

# KQED

## MEDIA ALERT

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### **KQED PUBLIC RADIO EXAMINES TODAY'S COURT RULING ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGES**

Thursday, May 15 at 4:00pm and 11:00pm

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15, 2008 – KQED Public Radio announces a special half-hour broadcast following today's state Supreme Court ruling that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry in California. Cases dating back to February 2004, when Mayor Gavin Newsom ordered the city clerk to start issuing marriage licenses to couples regardless of their gender, led to the historic 4-3 decision.

The special broadcast will feature reports on the court's decision and the expected outcomes. The ruling will take effect in 30 days, and county courthouses expect to be inundated with applications from couples newly eligible to marry. But the decision could be overturned by voters during the November elections, and an initiative drive is already under way to change the state constitution to restrict marriage to members of the opposite sex.

KQED Public Radio will bring listeners analysis from legal experts, reactions from same-sex couples, and opinions from those holding more traditional family values. The half-hour special will be hosted by KQED's Judy Campbell and will be available for stream or download at [www.kqed.org/radio](http://www.kqed.org/radio).

WHAT: KQED Public Radio broadcast following state Supreme Court decision

WHEN: Thursday, May 15 at 4:00pm (repeats Thursday, May 15 at 11:00pm)

WHERE: KQED Public Radio 88.5FM in San Francisco / 89.3FM in Sacramento

#### About KQED Public Radio

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