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Dear Holly,

I write to you on behalf of The Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) and its nearly 8,000 members and send with this letter a resolution passed unanimously by the BASF Board of Directors yesterday. The resolution demands that the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California specially set a board meeting, with public notice to members of the State Bar, at which the Board will transparently and candidly discuss the basis for its decision not to change the venue for its 2009 and 2011 annual meetings from the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego and at which it offers members the opportunity to address the Board concerning this decision. It also demands that the Board of Governors move the 2009 and 2011 California State Bar annual meetings from the Manchester Grand Hyatt to a location whose ownership does not fund the elimination of the civil rights of any Californian.

As an institution, BASF will boycott the Manchester Grand Hyatt as a locale for the State Bar annual meetings and will boycott any meeting events held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt. The BASF Board of Directors also is urging its members to boycott meeting events held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt and is encouraging participation of its members only in State Bar annual meeting events that have no affiliation with the Manchester Grand Hyatt.

Doug Manchester's substantial financial support of Proposition 8 last year is adverse to BASF's mission and longstanding support of diversity and inclusion and its commitment to equal rights for all people. Equal rights and civil rights should not be political issues. They are the heart of a just society governed by law. It is time for the State Bar to stand up and support equality for all California citizens.

Sincerely,

Russell Roeca

Enclosure