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IMPLEMENTATION -- CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT RULING ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGES

After further consultation with County Counsel, Sacramento County Clerk/Recorder Craig Kramer has established June 17, 2008, as the first day same-sex couples may purchase a marriage license and have the marriage solemnized in Sacramento County.

To accommodate an increased demand for marriage licenses as a result of the May 15, 2008 ruling by the California Supreme Court on Same-Sex Marriages the Sacramento County Clerk/Recorder's office is providing additional appointment schedules. The downtown location will have extended hours on June 17 and 18, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Walk-in customers will be accepted at the downtown location until 7:00 p.m.; however, couples having appointments will be served first. The downtown location is routinely open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays and that schedule will remain in place. The East Area Community Service Center will have additional appointments on June 17 and 18, but will maintain regular business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Although the Court's ruling could be interpreted to be effective June 16th, the State of California, Department of Public Health, announced in its May 28, 2008 All County Letter 08-07 that County Clerk's are instructed to issue licenses on new marriage forms beginning June 17, 2008. Further, the State has announced its intended refusal to register marriage licenses for any couple, same-sex or not, issued on the new forms prior to June 17. This date assumes that there is no intervening order by the California Supreme Court which would serve to extend the date its decision becomes final.

Office Locations and Hours:

Downtown Sacramento

600 8th Street
Sacramento CA 95814

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
June 17, 18 and 19, 2008
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

East Area Community Service Center

5229-B Hazel Avenue
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Monday through Friday
June 17 thru 20, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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