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STATEMENT

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Councilmember Gloria on Supreme Court's Equality Decisions

SAN DIEGO, CA (June 26, 2015) – Councilmember Todd Gloria today released a statement about the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions on two questions related to marriage equality in the case *Obergefell v. Hodges*.

“Both love and justice prevailed today,” said Councilmember Gloria. **“The Court’s decision makes it unequivocally clear that ALL Americans are free to marry the one they love, and I thank all of those in the LGBT community and our allies who have fought so hard, shared their stories, and struggled to help us reach this point.**

“Civil rights were extended to more Americans today. This will ensure that same-sex couples are recognized at the state and federal level for critical issues including healthcare decision-making and tax and inheritance determinations, and Social Security and Veterans spousal benefits. No longer will couples living in states that do not recognize their marriage face disparate treatment; equality has been secured for more of our neighbors, and that is worthy of celebration.”

The Court had two questions before it:

Question 1: Do same sex couples share the constitutional right to marry or can states refuse to issue them marriage licenses?

Question 2: Do states have to recognize marriages entered by same-sex couples outside the state?

Today, the Court ruled yes on both questions. The Constitution protects same-sex couples' freedom to marry throughout the nation. All state marriage bans become invalid. Yes on 1 automatically means Yes on 2.

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