

Alaska Voters Defeat LGBT Measure

In a victory for traditional marriage, Alaska citizens overwhelmingly voted in favor of the natural family by rejecting **Proposition 5**. The measure was defeated by a margin of 58-41.

Proposition 5 would have given special rights based on lesbian, homosexual, bisexual and transsexual behavior (LGBT). The measure was put on the ballot and supported by a consortium of LGBT groups, called "One Anchorage" in hopes of adding "sexual orientation" and even "gender identity," whether real or perceived, to the city's code.

"One Anchorage" outspent those opposed to Proposition 5 by a margin of four to one. Homosexual activist and founder of Quark, Tim Gill, contributed to Proposition 5, but the funding was no match for the grassroots efforts of pro-family, religious, and conservative voters. Jerry Prevo, pastor of Anchorage Baptist Temple, working with other leaders and grassroots voters, helped lead the efforts to defeat the LGBT measure.

"Anchorage citizens have taken a stand for the natural family. Proposition 5 would have given special rights to sexual behavior and would have been used as a club to silence dissent of the faith community," says Mathew Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel. "Alaska voters sent a loud and clear statement to the rest of the country that forcing people to provide special privileges based on sexual behavior is unwise. Anchorage has proven that Americans still stand strong to protect the natural family."