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The City by the Bay, the place where Tony Bennett left his heart, has always been the headquarters, the area in America most hospitable to the gay and lesbian communities. Homosexuals are dominant if not predominant in virtually every aspect of life and cultural in San Francisco, including the political.

Gay rights are not only fully protected, but advanced even beyond the law and the constitution in an extremely aggressive, proactive way. City Hall San Francisco was the first to issue marriage licenses for gays even though there was no legal right to do so. Small wonder that homosexuals flock to the City by the Bay.

In all other areas of lifestyle and cultural, San Francisco has much to offer. Superb dining, excellent shopping, incredible site seeing and delightful tourist activities of all kinds characterize this uniquely American city. The perception however goes deep in the American psyche however that San Francisco is noted first and foremost for homosexual activity and lifestyle. Gay rights activity including parades and protests attack traditional values, customs and even laws and legislation wherever it suits the homosexual agenda. One would think there is little which is traditionally American in terms of values, much less Christian at work in San Francisco.

Fortunately, that is incorrect. The mainstream media would have Americans believe that the majority of citizens including those in San Francisco, especially so, are embracing, or endorsing or at least not protesting same sex marriage. But that is simply not true. There is protest and aggressively so to the concept everywhere. Even in San Francisco! In the hotbed of homosexuality, people who believe in traditional marriage are speaking out, loud and clear. Recently, some 8,000 Christians from more than 180 churches came together for a rally in San Francisco supporting traditional marriage. They lined the streets and held signs that read:

“Honk for traditional marriage.”

Their actions sent a strong message to the California legislature and the world that marriage must continue to be considered as the union of one man and one woman.

One might think that the protesters were primarily Caucasian, but not so. The rally consisted of Americans from 180 churches who were Chinese, Korean, African American, Hispanic, Phillipino and Vietnamese among others.

They combined were people of faith, aggressively championing that faith, and the core and essential concept which guides that faith, namely the marriage union of man and woman only. In fact, the rally was led by Pastor Ray Kwong of Bible Baptist Church of San Francisco. Reverend Kwong believed strongly that the protest should consist of people from all ethnicities, color and nationalities, a protest with the politically correct diversity our society seems to demand. It was a great success.

America needs more People of Faith to stand up and be counted, not only to protest but to loudly proclaim the principles of the gospel, including and especially those which protect the marriage union of one man and one woman. Virtually every great society and all democratic societies are built on that premise. But it will go by the boards sooner or later unless people who believe and care do something! Talk is of little avail in this day and age. Now, it is time to do something and do it aggressively.

Every community needs someone like Pastor Ray Kwong, many like him, who will take a STAND and aggressively champion that which they believe. We who believe in traditional marriage, one man and one woman only, must do something everywhere, in every tiny community and hamlet, in every city and county, in every state, and at the level of the federal government. There is no constitutional right to homosexual marriage, same sex marriage at any level, federal, state or local. Homosexuals do in fact have rights as any other human being does, but not the right to same sex marriage. At stake are the principles of faith and the basic structure and foundation of our society. People of Faith and especially Christians everywhere must recognize these ominous prospects and do something about it. If you don't, if we don't, our children will live in any unbelievably different society, in a wholly different structure with all new ground rules. I pray that doesn't happen. But prayer, like faith, without works won't get it done. If you are against same sex marriage, stop it.

By their fruits ye shall know them.