

# **Exhibit A**

## Artist draws gays' ire for same-sex nups ban support

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LOS ANGELES - A [REDACTED] artist known for her colorful canvases of drag queens and gay pride parades gave [REDACTED] to help pass California's ban on same-sex marriage.

[REDACTED] made her sizable contribution to the National Organization for Marriage's "Yes on 8" fund in June, a [REDACTED] review of campaign records found.

The Westchester County woman was one of tens of thousands who poured a total of more than \$83 million into the coffers of Proposition 8 support groups - money that helped convince California voters to overturn an earlier court decision granting gays the right to marry in the Golden State.

Questioned outside her home in [REDACTED] - the same town where [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] live - she refused to discuss her donation last night.

When asked how she could have donated money to fight gay marriage after making money from her depictions of gays, she just said, "So?"

"If you write that story, I'll sue you," she said.

On her Web site, [REDACTED] says gay parades are a "marvelous spectacle" and "assertion of solidarity."

"It is an erotic celebration loosed for a day to keep us all mindful that Dionysus is alive, powerful and under our own porch," said [REDACTED], a former art critic for the now-defunct [REDACTED]

Gay activists felt betrayed at word of [REDACTED] donation.

"If I were a buyer of her work, I wouldn't buy it anymore," said Charles Leslie, co-founder of Leslie/Lohman Gay Art Foundation in Manhattan.

Leslie stopped short of calling for a boycott of [REDACTED] work, but the threat of boycotts was part of the reason supporters of Proposition 8 asked a judge to keep secret the names of most donors.

The federal judge denied the request last Thursday.

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