

TO: LLOYD RIGLER
FROM: THOMAS F. COLEMAN
RE: PROPOSED HUMAN RIGHTS
PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAM
DATE: JUNE 10, 1988

Last week you requested that I develop a short outline describing the Human Rights Philanthropy Program which we briefly discussed. Since is "picture is worth a thousand words," I am sharing my vision with you in the form of a schematic diagram.

When we meet in person, I can explain the components of the program. At your direction, and as a consultant to the LEDLER Foundation, I can more fully amplify the proposal, e.g., do financial projections, estimate personnel needs, and describe project goals and objectives.

I would very much like to assist the LEDLER Foundation in developing a major Human Rights Philanthropic Program which will advance the "Rigler Approach" to social change, that is, using educational methods, focusing on generic issues, and building lasting coalitions.

THOMAS F. COLEMAN

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW

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November 2, 1988

Lloyd Rigler
LEDLER Foundation
P.O. Box 828
Burbank, CA 91503

Dear Lloyd:

About two years ago, the LEDLER Foundation funded the preparation of a legal brief to challenge the LaRouche Initiative in case it was adopted by the voters. Fortunately, the voters rejected "Prop 64" and so we did not have to go to court.

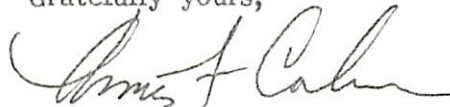
However, that brief was edited and published in the New York University Review of Law and Social Change. Lawyers around the country now have access to our work and can be prepared in the event that a similar initiative is proposed in their localities.

Also, you should know that much of that research is being used by the attorneys who will challenge "Prop 102" if the voters approve it next week.

Thanks for your contribution to this ongoing effort.

Also, I would like to thank you for the contribution to the Brashi case in New York and also for the tickets to the Center dinner this week.

Gratefully yours,



THOMAS F. COLEMAN

General aspects of on-going media campaign include:

1. Developing op-ed pieces for Los Angeles Times:

- Los Angeles should be the first city to develop a family policy
- Los Angeles should have an on-going family task force
- Los Angeles should require city agencies to issue statement
- ✓ What is hold up for flexible style benefits? *priority*

census undercount ✓

2. Developing story suggestions: (a) "Traveling Together" story suggestion, (b) Major corporations which promote realistic family policies, (c) Real estate angle, (d) new ways to look at census questions. These ideas should be targeted towards Mother Jones, Atlantic Monthly, Harper's, and Washington Post.

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contract?*

3. Developing extended radio pitches and place radio programming. We would like to see key radio talk show host devote hours to Family Diversity issues. We will send pitches and background information to top producers and follow up with phone calls. Attempt to place Tom Coleman, Chris McCauley and other experts on these programs. Also, we will attempt to give out the Family Diversity Project address so people around the nation can write in for information.

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4. Capitalizing on breaking stories and court cases as with the Braschi case. Working with Tom and Chris we will attempt to use any Breaking story as fuel for our campaign, for example, the recent story about TWA airlines extending its frequent Flyer benefits to domestic partners.

5. Pursuing national television talk shows and radio. This will take two different tacts. We will continue to update our contacts at Good Morning America, Today, etc. In addition, we will pitch in-depth stories on Family Diversity so they can consider doing multi-pieces on this issue.

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6. Pitching national magazines. It will soon be time to suggest in-depth stories on family diversity to such publications as Esquire, Gentlemen's Quarterly, Ladies Home Journal, Atlantic Monthly, USA Weekend, etc. Each pitch will be tailored to the publication. We will follow-up. However, we shouldn't expect that articles will appear immediately or that each editor will respond positively. This is a seeding process and will take time.

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7. Setting up Los Angeles Times and Daily News editorial board meetings.

