

Mayors for the Freedom to Marry

Welcome Message from the Chairs

In affirmation of the critical role that cities and their mayors have played in advancing civil rights and equal treatment for all Americans, we are proud to be chairs of Mayors for the Freedom to Marry. Mayors for the Freedom to Marry is a broad-based and nonpartisan group of mayors who believe that all people

should be able to share in the love and commitment of marriage.



As mayors of four of America's great cities, we understand that the strength and health of our

cities are enhanced when all families are protected and supported. We know many people in loving and committed same-sex relationships who are active participants in improving our communities and we've seen how important marriage has been for them and their families.

We are honored to lead this bipartisan group of mayors who support ending marriage discrimination at all levels of government. While we will each have different strategies for pursuing that end, we all agree on the goal: securing the freedom to marry and upholding equal rights for all citizens.

We are a diverse group of mayors—from cities in Kansas, Indiana and Ohio, including some of the largest cities in America. Our cities are culturally, racially and geographically diverse, but we share one important value: a common commitment to fairness.

We invite our colleagues to join us in signing this statement as we advocate for the freedom to marry and build a nation where all loving couples who want to make the life-long commitment can share in the joy and respect of marriage.

Sincerely,

Michael Bloomberg Thomas M. Menino Annise Parker Antonio Villaraigosa
Mayor of New York City Mayor of Boston Mayor of Houston Mayor of Los Angeles

Read the [Mayors for the Freedom to Marry statement](#), and look at the 362 mayors from 35 states and Washington, D.C. who have signed on. If you have questions or would like more information about joining Mayors for the Freedom to Marry, please contact Jo Deutsch at jo@freedomtomarry.org

If your mayor has not joined Mayors for the Freedom to Marry, please [download the statement](#) and ask your mayor to sign it.