

STATEMENT:

The following statement may be attributed to Theodore B. Olson, Plaintiffs' lead co-counsel in *Hollingsworth v. Perry*:

“This latest filing is utterly baseless. The Supreme Court of the United States has rejected the appeal from Judge Walker’s declaration that Proposition 8 violates the federal constitution and the injunction prohibiting state officials from enforcing it. The California Supreme Court itself has confirmed that, when they administer marriages, county clerks are “*state officers performing state functions and are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the state registrar of vital statistics.*” Any county that defies the federal court’s injunction is at risk not only of contempt of court but also a lawsuit under the federal civil rights laws for which it would be liable for damages and the plaintiffs’ attorneys’ fees. Proponents’ latest effort to stop loving couples from marrying in California is a desperate and frivolous act.”

[Quoting California Supreme Court’s decision in *Lockyer v. CCSF*]