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Equality California (EQCA) Executive Director Geoff Kors is a graduate of Stanford Law School and has a long and distinguished record of service to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. Prior to taking the helm of EQCA, Geoff was a partner in a California civil rights law firm. During that time he originated and orchestrated the passage of San Francisco's landmark Equal Benefits Ordinance.

Geoff has served as director of both the Gay and Lesbian Rights Project and the AIDS and Civil Liberties Projects of the Roger Baldwin Foundation of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Illinois.

Geoff has also worked for numerous elected officials and has held leadership positions in many electoral campaigns. As Executive Director, he directs EQCA's legislative efforts which have given LGBT Californians the most comprehensive civil rights protections in the nation. Under Geoff's leadership, EQCA has passed more LGBT rights legislation than any other organization of its kind in the country. During his tenure, California became the first state in the nation to pass marriage legislation for same-sex couples. The Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act passed the California Legislature in 2005 and again in 2007.

Defending the freedom to marry for all couples, EQCA joined the 2004 lawsuit challenging California's ban on marriage for same-gender couples. The California Supreme Court is considering the case, and is expected to issue its decision by early June of this year.

Geoff also oversees EQCA's Political Action Committee activities and educational work with the EQCA Institute, including the Let California Ring campaign. He has appeared on hundreds of television and radio programs and has been quoted extensively in the media. He has also done speaking engagements at major universities and conferences around the nation.