*Shelter BOOKS
Women's BOOKS
RedBOOK
Family circle*



Josh Baran & Associates, Inc.
Media Relations / Public Affairs

October 19, 1989

To: Lloyd Rigler
From: Josh Baran and David Novak \ Josh Baran & Associates
Re: Project Update

Here is an update on our projects for Family Diversity:

1. **LOS ANGELES TIMES:** As you know, the Los Angeles Times has decided to publish a series of stories about the changing families in Los Angeles. Beverly Beyette met with Tom this week to discuss the series. In addition, we sent Beverly a note, suggesting that the Times do a special supplement on the Southern California family in the 90s. We suggested that this could be a newspaper supplement or a special magazine like the one that was recently done on health issues.
2. **TIME MAGAZINE:** Because of the earthquake in San Francisco, the story has been pushed back. We will keep you posted as the story develops.
3. **NEWSWEEK:** The Newsweek special issue on the family of the 21st century is in galley stages. We will soon know the issue's contents. As you know, the special issue will remain on the stands for two months.
4. **LOCAL MEDIA:** We have been in contact with KPCC-FM in Pasadena regarding their talk show, "AirTalk." The purpose of radio air time in Pasadena is have Chris McCauley stimulate the creation of family diversity task forces and eventual passage of domestic partnership legislation.
5. **LOS ANGELES CONSUMER TASK FORCE ON MARITAL STATUS DISCRIMINATION:** We met with Sky Johnson, Director of Community Affairs, in City Attorney James Hahn's office regarding the Consumer Task Force on Marital Status Discrimination. The first meeting date for the Task Force is October 31. We discussed with Mr. Johnson the idea of having a news conference announcing the Task Force the day before the first meeting, Monday, October 30. We will follow up with the city attorney's press secretary to work on arrangements for the news conference, which will feature the city attorney, and Tom Coleman.
6. **U.S.C. EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE SEMINAR:** We are in receipt of the information regarding U.S.C.'s Employee Assistance Seminar that Tom will be giving on November 7 and November 8. We will be sending out a media advisory to business reporters on the U.S.C. Employee Assistance Seminar. The goal of this forum is to educate the business community about family diversity.

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FAMILY DIVERSITY PROJECT

TO: LLOYD RIGLER
FROM: TOM COLEMAN
RE: BUILDING GRASS ROOTS SUPPORT
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FAMILY DIVERSITY PROJECT

TO: Lloyd Rigler
FROM: Tom Coleman
RE: Summary of Tom's Activities
in September
DATE: September 25, 1989

MEDIA ACTIVITIES

(1) Tom Synder Show (ABC National Radio). Over 2 million radio listeners heard about the Family Diversity Project. Our address was given out and a few listeners wrote to us for more information.

(2) Time Magazine. Time Magazine has done an article in Domestic Partners in the USA. They interviewed us. I also supplied them with much background information and other sources to interview. The article should appear any week now. Josh's office was instrumental in making this happen.

(3) Newsweek Magazine Newsweek is developing a special issue devoted entirely to Family Diversity in America. It will hit the newsstands in November and remain on the stands for two months. I have supplied them with tons of background information. I am waiting for them to interview me. Josh's office is arranging for this. (See ad for upcoming issue)

(4) New York Times. Although it did not mention our project, the New York Times did an excellent piece on Family Diversity. It included profiles of many families. (See article and letter from Phil Gutis thanking me for my help).

(5) San Jose News. This newspaper is going to do an article similar to the New York Times profiles. They will profile: a stepfamily, a single-parent family, and a domestic partnership family. I have supplied background information. We should be mentioned in the article when it appears in mid-October.

(6) Jacksonville, N.C. News This paper is doing a story on family diversity. We should be mentioned. It should appear next week (unless it gets postponed because of the hurricane).

(7) KVEA-TV, Los Angeles I was interviewed by this Spanish language station regarding domestic partner issues. It aired on Sept. 15.

(8) KQRS, Minnesota. I did a 30 minute talk show on family diversity and the rights of unmarried couples. It aired last Sunday on a show that has about 30,000 listeners. They gave out our address.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

(1) California State Bar Convention. I spoke at the annual meeting of the state's lawyers in San Diego. The topic was family diversity and law reform.

(2) San Diego Democratic Club. I am speaking this week at a meeting of the San Diego Democratic Club. I hope to sell the "generic" approach to that local community. (See article from Update)

CONSUMER TASK FORCE

The Los Angeles City Attorney has agreed to convene a Consumer Task Force on Marital Status Discrimination. I will serve as the coordinator of the task force. It will develop ways to stop marital status discrimination by businesses (AAA, Chevron Auto Club, Holiday Health Spa, landlords, insurance companies, airlines, etc.) The first meeting is scheduled for October 17. Josh's office should help us get publicity in the Business Section of the L.A. Times and other business oriented media.

