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Anti-Gay Marriage Fundraiser in [REDACTED] Attracts Protesters

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Protesters gathered outside a [REDACTED] home Saturday afternoon where the Republican Party of [REDACTED] sponsored a fundraiser for supporters of a constitutional amendment to end gay marriage in California.

About 25 protesters held up signs at people driving into the event at the [REDACTED] development, said protest organizer Fred Karger from the group Californians Against Hate.

The event was held at the home of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is an attorney who is active in Catholic and GOP circles, and a leader in the battle to save the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is also the general counsel for the [REDACTED]

Among the speakers were [REDACTED]

Protesters tried to give attendees a fact sheet with quotes on civil rights from such Republicans as Ronald Reagan, Barry Goldwater, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders, said protest organizer Fred Karger.

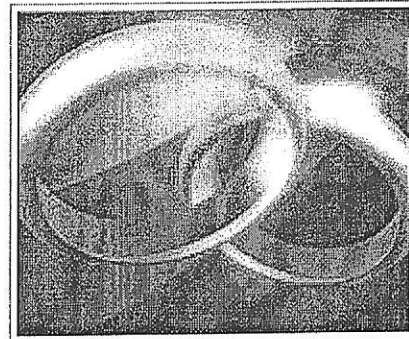
About half the attendees took the fact sheet and everyone was polite, he said.

"I gave one to [REDACTED] personally, who is the emcee," Karger said. "He kind of smiled."

Recently the state Supreme Court ruled an earlier ballot measure that outlawed same-sex marriage was unconstitutional, prompting the effort to change the constitution to make it illegal again.

The fundraiser also and featured congressional candidates [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] City Council candidate [REDACTED]

"This is truly the fringe element of the Republican Party," said Californians Against Hate Founder Fred [REDACTED]



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Karger. "These people are out of step with the Republican Party."

"We hope to inform those attending about the rich history and philosophies of so many Republican leaders who fought for equality and against discrimination and hate," said Karger.



Fundraiser host [REDACTED]

An invitation to the "Yes on Prop. 8" fundraiser asked participants to "join us in the battle to save marriage."

Congressional candidate [REDACTED] stated his opposition to gay marriage when the California Supreme Court made it legal.

"The Court brazenly disregarded the will of the people and sent California down a road that will destroy traditional family values," said [REDACTED] May. "I am committed to working to make sure this decision is overturned and that these liberal judges understand the gravity of what they have done."

The Californians Against Hate group has also mounted a boycott of the [REDACTED] Grand Hyatt in downtown [REDACTED] and two other hotels owned by Proposition 8 financial backer [REDACTED]

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About two-dozen protesters held up signs and greeted at least 150 guests arriving at [redacted] attorney [redacted] home Saturday, August 16 for a \$100-a-head pro-Prop 8 fundraiser.



Members of Californians Against Hate outside the home of [redacted] during a peaceful demonstration last weekend. Photo: Courtesy Californians Against Hate

According to a flier from the [redacted] Republican Party, guests were to include congressional candidates [redacted]

According to Californians Against Hate, a grassroots group that has held several direct actions in Southern California, protesters greeted guests at the front gate and handed them copies of a fact sheet entitled, "What Real Republican Leaders Past and Present Said on Civil Rights and Campaigns Against Gays and Lesbians."

The flier included comments from [redacted] Republican Mayor Jerry Sanders, who famously came out in support of same-sex marriage during a tearful news conference last fall where he spoke about his lesbian daughter.

[redacted] who has contributed \$10,000 to support the proposed anti-gay marriage initiative, said the protesters acted peaceably, but he's received negative e-mails because of his support of Prop 8.

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One person wrote [REDACTED], "How do I hire an attorney to represent me against bigots who want to rip away my civil rights? Oh, never mind, you are one who is doing just that." The person also told [REDACTED] "people who tolerate hate and injustice become Nazis."

And Marriage for All to hold panel, parties

For the African American community, the subject of same-sex marriage can be difficult. Although recent polls show the majority of Californians' support marriage equality, African Americans tend to be less supportive of the idea in general.

Tonight (Thursday, August 21) from 6 to 8 p.m., the public education group And Marriage For All will kick off its campaign to reach out to African American communities throughout Northern California by hosting a panel discussion on the right to marry for same-sex couples.

The panel will include African American clergy, community leaders, elected officials, and legal advocates.

"If you believe the majority of media portraits, you'd think that same-sex marriage is primarily an issue for middle to upper-middle-class gay white folks" Andrea Shorter, And Marriage for All's campaign director, said in a statement. "The absence of diverse images and voices talking about this most fundamental right can make some people wrongly believe that the freedom to marry doesn't concern the African American community. Of course, that couldn't be further from the truth."

The panel will be held at First Congregational Church of Oakland at 2501 Harrison Street.

And Marriage for All will also host simultaneous "watch parties" on Thursday, August 28 in San Francisco and Sacramento to celebrate and view the Democratic National Convention. Senator Barack Obama officially will become the first black candidate to claim a major party's nomination for president. Obama is opposed to same-sex marriage.

The San Francisco party will be at Jillian's at Metreon, 101 Mission Street. The Sacramento event will be at Lounge on 20, 1050 20th Street, Suite 100. Doors for both parties open at 5:30 p.m.

For more information about these events, please contact Shorter at (415) 786-7779.