



July 5, 2007

New York State Assembly

Dear Assemblymember

On behalf of thousands of same-sex couples, families, friends, and neighbors across the state, Marriage Equality New York thanks you for your vote for the marriage equality bill (A.8590). Passing this legislation in the Assembly is an important step to ensuring New York remains a leader in valuing the dignity and worth of all its citizens.

Marriage Equality New York looks forward to continuing our work with you to move New York toward equal civil marriage rights for all families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sebastian Maguire'.

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Founded in 1998, Marriage Equality New York is the oldest organization in the state of New York to advocate for full equal marriage for all families. A grassroots, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, Marriage Equality New York and its dedicated volunteers are devoted to ending discrimination in civil marriage through education, awareness and media campaigns, political actions, and coalition building.

September 26, 2007

The Honorable Christine C. Quinn, Speaker  
New York City Council  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Speaker Quinn:

Today, I had the pleasure to speak with Andrea Minko about the requested information. I will work on gathering supporting documents if you need me to do so.

I have contacted all City Council Members in both 2006 and 2007. Here are the Council Members who have responded to the question, "Would you support a City Council resolution urging the State Legislature to act now to pass marriage equality?"

Tony Avella	Supports; August 2006 letter to MENY volunteer and June 2007 phone conversation with me
Leroy Comrie	Supports; March 2007 New Visions Democratic Club meeting and June 2007 conversation with me at Queens Borough President's Pride Celebration
Eric Gioia	Supports; October 2006 New Visions Democratic Club meeting
Melinda Katz	Supports; February 2007 Stonewall Democrats meeting and March 2007 Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club of Queens meeting
John Liu	Supports; February 2007 Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club of Queens meeting and June 2007 press conference about serving as Grand Marshal of Queens Pride
Hiram Monserrate	Supports; August(?) 2006 debate with State Senator John Sabini
James Oddo	Opposes; August 31, 2006 email from Chief of Staff Steven Matteo

Helen Sears Supports; September 28, 2006 Queens Rally for Marriage Equality, October 5, 2006 letter to me, and April 2007 Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club of Queens meeting

David Weprin Supports; October 2006 Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club of Queens meeting

Please ask us for any assistance you need with drafting the resolution or advocating for its passage. In particular, we are ready to educate your colleagues on the importance of equality for all families. Such efforts, aided by Danny Dromm, Dirk McCall, and others, were particularly helpful in Queens, whose Assemblymembers voted overwhelmingly for marriage equality.

Thank you for the work you have done in public and behind the scenes. Marriage Equality New York is grateful to have such a strong ally.

Sincerely,

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