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Equal Benefits Ordinance Unanimously Approved by Council Committee

The Same Benefits Would Need to be Offered to Domestic Partners and Spouses of Companies Contracting with the City

SAN DIEGO, CA (June 30, 2010) – The San Diego City Council's Committee on Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Relations today unanimously recommended approval of an Equal Benefits Ordinance (EBO) proposed by Todd Gloria. The measure will next be considered by the full City Council.

"I am grateful that my colleagues have once again demonstrated their support for equality," said Councilmember Gloria.

Councilmember Gloria presented the proposal with Marc Solomon of Equality California to the Rules Committee. The purpose of an EBO is equal treatment. To comply with such a law, a City contractor that offers health insurance and other benefits to employees' spouses must offer equivalent coverage to employees' domestic partners. An EBO would not require City contractors to begin offering benefits not previously offered. If a contractor does not offer benefits to married employees, it is not required to offer benefits to employees in domestic partnerships.

The State of California and several cities have similar ordinances in place.

Several members of the public were present to support the measure at the Committee hearing at the City Administration Building. There was no opposition to the EBO.

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