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15	JEFFREY J. ZARRILLO,	APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF <i>AMICUS CURIAE</i>
16	Plaintiffs,	OF THE ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS
17	V. )	LIBERTY COMMISSION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
18	ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, in ) his official capacity as Governor of )	
19	California; EDMUND G. BROWN, JR., ) in his official capacity as Attorney	
20	General of California; MARK B. )	
21	HORTON, in his official capacity as  Director of the California Department of  )	
22	Public Health and State Registrar of ) Vital Statistics; LINETTE SCOTT, in her )	Chief Judge Vaughn R. Walker
23	official capacity as Deputy Director of ) Health Information & Strategic Planning )	Courtroom 6
24	for the California Department of Public ) Health; PATRICK O'CONNELL, in his )	Hearing: No hearing set
25	official capacity as Clerk-Recorder for the County of Alameda; and DEAN C.	
26	LOGAN, in his official capacity as	
27	Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for ) the County of Los Angeles,	
28	Defendants. )	
	Application for Leave to File Brief Amicus Curiae, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission SBC	

Proposition 8 Official Proponents,
DENNIS HOLLINGSWORTH, GAIL J.
KNIGHT, MARTIN F. GUTIERREZ,
HAK-SHING WILLIAM TAM,
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PROTECTMARRIAGE.COM-YES ON 8,
A PROJECT OF CALIFORNIA
RENEWAL,

Defendants-Intervenors.

#### TO CLERK OF COURT AND ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention hereby applies to the Court for leave to file the brief amicus curiae served and filed herewith. The application is based on this motion and the attached points and authorities. Applicant requests that the matter be set for hearing at a date, time and location to be ordered by the Court, if a hearing is required.

# I. STANDARD FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF AMICUS CURIAE

The Court has broad discretion to permit third parties to participate in an action as *amicus curiae*. *Gerritsen v. de la Madrid Hurtado*, 819 F.2d 1511, 1514 n.3 (9th Cir. 1987). Participation of *amicus curiae* may be particularly appropriate where the legal issues in a case have potential ramifications beyond the parties directly involved or where an *amicus curiae* can offer a unique perspective that may assist the Court. *Sonoma Falls Developers, LLC v. Nevada Gold & Casinos, Inc*, 272 F. Supp.2d 919, 925 (N.D. Cal. 2003).

#### II. STATEMENT OF IDENTITY AND INTEREST OF AMICUS CURIAE

The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) of the Southern Baptist
Convention works to address the social and moral concerns of Southern Baptists and
the implications of these concerns for public policy at the local, state and national levels

with particular attention to their impact on American families and their faith. The Southern Baptist Convention is the largest non-Catholic denomination in the nation with over 16 million members.

### III. BENEFITS OF THE EXPERTISE OF AMICUS CURIAE TO THIS COURT

As representatives of one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, the ERLC is uniquely positioned to inform the Court concerning the nature of religious support for Proposition 8 and to explain why such support does not constitute animus against any person or group of persons.

# IV. CONCLUSION

Wherefore, the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention requests leave of Court to submit the accompanying brief *amicus curiae* in support of Defendant-Intervenors in this action.

/s/

January 8, 2010

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# 1 PROOF OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE 2 I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this action. I am a resident of or employed in the county where the document(s) described below were served. My 3 business address is 5530 Birdcage Street, Suite 210, Citrus Heights, California 95610. I served the document(s) described below on the interested parties in this action by 4 filing them electronically with the United States District Court for the Northern District of California using the Electronic Court Filing (ECF) system. 5 Date of service: January 8, 2010 6 Citrus Heights, California Location of service: 7 Description of document(s): APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF AMICUS CURIAE ON BEHALF OF THE ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION OF 8 THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION 9 10 11 Addressee(s): See attached Service List. 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Citrus Heights, California, January 8, 2010. 26 27 /s/ 28 David L. Llewellyn, Jr.

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