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-Ken Bowers

Conservative churches including Pentecostal, Baptist, Mormon, and Assemblies of God have formed the Coalition of Christian Citizens (CCC), to attempt repealing of the consensual sex law, using a referendum on the June 1976 primary ballot. Rv. Harvey Chinn of Faith United Methodist Church and active CCC member, has been quoted in the press saying, "The crux of the situation is that this law would allow homosexuals to teach in the public classroom." For headquarters, CCC uses the office of Ken Brown

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REFERENDUM AGAINST AN ACT PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

SEXUAL OFFENSES. REFERENDUM AGAINST AN ACT PASSED BY LEGISLATURE. [Chapter 71, Statutes of 1975]. Act amends existing Penal Code provisions to remove criminal sanctions from adulterous cohabitation, and removes specific criminal sanctions from sodomy and oral copulation except when committed with a minor, or by force, violence or threat, or within state prison. Increases penalties for such prohibited acts of sodomy. Substantially retains existing penalties for such prohibited oral copulation. Makes changes in Education and Evidence Codes as necessary to reflect changes in Penal Code. Continues registration of persons convicted of sexual offenses, sexual psychopaths, and mentally disordered sex offenders.

the State of California at its 1975-76 regular session, known as Assembly Bill 489, approved by the Governor of the State of California on May 12, 1975, and entered as Chapter 71 of the Statutes of 1975. The attached is a correct copy of the title and summary of the chief purpose and points of said proposed measure prepared by the Attorney General under the provisions of Subdivision D of Section 24 of Article IV of the California Constitution.



To the Honorable Secretary of State of California: We, the undersigned, duly registered, qualified electors and residents of the State of California and ask that it be submitted to the electors of the State of California, for their approval or rejection, as provided by law, in referendum, the whole and every section and every part of that certain Act of the Legislature of the State of California, passed by the Legislature of

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Brown is the lobbyist of the Correctional Officers Association of California - the group responsible for amending AB 489 to exclude consensual sex conduct in California correction facilities.

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EDITORIAL: LOVE -Ken Bowers

Those currently active in the Coalition of Christian Citizens are, in their prejudiced way, undoubtedly acting out their personal commitments. From a human and religious viewpoint, they are entirely missing the boat in their wholesale attack on the gay community. Jesus was here 2000 years ago preaching *love* for one's fellow man, not hatred; how ironical now that institutions bearing his name (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Church of the Nazarene, etc.) should be espousing the denial of basic human dignity to fellow members of the human race.

This misguided effort is triggered by a number of factors - including the ordinary mortals who wrote the books of the Bible in a time of population scarcity, when maximum procreation was being encouraged to preserve the human race. Now, we have the opposite problem in terms of longevity of the race: the threat looms of too many people for the planet to support. Also at work is simple ignorance of the facts that gays are *not* child molesters any more than straights and that, in most cases, gays and straights differ only in affectional preference.

If members of the Coalition of Christian

Citizens really want to be worthy of their organization's name, they would start working *for* rather than *against* basic human dignity for everyone. They would educate themselves by making the effort to meet us and *see us as we are*, perhaps even joining us in our efforts towards first-class citizenship for *all* people! For Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind...This is the first and great commandment...And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself...On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

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David Depew, the CCC Southern California chairperson, is unmarried and lives with his mother. He is the registered, paid lobbyist of the Womens Christian Temperance Union of Southern California and publishes the *Temperance News Trumpet (TNT)*. He does not want the removal of *any* law relating to victimless crime, saying, "The government should support moral issues."

The CCC has printed 50,000 referendum petitions on which it hopes to gather 312,404 *valid* signatures by July 12 for affirmation by the August 11 deadline. They have been distributed at 60 statewide locations, primarily church bookstores and Bible shops, including the Simons Christian Bookstore at 131 Franklin, San Francisco.

Paul Hardman of the California Committee for Equal Rights filed a complaint under the FCC Fairness Doctrine concerning an "America Project" radio broadcast in which Dr. Bill Mansdorffen, of Grass Valley North Star Chapel, publicly denounced Congresswoman Bella Abzug and Assemblyman Willie Brown in addition to calling for monetary support of the anti-489 referendum. Hardman was granted equal time for rebuttal; the U.S. Courts have established that prohibited church political activity does not necessarily have to be financial but can include even *subtle* attempts to influence legislation or mold public

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