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July 12, 2008

Honorable Ronald M. George, Chief Justice,
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 Supreme Court of California
 350 McAllister Street
 San Francisco, California 94102

Re: **Bennett et al. v. Bowen, S164520**
 Letter Joining *Amici Curiae* Letter of Bar
 Association of San Francisco, Legal Aid Society -
 Employment Law Center, Lawyers' Committee
 for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area,
 Equal Justice Society, and The Impact Fund in
 Support of Petition for Extraordinary Relief,
 Including Writ of Mandate and Request for Stay

To The Honorable Chief Justice George and Associate
 Justices:

Public Counsel, the Southern California affiliate of the
 Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and the
 public interest law office of the Los Angeles County and
 Beverly Hills Bar Associations, joins the *amici curiae* letter of
 the Bar Association of San Francisco, the Legal Aid Society --
 Employment Law Center, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil
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 Petition for Extraordinary Relief, Including Writ of Mandate
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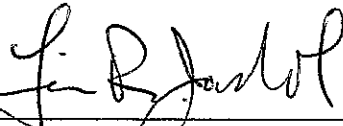
Together with *amici*, Public Counsel respectfully urges this Court to remove Proposition 8 from the ballot for the reasons stated in *amici's* July 11, 2008 letter and in the petitioners' filings.

Respectfully submitted,

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By 

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Proof of Service by Mail

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Bennett et al. v. Bowen

I, Lisa Jaskol, declare as follows:

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and I am not a party to this action. I am employed by Public Counsel, and my business address is 610 S. Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005.

On July 12, 2008, I served by mail the following document: Letter Joining *Amici Curiae* Letter of Bar Association of San Francisco, Legal Aid Society -- Employment Law Center, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, Equal Justice Society, and The Impact Fund in Support of Petition for Extraordinary Relief, Including Writ of Mandate and Request for Stay, on the interested parties in this matter. I did this by enclosing true copies of the document in sealed envelopes with postage fully prepaid thereon. I then placed the envelopes in a U.S. Postal Services mailbox in Los Angeles, California, addressed to the persons in the attached service list.

I, Lisa Jaskol, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 12, 2008, at Los Angeles, California.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lisa Jaskol', is written over a horizontal line.

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