LAW SCHOOL CLASS

Here are some examples of projects my students are working on:

(1) Media Project. One student is reviewing all arguments against domestic partnership rights. He will develop a rebuttal to each argument.

(2) Privacy Project. One student is reviewing the impact that the Crime Initiative sponsored by Pete Wilson will have on privacy rights in California. She will develop a strategy to sell Van de Kamp's alternative proposal, which continues to protect privacy.

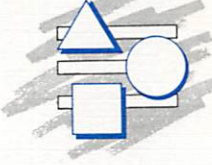
(3) Human Relations. One student is developing a draft of a legislative policy statement on human relations and human rights to be used by the City of Los Angeles to guide its lobbyists in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

(4) Immigrant Family Violence. One student is helping the City Attorney to operate a task force to help reduce family violence within immigrant communities.

(5) Disability and Transportation. One student is drafting a report and recommendations for the City of Los Angeles on how to better meet the transportation needs of disabled residents.

(6) Housing Rights. One student is preparing an *amicus curiae* brief to be filed in a Minnesota appellate case in which a so-called Christian landlord refused to rent to an unmarried heterosexual couples because the landlord said they would be "living in sin."

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TO: LLOYD RIGLER

FROM: TOM COLEMAN AND CHRIS McCAULEY

RE: DECEMBER MEDIA

DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 1989

Los Angeles Times. An occasional series on the changing family in Southern California will begin this Sunday in the View Section of the L.A. Times. The Family Diversity Project will be mentioned. We will be consulted by the writer as the series unfolds. The first article will profile a traditional family of husband, wife, and children. The second article will appear on Christmas and will profile a farm family in San Diego County. The third article will profile a lesbian couple who have adopted a child. Etc., Etc., Etc.

San Jose News. Sometime in the next two weeks, the San Jose News will run a story on the changing family in northern California. The Family Diversity Project will be mentioned. The article will profile four family types: a stepfamily, and immigrant family, a single-parent family, and a gay couple with children. We convinced the writer to use the spectrum approach.



TO: LLOYD RIGLER

FROM: TOM COLEMAN AND CHRIS McCAULEY

RE: **RESULTS OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSUMER TASK FORCE**

DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 1989

About a week ago we sent you the agenda for the first public hearing of the Consumer Task Force. You asked for a report on what happened at the hearing. Here are the results:

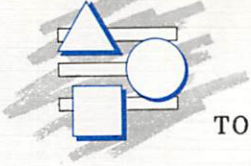
CANDIDATES FOR INSURANCE COMMISSIONER. All three candidates (Bill Press, Conway Collis, and Walter Zellman) express their opinion that insurance discrimination against unmarried couples **is illegal under current law** and that the Insurance Commissioner should do something to stop it. Each promised to take vigorous action to stop such discrimination if he were elected. Roxani Gillespie (the current Insurance Commissioner) had three representatives observing the hearing. No doubt she will feel some pressure to do something.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT ATTORNEY. Arlo Smith (who is running for state Attorney General) promised to take six strong actions to **stop discrimination by all businesses** against unmarried couples. He will bring the issue to the attention of the state association of district attorneys and the national association of district attorneys. He will also take action in San Francisco.

SAFECO INSURANCE. Safeco's chief underwriting manager stressed that Safeco's policy is not to discriminate against unmarried couples in any line of insurance. She promised to put that policy in writing, distribute it to all their independent agents and brokers, and to have a personal meeting with all agents and brokers to explain this policy to them.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. The Auto Club send their lawyer. He explained that AAA will not eliminate the spousal discount unless forced to do so by law. If the law requires this, they will not extend the discount to unmarried couples. Instead, they will entirely eliminate the discount, charge the same rate to all members, and refer disgruntled members (who lost the discount) to the legal body (e.g., city council or judge) who forced the change. They claim that they have data to prove that married couples cost less than unmarried household members (in terms of less use of emergency road service) and so the discount to married couples is rational.

