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Oakland, CA – On Friday, March 6, the day after the California Supreme Court hears arguments in the landmark marriage equality case, Oakland City Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan, City Attorney John Russo and other community leaders will hold a press conference to react to events in court and to honor local same sex couples.

The press conference – at noon next Friday in front of Oakland City Hall – will include remarks from Councilmember Kaplan (Oakland's first lesbian elected official), City Attorney Russo, Reverend Byron Williams and same sex married couples in Oakland.

In November, Oakland became one of the first cities to join a lawsuit against Proposition 8, the ballot initiative that denies equal protection and basic marriage rights to thousands of couples in California. Oakland is now a petitioner in the suit originally filed by San Francisco, Los Angeles and Santa Clara County.

WHAT: Press conference/speak-out following oral arguments in the case against Prop. 8

WHEN: 12 noon – 1 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2009

WHERE: Oakland City Hall Plaza – 14th Street between Broadway and Clay Street

WHO: Oakland At-Large City Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan, City Attorney John Russo, same sex married couples and other community leaders

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