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Latino, Asian, Faith & Allied Communities React to California Supreme Court Marriage Decision

After the historic ruling on Proposition 8 on Tuesday, May 26th, community members will rally in front of the East LA Marriage License Office to show support & voice reactions.

What: Bilingual Press Conference and Rally

Latino, Asian, Faith & Allied communities will share their reactions to the Supreme Court decision regarding marriage laws. On-site interviews with ethnic LGBT married/disenfranchised couples and family members will be available.

When: Tuesday, May 26th, 1:00 PM

Where: East Los Angeles County Recorder / Marriage License Office
4716 Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90022

Who: Latino Equality Alliance, API Equality, CA Faith for Equality & Ally Labor Unions:

Roland Palencia, HONOR PAC/Latino LGBT activist, founder of GLLU 1981 (Spanish/English)

María Elena Durazo, Executive Secretary –Treasurer, LA County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

Lt. Dan Choi, West Point Graduate – discharged from Army under “don’t ask, don’t tell”

Father Geoff Farrow, discharged Catholic priest (Spanish / English)

Rick Jacobs, Founder of Courage Campaign – new Spanish-Language commercial.

Couples affected by decision will “sit-in” inside marriage license office.

Why: The Latino community is already 1/3 of the population and is projected be the largest ethnic group by 2011. The ethnic vote and cultural understanding and acceptance of equal rights for all will make a difference in future electoral opportunities. It is important to communicate our goals to the broader ethnic communities to assure equal rights in marriage, immigration, and other important issues.

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The Latino Equality Alliance is a coalition of Latino and other organizations dedicated to reaching out to the Latino community. The mission of the Latino Equality Alliance is to promote liberty, equality and justice for the Latino LGBT community.

La Alianza Latina para la Igualdad es una coalición de grupos Latinos y otras organizaciones dedicadas a hacer alcance a la comunidad Latina. La misión de la Alianza Latina para la Igualdad es promover la libertad, justicia y la igualdad para la comunidad Lésbica, Gay, Bisexual y Transgénero.

The Latino Equality Alliance members include The Wall / Las Memorias, BIENESTAR, HONOR PAC, SOMOS FAMILIA, Love Honor Cherish, Gamba Adisa Quilombo, Lambda Legal, and others.