THE NEXT PUBLIC HEARING. The next hearing will focus on discrimination against unmarried couples by landlords. This will include witnesses who will address the issue of how board and care homes may refuse to allow unmarried elderly or disabled couples to share a room or to have privacy for intimate relations. Discrimination by credit unions, private clubs, the county tax collector, and the sheriff's department will also be addressed.



TO: LLOYD RIGLER
FROM: TOM COLEMAN / CHRIS McCAULEY
RE: **AGENDA FOR MEETING ON NOV. 30 (3:30 p.m.)**
DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 1989

1. Summary of Activities (June - November)

- a. Media Exposure
- b. Speaking Engagements to Organizations
- c. Replication Efforts
- d. Overall Results

2. Funding Request

- a. For Tom (Dec - March) [see attached funding request]

to complete City Attorney's Consumer Task Force
(to end marital status discrimination by businesses)

- b. For Chris (Dec - March) [no new funds requested]

unused funds from Chris' budget from past three months
would be used to support Chris' work:

- (1) creation of project in Long Beach and elsewhere;
- (2) media interviews and related presentations;
- (3) create updated newsletter for family diversity project;
- (4) work on the city attorney's consumer task force

3. Submit Invoices for Previous Month(s)

- a. For Tom: Nov. Invoice Attached
- b. For Chris: Sept., Oct., Nov. Invoices
(to be submitted next week)

TO: LLOYD RIGLER

FROM: CHRISTOPHER MCCAULEY

SUBJECT: FAMILY DIVERSITY REPLICATION PROJECTS

DATE: DECEMBER 16, 1989

Last Thursday evening, December 14, 1989, the Long Beach Human Relations Commission voted to formally recommend to the Mayor and City Council of that city the establishment of a LONG BEACH FAMILY DIVERSITY PROJECT. We expect this matter to appear on the Council agenda as early as January 2, 1990. We are working closely with Long Beach officials to provide information and related background materials for the Commission and the City Council.

Lloyd, this very good news resulted from more than three months of discussions, meetings, and calls to Long Beach officials. The City desires that this project be self-sustaining. Therefore, we are simultaneously negotiating with Kaiser-Permenante for a substantial contribution to underwrite all or part of this project as a public/private partnership between the City of Long Beach, Kaiser-Permenante, and Spectrum Institute. I am hopeful that January will be the time in which one of our long standing objectives will be realized and our first replication project begins. Tom and I will keep you advised as this effort moves forward.

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December 4, 1989

Thomas F. Coleman, Esq.
P. O. Box 65756
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Tom:


This is to confirm in writing what we agreed to in our meeting of November 28th:

1. I have authorized \$7,500 in funds to complete Consumer Task Force. This work will be carried out during December 1989 thru March 1990.
2. You are authorized to continue using my SPRINT FONCARD to make all long distance phone calls relating to Family Diversity Project.
3. Any unused funds from C. McCauley's budget from the past three (3) months (after submission and payment of September, October and November invoices) will be used to support C. McCauley's work as follows:
 - a. Creation of project in Long Beach and elsewhere;
 - b. Media interviews and related presentations;
 - c. Create updated newsletter for Family Diversity Project;
 - d. Work on the City Attorney's Consumer Task Force.

No additional expenses to be incurred without prior approval.

Cordially,

THE LEDLER FOUNDATION


Lloyd E. Rigler
President

LER: jm

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TO: LEDLER FOUNDATION
ATTN: LLOYD RIGLER
RE: TEST CASE / REQUEST FOR SUPPORT
DATE: JANUARY 26, 1990

Request for Financial Support

I am requesting the LEDLER Foundation to pledge financial support for a local test case which will advance the rights of domestic partners. I estimate that the litigation in the Superior Court of Long Beach could cost up to \$5,000 (60 hours of services and necessary costs). I would personally handle the case. Legal papers need to be filed immediately due to the emergency nature of the case.

Three Goals Can be Achieved

Three goals can be achieved by this test case. First, immediate relief can be obtained for the domestic partners involved in this case. Second, a litigation packet can be developed to help others who may suffer similar problems. Third, members of the community can be educated as to the critical need to have documents to protect their relationships, namely, a durable power of attorney, a nomination of conservator, and a will. Without these documents, domestic partners are at the mercy of distant or hostile relatives and the courts. The client in this case is willing to go public to help educate the community so that others does not suffer as he is.

