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### **GARCETTI-WEISS-VILLARAIGOSA RESOLUTION AGAINST FEDERAL MARRIAGE AMENDMENT PASSES 14-0**

The Los Angeles City Council today voted unanimously to oppose “the Federal Marriage Amendment or any proposal that would enshrine in the United States Constitution discrimination against people based on their sexuality or choice of life partner.”

“Discrimination has no place in our Constitution,” said Councilmember Eric Garcetti, who sponsored the resolution along with Councilmembers Jack Weiss and Antonio Villaraigosa. “Our nation’s progress has been to expand the circle of rights to all Americans, and to reverse that progress for a short-term political bump is cynical and underhanded.”

“With millions out of work, the government should endeavor to help families,” said Roger Coggan, director for legal services and public policy for the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center, who came to testify in favor of the Council’s resolution and against the Federal Marriage Amendment. “This Amendment protects nobody.”

California and Massachusetts have recently seen disputes over the legality of same-sex marriage, civil unions, domestic partnerships and the constitutionality of measures that prohibit such unions. At the same time, conservative groups and elected officials have sponsored the Federal Marriage Amendment, which would amend the Constitution to prohibit same-sex marriage and deny “the incidences thereof” to same-sex couples. The President of the United States recently vowed to support such an amendment.

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