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**To: Loren Dunn
Fm: Randy Thomasson
Re: Update on Proposal for California Ballot Initiative**

Dear Loren:

Thank you for your interest in considering funding a California ballot initiative to protect marriage. I am looking forward to receiving a phone call today from Marlin Jensen, and have put together the following talking points to assist our progress:

Question: What is the advantage of fighting on two fronts at the same time?

Answer: A ballot initiative in California will greatly increase the chances of winning in Hawaii, and will protect California at the same time. A California ballot initiative would divert and dry up the sizable national resources of the opposition.

1. National gay organizations plan to spend millions of dollars against the Hawaii amendment. A California ballot initiative would divert much of the funds away from Hawaii to resist the California initiative in order to minimize the likelihood of a landslide vote against gay marriage. Gay activists would mount a formidable campaign in the expensive California media markets, thereby drying up much of their national funding.

2. A small investment to qualify a California initiative could prompt gay activists to outspend us by a large margin and likely still lose at the polls. For example, in Washington state, gay groups pushing a gay rights initiative reportedly outspent our side 13-to-1 (\$800,00 to 60,000), and still lost at the ballot box..

Therefore, if we spend \$1 million to qualify and launch an initiative in California, the opposition could spend as much as \$10 million or more, with little hope of success. That \$10 million would no longer be available to spend against the Hawaii amendment.

3. A California initiative is more likely to pass because a statutory initiative only requires a plurality vote, rather than the super-majority needed in Hawaii. Our opposition realizes this and will be easily drawn into the fight. The homosexuals' Freedom to Marry coalition in California is getting organized and has the support of two prominent lesbians in the State Legislature.

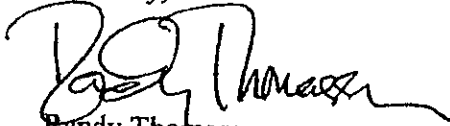
4. California is not as liberal as Hawaii or Washington. The voters and the volunteer base here alarms the opposition and increases our chances for success. In 1996, our anti-gay marriage legislation fell just one vote short of passing in a our Democrat-controlled Legislature. We believe California is very ripe for a successful ballot initiative.

5. Unlike Hawaii or Washington, California's governor is solidly and publicly opposed to homosexual "marriage." Pete Wilson and his heir-apparent, Attorney General Dan Lungren, will be solidly with us. So will be the large majority of legislative candidates as they run for election or re-election this year.

For these reasons, as well as the reasons outlined in my previous correspondence, I believe it would be very worthwhile and helpful to Hawaii (as well as California and the nation) for LDS leadership to fund a ballot initiative in California.

I look forward to talking with Marlin Jensen later today; however, if you should need to contact me this weekend, my home phone is 530-669-2705. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Randy Thomasson
Assistant Director