Facts of the Case

The Relationship of Leroy and Juan. This case involves Leroy Tranten (now 53 years old) and Juan Navarrette (now 32 years old). About 8 years ago, Juan moved into Leroy's modest home which is located in Long Beach. The home has remained in Leroy's name. The two men have lived together ever since and planned to be domestic partners for the rest of their lives. Juan works in the shipping department of UPS and therefore lives on a relatively low income.

The Accident. On March 3, 1989, Leroy fell from a ladder near the roof of his home, landed on his head, and suffered brain damage. He has been hospitalized ever since.

Juan's Visitation. Juan visited Leroy in the hospital every day, sometimes twice a day, from March 4 to December 15. He was able to engage in limited communication with Leroy, sometimes verbally, but mostly by writing notes back and forth. During these months, Juan provided Leroy with love, support, and encouragement. Juan's visitation privileges were abruptly cut off on December 15, when Leroy's brother had Leroy moved to another hospital and would not disclose the location to Juan.

Leroy's Brother. Leroy's parents are deceased. His only known relative is his brother (Ralph) who lives in Maine. Ralph does not approve of Leroy's lifestyle and relationship with Juan.

Conservatorship Proceedings. In June, 1989, Ralph instituted conservatorship proceedings in the Long Beach Superior Court, seeking to have Leroy declared incompetent and to have himself declared the conservator (guardian) of the person and estate of Leroy. A hearing was held in July. Notice of the proceedings was not given to Juan (the domestic partner). However, Juan found out about the hearing and appeared in court to object to the conservatorship and to the appointment of the brother. Juan did not have an attorney. The judge appointed Ralph (the brother) to be conservator. This gives the brother the legal authority over Leroy's medical treatment, residence, visitors, and financial matters.

Attempted Eviction. Ralph broke into the home of Juan and Leroy and had the locks changed. He has tried to evict Juan from his home of eight years. Ralph wants to sell the house and put Juan out on the street.

Visitation Prohibited. Leroy has been placed in a nursing home in Canoga Park. The nursing home has been given instructions by Ralph not to let Juan visit or communicate with Leroy. Leroy has had virtually no visitation from anyone for weeks. Leroy's condition is getting much worse. Leroy does not know why Juan is not visiting him. No doubt, the lack of visitation and love is contributing to Leroy's rapid decline.

My Investigation is Complete. I have investigated the case thoroughly. I have reviewed the court file in Long Beach. I have spoken with the probate investigator. Juan has provided me with a list of witnesses who can attest to the length, nature, and quality of his relationship with Leroy and that the two expected to be domestic partners for life.

Litigation is Necessary. Juan needs to be represented by an attorney. I have tried (unsuccessfully) to get an attorney to represent Juan without charge. Juan cannot afford to hire an attorney. A petition needs to be filed with the Long Beach court to get Juan and Leroy reunited to the extent that this is possible. Ongoing visitation and a second medical opinion may be the only immediate remedies available. However, another conservator should be appointed and the brother removed because the brother's homophobia is literally killing Leroy and causing extreme emotional distress to Juan.

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TO: Lloyd Rigler
RE: Consumer Task Force
DATE: March 29, 1990

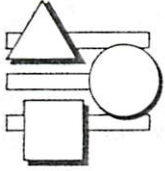
Your support and our efforts are paying off. Here is today's front page article from the Los Angeles Times. I'm doing a press conference with the City Attorney this morning.

Also, you and the LEDLER staff are invited to a reception next Monday evening at City Hall. I hope that you can attend. It is informal. About 100 participants and guests will attend to celebrate the release of this report. Please let Jamie know that we would like him to attend also.

Again, thanks for your support.

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TO: LLOYD RIGLER

Here are two more examples of our media
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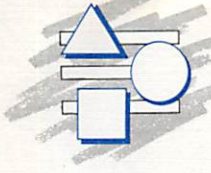
- * McCalls Magazine (Stepparents Article)
- * Orlando News (Single's Rights)

Also, I should get you a copy of the
video tape of the local and national
television coverage of the Consumer Report
this week. I'll drop of a copy of the tape
as soon as I get it.

