



*Secretary of State*  
**DEBRA BOWEN**  
*State of California*

*2008 PRIDE CELEBRATIONS*

Welcome to everyone who supports Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride throughout our great state!

Rights.  
Common good.  
Freely.  
Without discrimination.  
All people.

These are just some of the meaningful words in the California Constitution, and Pride events give us a chance to celebrate how far we have come in trying to make every word a reality for every Californian. LGBT Pride events are also a chance to renew our commitment to achieving the goal of marriage equality in California.

As your Secretary of State, I am proud to manage the California Domestic Partners Registry that enables tens of thousands of couples to benefit from increasingly more legal rights and responsibilities until true equality under the law is achieved.

Thank you for all that you do to advance equal rights, and best wishes for a wonderful Pride celebration.

Proudly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra Bowen".

Debra Bowen  
Secretary of State