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**MARIN GOP BECOMES FIRST REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN THE US  
TO VOTE TO SUPPORT SAME-SEX MARRIAGE**

At last evening's monthly meeting of the Marin Republican Party, the Marin County Republican Central Committee voted in favor of a strategic planning effort that will revitalize the Republican Party in our county. "We recognized that we were not providing Marin voters with a viable choice at the polls and we looked at ways to begin correcting that perception," said Chair Kevin Krick. As part of a vote on an overall 3 year strategic plan, the Marin GOP issued the following statement: ***"The Marin Republican Party supports same-sex marriage."***

According to Chair Krick, "It is our hope that this push for marriage equality from the Marin Republican Party will demonstrate that all are welcome within the Marin GOP," Krick continued, "Whether you identify as straight, gay, bisexual, or transgendered, the Marin GOP is committed to supporting your personal freedoms." A core tenet of Republican philosophy, personal freedom is a right of every citizen and that includes the right to choose whom to marry, regardless of gender.

The Marin GOP's strategic plan will focus on addressing key local issues including an alternative to Plan Bay Area and a sustainable methodology for addressing the Marin County Pension issue. "We will provide voters with an alternative choice that looks beyond the horizon so that our children's children may enjoy a stable, prosperous Marin County," said Chair Krick.

This statement on marriage equality marks a watershed moment within the Republican Party. The Marin GOP is the first official Republican Central Committee in the United States to endorse same-sex marriage.