

I hate to do this – but I’m going to venture out of the world of ferrets and ask the people on the CLIFFNotes subscriber list to

Vote No on Proposition 8.

There is at least a vague connection between Proposition 8 and ferret owners.

We considered a ballot initiative to legalize ferrets. In fact CLIFF stands for the **California Legalization Initiative For Ferrets**. Our one poll showed only 38% of Californians would vote YES to Legalize Ferrets. (Ironically the Field Organization included the gay marriage issue on the same poll – and it polled at 43% approval)

The fact is, most Californians don’t know any ferrets, so they weren’t likely to vote to legalize our pets. We don’t have the resources to start a ballot initiative coming from behind.

Polling done on Proposition 8 shows that voters who personally know gay people are more likely to vote against Prop 8.

So – if you don’t know me already – how do you do?



Above is a photo of my spouse Jim on the left and I’m on the right. We were married on June 27th.

Jim and I have been together for 14 years. We have a great home, a loving family of four dogs, three ferrets and a cat. Jim has been there for me through all I’ve been through ferret and otherwise. When my ferret Rocky was seized from the vet and euthanized – Jim stood by me. When I was sentenced to 45 days in jail for the ferrets (well, there is more to that story...) Jim stood by me.

When I applied for a California Real Estate License back in 2003 I was confronted by three boxes; Married, Single or Divorced. I couldn’t choose any of those. I wrote in “Domestic Partner.” My real estate license was rejected for among other things “failed family relationships.”

Proposition 8 is hurtful and adding a lot to my stress. How would you like it if your marriage was up to a vote?

“God doesn’t create homosexuals” one person wrote me. How the heck did he get that information? I’m not a religious person and I believe in respecting people’s religion as a private matter.

We aren’t out to teach little girls that they can marry princesses. No Church will lose their tax exempt status. We want to protect our property, our rights and our dignity.

One person’s rights ends where another’s begins. It is the same with ferrets as same sex marriage. People need to mind their own business. Live and let live.

If you live with a ferret – you know that. But if you’ve never met gay people, if you are unfamiliar with the issue – you may vote yes. “Marriage between a man and woman” seems logical on the face of it.

But one size doesn’t fit all. Not everyone wants just a dog or just a cat. Some people are in the minority and our (their) rights need to be respected as well.

I hope I have not offended anyone on this mailing list. My apologies to the people who just signed up (and we’ve had quite a few sign ups lately) who haven’t received CLIFFNotes yet (which you can read at <http://www.ferretsanon.com/CLIFFNotes/Vol3No41.html>).

Thank you for indulging me. If Prop 8 were to pass by just a few votes, I would be very upset for not sending this out.

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