



As a mayor of a great American city, I, _____ Mayor of _____, proudly stand in support of the freedom of same-sex couples to marry. I personally know many gay and lesbian people living in our city who are in committed, long-term relationships, who are active participants in the civic life of our community, and who deserve to be able to marry the person with whom they share their life.

I am proud that at its 2009 annual meeting, the US Conference of Mayors unanimously approved a resolution stating that: "The U.S. Conference of Mayors supports marriage equality for same-sex couples, and the recognition and extension of full equal rights to such unions, including family and medical leave, tax equity, and insurance and retirement benefits, and opposes the enshrinement of discrimination in the federal or state constitutions."

Our city derives great strength from its diversity, and gay and lesbian families are a crucial part. Studies have shown what I know through our hands-on experience—that cities that celebrate and cultivate diversity are the places where creativity and ideas thrive. They are the places where today's entrepreneurs are most likely to choose to build the businesses of tomorrow. Allowing same-sex couples the right to marry enhances our ability to build this kind of environment, which is good for all of us.

I stand for the freedom to marry because it enhances the economic competitiveness of our community, improves the lives of families that call our city home, and is simply the right thing to do. I look forward to working to build an America where all people can share in the love and commitment of marriage with the person with whom they share their life.

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