INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO VOTERS

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purposes and points of the proposed measure:

CONSTITUTIONAL DEFINITION OF A PERSON. FERTILIZED HUMAN EGGS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Extends constitutional protections of due process and equal protection to all fertilized human eggs by redefining "person" as including each and every human organism from the commencement of biological development. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Potentially significant net costs to state and local governments from the establishment of due process and equal protection rights for zygotes, embryos, and fetuses. (15-0072.)

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

We the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of the County (or City and County) described below, hereby propose an amendment to the Constitution of the State of California relating to the definition of the term 'person' and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to the general election or otherwise provided by law. The proposed constitutional amendment reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Title
This measure shall be known and may be cited as the "**California Equal Rights Amendment**."

SECTION 2. Article I, Section 7 (c) is added to the California Constitution. **Article I, Section 7** will now read in its entirety (note subsection (c) in boldface type):

§ 7. Due process; Equal protection; Privileges and immunities

(a) A person may not be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law or denied equal protection of the laws; provided, that nothing contained herein or elsewhere in this Constitution imposes upon the State of California or any public entity, board, or official any obligations or responsibilities which exceed those imposed by the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution with respect to the use of pupil school assignment or pupil transportation. In enforcing this subdivision or any other provision of this Constitution, no court of this state may impose upon the State of California or any public entity, board, or official any obligation or responsibility with respect to the use of pupil school assignment or pupil transportation, (1) except to remedy a specific violation by such party that would also constitute a violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution, and (2) unless a federal court would be permitted under federal decisional law to impose that obligation or responsibility upon such party to remedy the specific violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th amendment of the United States Constitution.

Except as may be precluded by the Constitution of the United States, every existing judgment, decree, writ, or other order of a court of this state, whenever rendered, which includes provisions regarding pupil school assignment or pupil transportation, or which requires a plan including any such provisions shall, upon application to a court having jurisdiction by any interested person, be modified to conform to the provisions of this subdivision as amended, as applied to the facts which exist at the time of such modification.

In all actions or proceedings arising under or seeking application of the amendments to this subdivision proposed by the Legislature at its 1979-80 Regular Session, all courts, wherein such actions or proceedings are or may hereafter be pending, shall give such actions or proceedings first precedence over all other civil actions therein.

Nothing herein shall prohibit the governing board of a school district from voluntarily continuing or commencing a school integration plan after the effective date of this subdivision as amended. In amending this subdivision, the Legislature and people of the State of California find and declare that this amendment is necessary to serve compelling public interests, including those of making the most effective use of the limited financial resources now and prospectively available to support public education, maximizing the educational opportunities and protecting the health and safety of all public school pupils, enhancing the ability of parents to participate in the educational process, preserving harmony and tranquility in this state and its public schools, preventing the waste of scarce fuel resources, and protecting the environment.

(b) A citizen or class of citizens may not be granted privileges or immunities not granted on the same terms to all citizens. Privileges or immunities granted by the Legislature may be altered or revoked.

(c) For the purpose of this section: The term 'person' as it is applied to all living human beings, applies to all living human beings from the beginning of their biological development as human beings (i.e., human organism), regardless of the means by which he or she was procreated, method of reproduction, age, race, sex, gender, physical well-being, function, size, level of development, environment, and/or degree of physical or mental dependency and/or disability.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: THIS PETITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER OR A VOLUNTEER. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK.

5 EASY STEPS

All signers of this petition must be registered to vote in _____County

	Print Your Name: John Smith	Residence Address ONLY: 123 Main Street	This column for official use only.
	Sign As Registered To Vote: John Smith	City: Los Angeles Zip: 90001	
	1. Print Your Name	Residence Address ONLY	
	Sign As Registered To Vote	City Zip	
	2. Print Your Name	Residence Address ONLY	
	Sign As Registered To Vote	City Zip	
	3. Print Your Name	Residence Address ONLY	
	Sign As Registered To Vote	City Zip	

1 Fill in County name here.

2 Clearly print your name, sign and fill in address.

3 Ask others who are registered voters in the same county to sign today.

(Be sure address information and signature are provided.)

IMPORTANT! Fill in all additional information in shaded areas.

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DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR: *(To be completed after above signatures have been obtained)*

I, _____ (Print Name), am registered to vote in the County (or City and County) of _____ (County) or am qualified to register to vote in California. My residence address is:

_____ (Address, City, State, Zip). I circulated this section of the petition and witnessed each of the appended signatures being written. Each signature on this petition section is, to the best of my information and belief, the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. All signatures on this document were obtained between the dates of _____ (Month, Day, Year) and _____ (Month, Day, Year).

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____ (Month, Day, Year), at _____ (County Where Circulator Signs), California.

SIGNATURE: _____

Complete Signature Of Circulator *(May be repeat of name on petition)*

5 All signatures are invalid if you fail to fill in the Declaration and sign as circulator.

RETURN PETITIONS TO: CALIFORNIA EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT, 1684 DECOTO ROAD, SUITE 251, UNION CITY, CA 94587-3544

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