DATE: _____

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Calamita".

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TO: Lloyd Rigler
FROM: Tom Coleman and Chris McCauley
RE: Agenda for Meeting of June 12 / 3:30 p.m.
DATE: June 11, 1990

Here is the proposed agenda for the meeting we have scheduled with you for tomorrow. We look forward to seeing you and discussing these items in person.

AGENDA

- 1. Update on City Attorney's Consumer Task Force on Martial Status Discrimination**
 - a. Final Report Released March 29, 1990
 - b. Media Exposure (audience of more than 20 million)
 - 1) L.A. Times Article (front page)
 - 2) Broadcast Media (see Video Tape)
 - c. Follow Up is Necessary to Implement Recommendations

- 2. Update on Long Beach Family Diversity Project**
 - a. Authorized by City Council
 - b. Spectrum Appointed as Principal Consultant
 - c. First Public Hearing Conducted (2 more to go)
 - d. Private Sector Funding
 - 1) KAISER PERMANENTE GAVE \$10,000
 - 2) ADDITIONAL FUNDING NEEDED (\$15,000 more)
 - a) **REQUEST LEDLER TO GIVE \$5,000** —
 - b) OTHER SOURCES TO GIVE \$10,000

3. **New Item: FAMILY REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

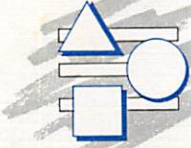
- a. Many Families Don't Have a Document to Show the Relationships (e.g. no birth or marriage certificate)
- b. New Discovery by Tom:
Current Law Allows Registration of Families with the California Secretary of State
- c. Example: See Registration of Coleman-Vasquez Family
- d. PROPOSAL:
 - 1) Quietly Register Several Family Types
 - * A Step-Family * A Foster Family
 - * A Male/Female Unmarried Couple with Kids
 - * A Same-Sex Couple * An Extended Blood Family
 - * A Group of Seniors * A Group of Disabled
 - 2) Then Publicly Announce the Procedure
 - * Spectrum Institute to Call Press Conference
 - * Registered Families to Participate
 - 3) REQUEST TO LEDLER TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT
 - * Request \$5,000 Grant to Spectrum *Draw - OCT,*

4. **DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES**

- a. Arlo Smith for Attorney General
- b. Diane Feinstein for Governor
- c. John Garamendi for Insurance Commissioner

5. **WHAT TO DO WITH JOHN MCGILL AUTOMOBILE**

Draft Letter



TO: LLOYD RIGLER

FROM: TOM COLEMAN and CHRIS McCaULEY

RE: GRANTS FROM LEDLER TO
SPECTRUM INSTITUTE

DATE: June 13, 1990

This letter will confirm your agreement that the LEDLER Foundation will give two grants to SPECTRUM INSTITUTE.

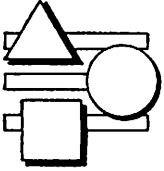
Long Beach Project. One grant of \$5,000 is for the Long Beach Family Diversity Project, which will help us finish the public hearings and draft a report on the status of families in that community. The City of Long Beach has officially sponsored this study. The principal financial support has come from Kaiser Permanente which has given \$10,000. We will be soliciting other foundations and corporations for financial support.

Family Registration Program. The other grant of \$5,000 is for the Family Registration Program, which will help us educate families in California of a procedure to register with the Secretary of State. We will enlist one family to participate from the following types of households: unmarried male-female couple; stepfamily; foster family; extended family of blood relatives living together; group of disabled adults living together; group of seniors living together; same-sex couple. We will hold a press conference in the fall to announce the availability of discuss some of the ramifications of this procedure for all families.

Please send two checks to SPECTRUM INSTITUTE, one for \$5,000 earmarked for the Long Beach Project and one for \$5,000 earmarked for the Family registration Program.

Again, thank you for your continuing support.

FAMILY DIVERSITY
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TO: LLOYD RIGLER

KCET has decided that they will devote
an entire program in the series "In the Year 2000"
to the subject of family diversity. They will
interview me for the program. Since it will
probably not be filmed until late September, they
should also be able to include the Family Registration
Project as a part of the show.

