

Statement on Marriage Equality

The congregation approved the following Statement on Marriage Equality at a February 2006 congregational meeting:

We, the members of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose, UPHOLD our Unitarian Universalist principles of:

- *the inherent worth and dignity of every person*
- *justice, equity, and compassion in human relations*
- *acceptance of one another*

AFFIRM our covenant that

- *Love is the doctrine of this church*

And CHERISH the Declaration of Independence of this great nation which provides that:

- *All are created equal*
- *All are endowed with certain inalienable rights, including, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness*

Therefore, we hereby state that we support marriage equality. We urge all levels of our government to acknowledge the right of any two committed adults to marry, and to have their marriage recognized by civil law.