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Vote NO on A & B

On June 3, citizens in Santa Clara County are being asked to make a decision which has far reaching consequences in our society. Although the issues reflected in measures A&B on our ballots are being presented as civil rights issues, tolerance issues, and preference issues, they are in reality moral issues which every citizen must be prepared to face.

Webster's dictionary defines morality as "the character of being in accord with the principles or standards of right conduct." Who determines such standards? Standards of "right conduct" have always been set by society. What society establishes or accepts becomes its view of morality.

Every society in the history of man has rejected homosexual activity (sodomy) as inconsistent with sound, normally accepted sexual expression. The ancient Greeks, though having to deal with homosexuality, never legalized its expression. The ancient Hebrews had recorded in their laws, "If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act . . ." (*Leviticus 20:13* of Jewish Law). The standards of right conduct among the moral majority of the first centuries A.D. are recorded repeatedly. Once such record calls sodomy (homosexuality) "indecent acts, and shameless deeds." (*Romans 1:26* of New Testament). The record goes on and on.

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What the proponents of propositions A & B would have society do, in the name of civil rights, is to recognize as a legitimate moral expression that which society has rejected as immoral through thousands of years of recorded history. Are you as a citizen ready to make that decision? In voting for a falsely-stated "rights" issue, you would be saying to millions of adults and children in generations to come, "We officially accept homosexual practice as a legitimate part of our society." The irreparable damage done to thousands of naive young people would be inestimable — not to speak of the community as a whole.

Homosexuals are among the most unhappy people on earth. They portray themselves as normal, happy, well-adjusted people. Yet the suicide rate is higher among homosexuals than any other group per capita. They want us to believe they are moral. Yet 38% of those jailed for child molestations were, in one study, found to be homosexuals, a group comprising only 1% to 2% of the population. (Kinsey, Alfred: *INSTITUTE OF SEXUAL RESEARCH, 1964, Indiana University*). And in cities like San Francisco, which adopted a similar ordinance to those of A & B, homosexual acts are openly committed in public parks and on public streets. They want us to believe that all they want is to "live and let live," yet homosexuals have recently mounted an aggressive recruiting campaign on campuses of Santa Clara County schools.

Our constitution protects homosexuals. They have a legal right to hold any view and to practice whatever sexual preference they wish in private. But we object to one group who has made a personal choice asking for unprecedented legal sanction to their acts. We object especially when such sanctions would have the effect of changing thousands of years of established morality and effectively diluting our right to make certain moral choices.

No evidence has ever been presented that homosexuals are indeed discriminated against. Not one proof of job bias or housing discrimination was ever presented in all the public hearings before the city council and county supervisors. What we did hear was a public outcry in which approximately 90% of the people who testified asked that these ordinances not be put into law. What we did see was an effective petition drive to get these ordinances put on the ballot where you, who would be most affected by their immorality, could vote against them. **WE URGE A RATIONAL NO VOTE ON MEASURES A & B.**

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