Pérez	D	80	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Anthony Portantino	D	44	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ira Ruskin	D	21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mary Salas	D	79	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lori Saldaña	D	76	✓	✓	✓	•	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jim Silva	R	67	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0%
Nancy Skinner	D	14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cameron Smyth	R	38	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	30%
Jose Solorio	D	69	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%
Audra Strickland	R	37	x	x	✓	x	-	x	✓	x	30%
Sandre Swanson	D	16	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tom Torlakson	D	11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Norma Torres	D	61	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	•	✓	✓	86%
Alberto Torrico	D	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Van Tran	R	68	x	x	✓	x	x	x	-	-	13%
Mike Villines	R	29	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0%
Mariko Yamada	D	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%



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BUILDING A STATE OF EQUALITY

ABOUT EQCA

Founded in 1998, 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

EQCA has successfully passed more than 60 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 & 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-sex couples from marriage. EQCA was 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.