



## Nine GLBT Organizations Encourage Couples to Refrain from Legal Action

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Four GLBT legal organizations and five additional national GLBT groups issued a statement today entitled "Make Change, Not Lawsuits," according to a press release.

"Make Change, Not Lawsuits" recommends that while couples who go to California should ask friends, neighbors and institutions to honor their marriages, they should refrain from filing lawsuits to have their marriages recognized in their home states, according to the press release.

Instead, the statement suggests, couples should gather support on the community level and start the conversation there about marriage equality.

"Make Change, Not Lawsuits" says ill-timed legal action could be a further barrier to achieving marriage equality for gay couples everywhere.

The organizations supporting "Make Change, Not Lawsuits" are the ACLU Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Project, the Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), Lambda Legal, the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), the Equality Federation, Freedom to Marry, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), the Human Rights Campaign and the **National Gay and Lesbian Task Force**.