Tom Coleman

DATE: 7-13-90

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TO: Lloyd Rigler
FROM: Tom Coleman
DATE: September 25, 1990
RE: NY TIMES

We are in the news again. Although this is a gay case, our friend Art Leonard stresses the point that the majority of domestic partners are not gay. The Family Diversity Project is mentioned in the article. They quote me with respect to the registration of family relationships. I'm starting to plant the seed for the idea of registration.

TO: LLOYD RIGLER
FROM: TOM COLEMAN
DATE: OCTOBER 7, 1990
RE: ARLO FUNDRAISING DINNER

Thank you for making the additional \$1,000 contribution to Arlo that allowed Chris and I to attend the dinner last Wednesday.

Our being there was helpful in several ways:

- (1) Arlo. It helped solidify our standing with him.
- (2) Pines. I saw Burt Pines and thanked him again for introducing me to you. I let him know that my relationship with you has been very productive and rewarding.
- (3) Davis. I spoke with Gray Davis. We talked a little about the Privacy Commission (1982). I also let him know that Spectrum works to improve life for many constituencies. We may need his help in future projects. I am going to send him some of our reports and publications.
- (4) Reiner. I spoke with Ira Reiner. I told him that we want him to send a liaison to work with the City Attorney's Consumer Task Force to help us stop marital status discrimination. I need to do a follow up call.
- (5) Edelman. I asked Ed Edelman if he would convene a short-term Task Force on Family Diversity and County Employee Benefits. He liked the idea. Per your suggestion, I met with the gay county employees and they have agreed to include their concerns within the framework of a larger project dealing with Family Diversity which would address the problems of: dual-income spouses; single-parent workers; domestic partners, etc.

Making contributions that allow us to go to dinners like this helps us quite a bit because we can have face-to-face meetings with elected officials (without interference from their staff). Thanks again.

Lloyd E. Rigler - Lawrence E. Deutsch
Foundation

March 19, 1991

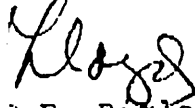
Mr. Thomas F. Coleman
SPECTRUM INSTITUTE
(FAX: 213 258 8099)

Dear Tom:

Regarding the attached letter, does AB101 cover the Spectrum concept of equal rights or is it specifically a Gay Rights Bill?

Is it too late to intervene and make it a rights bill for the full spectrum and get it passed?

Cordially,



Lloyd E. Rigler
President

LER:jm
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Lloyd:

AB 101 adds "sexual orientation" to the list of protected categories for fair housing and fair employment. To this extent it is "gay" specific. However, there is really no other way to stop discrimination against homosexuals at this point. The law already protects against discrimination on account of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, marital status and physical handicap, and to some extent "age." THE ONLY CATEGORY LEFT OUT OF THE SPECTRUM OF PROTECTION WAS SEXUAL ORIENTATION. Therefore, AB 101 completes the spectrum of protection.

— Tom

Lloyd E. Rigler - Lawrence E. Deutsch
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March 27, 1991

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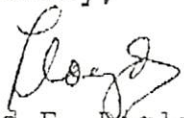
RE: MARCH 27TH L.A. TIMES STORY ON
SPOUSAL BENEFITS

Dear Tom:

I feel that they are now discriminating against other non-traditional families that live as domestic partners and not married -- but would have the option to.

Can you take a public position on this story to give support to the rest of the non-traditional families?

Cordially,


Lloyd E. Rigler
President

LER: jm

Lloyd:

I share your concern. I expressed my opinions about this form of discrimination against straight unmarried couples during my interview with the L.A. Times. I also had a long conversation about this problem -- and it is a significant problem -- with the press officer of the National A.C.L.U. He suggested that I write to the new president of the National ACLU Board. Her name is Nadine Strossen. I also want to write to the Board of Directors of the hospital in question.

I think that the national ACLU should adopt a policy statement against marital status discrimination. I think that organizations fighting for domestic partner rights should not "sell out" the majority of domestic partners (66% are opposite-sex couples) at the first opportunity to get benefits for same-sex couples. Are the opposite-sex couples really a part of this movement or are they being used by gay activists only when it is convenient? Some group needs to fight for the rights of the entire class of domestic partners. If not the ACLU, then who? Lets talk about this some more.

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