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## **Supreme Court Issues Orders in Proposition 8 Cases**

San Francisco—The California Supreme Court today issued four orders in cases challenging Proposition 8.

The first order, issued in the three cases that the court agreed to hear yesterday, is designed to simplify the filing of amicus curiae (“friend of the court”) briefs in those cases. The order states that “[i]n order to avoid the unnecessary filing of multiple identical copies of amicus curiae applications and briefs,” the court will consider any amicus curiae filing in any one of the three cases in its determination of each of the cases.

Therefore, only one amicus brief needs to be filed in any one of the three cases.

The second, third, and fourth orders were issued, respectively, in each of the remaining petitions challenging Proposition 8 that the court did not act on yesterday. Each order defers further action on the matter pending further order of the Supreme Court, and also invites the parties to the action to seek to appear as amicus curiae in the cases the court has already agreed to decide.

The legal documents in each of the six cases challenging Proposition 8 are posted on the California Courts Web site at this link:

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/supreme/highprofile/prop8.htm> .

The orders are attached.

S168281

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

**En Banc**

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ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL CENTER, et al., Petitioners,

v.

MARK B. HORTON, as State Registrar of Vital Statistics, etc., et al.,  
Respondents.

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In light of the order issued by this court in cases number S168047, S168066, and S168078 on November 19, 2008, further action in this matter is deferred pending further order of this court. The parties to this action are invited to file an application to file an amicus curiae brief, accompanied by the proposed brief, in the referenced cases within the time period set forth in the November 19, 2008, order.

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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

**En Banc**

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CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, et al., Petitioners,

v.

MARK D. HORTON, as State Registrar of Vital Statistics, etc., et al.,  
Respondents.

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S168302

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

**En Banc**

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EQUAL RIGHTS ADVOCATES, et al., Petitioners,

v.

MARK B. HORTON, as State Registrar of Vital Statistics, etc., et al.,  
Respondents.

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S168047/S168066/S168078

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

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KAREN L. STRAUSS et al., Petitioners,  
v.  
MARK B. HORTON, as State Registrar of Vital Statistics, etc., et al.,  
Respondents.

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ROBIN TYLER et al., Petitioners,  
v.  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA et al., Respondents.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO et al., Petitioners,  
v.  
MARK B. HORTON, as State Registrar of Vital Statistics, etc., et al.,  
Respondents.

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In order to avoid the unnecessary filing of multiple identical copies of amicus curiae applications and briefs, the court will consider any amicus curiae filing in S168047, S168066, or S168078, in connection with its consideration and resolution of each of these matters.

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