

## Statement of Principles for Stand for Marriage DC

We are members of many different races, creeds and colors. We come together out of a common concern: the future of marriage. As we begin the process of discerning next steps in this great endeavor, we wish to clarify for each other the core principles on which our joint venture may proceed:

We are deeply committed to the good of marriage as the union of one husband with one wife; to marriage as the foundation of the human family, and the building block of the common good.

We are deeply committed to the welfare of every child in the District of Columbia, regardless of their parents' marital status. Every child is a child of God and deserves our compassionate concern.

We are deeply committed to civility amid disagreement; As this debate proceeds, we pledge to treat every one of our neighbors and fellow-citizen with respect for the basic human dignity that each person deserves.

Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_