

SCPD Position Statement LGTB Rights

SCPD urges support of legislation which grants gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender citizens the same civil rights and protections that heterosexual citizens enjoy.

On the federal level this includes:

support to end the policy of Don't Ask, Don't Tell, and allow LGTB service members to serve their country openly and honestly

support for the Employment NonDiscrimination Act, which would prevent qualified, accomplished LGTB citizens from being terminated from their jobs solely because of who they love

support for the Hate Crimes Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity, with the current classifications

full partner recognition and responsibilities as defined by civil marriage. This requires overturning of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)

On the state level this includes:

support for the Equal Housing and Employment Act

support for full two-parent adoption by same-sex couples

support for re-issuance of birth certificates for transgender citizens showing their correct gender

support for partner recognition and responsibility through overturning the Ohio Defense of Marriage Act and amending the constitution to overturn Issue 1, defining marriage as between one man and one woman

SCPD strongly believes that it is past time for all Americans to be treated fairly and equally under the law.

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