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The Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye,  
Chief Justice of California,  
and Associate Justices  
The Supreme Court of California  
350 McAllister Street  
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10-16696

Re: *Perry v. Schwarzenegger (Hollingsworth)*, No. S189476

Dear Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye and Associate Justices:

The City and County of San Francisco appreciates this Court's effort to accelerate resolution of this case and supports further expedited treatment. Proposition 8 wrote into the California Constitution a limitation on the right to marry that this Court has previously held "works a real and appreciable harm upon same-sex couples and their children." (*In re Marriage Cases* (2008) 43 Cal.4th 757, 855.<sup>1</sup>) Because of the importance of the right at stake and the irreparable, ongoing harms that Proposition 8 has been held to inflict on lesbians and gay men and their families, we respectfully submit that every effort to speed adjudication of this case is warranted.

Very truly yours,

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<sup>1</sup> Superseded by initiative on other grounds as recognized in *Strauss v. Horton* (2009) 46 Cal.4th 364.

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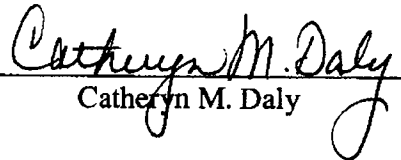
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I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed February 23, 2011, at San Francisco, California.

  
Catherine M. Daly