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June 16, 2009

**Memorandum of Support
Marriage Equality
S.4401 (Duane, et al.) / A.7732 (O'Donnell, et al.)**

The Executive Board of SDC believes that one of the guiding principles of our Union is equality. SDC works diligently to ensure equal and fair protection for all of its Members, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, socioeconomic status, marital status, language, or disability.

The Executive Board also recognizes that the individual Members of SDC hold a variety of views about marriage based on their individual, personal or religious beliefs.

As representatives of the collective Membership of SDC, the Executive Board voted on June 15th, 2009 to unanimously support the members of the LGBT community fighting to secure their constitutional right to equal treatment and protection under the law, including the right to marry. The Board included specific support for the repeal of Prop 8 in California, Tom Duane's Marriage Equality Bill (S.4401) in the New York State Senate and the efforts of the Empire State Pride Agenda.

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