



Assembly Member **SANDRÉ SWANSON**

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## Swanson Responds To California Supreme Court Ruling On Proposition 8

**(Sacramento)** – In response to the California Supreme Court's decision to uphold Proposition 8, Assemblymember Sandré R. Swanson (D-Alameda) made the following statement:

"It was only a few short years ago that African Americans couldn't marry outside of their race. I am disappointed with this decision by the Supreme Court, but am encouraged by the fact that it has not broken the spirit of all of us who are committed to equality. As this matter goes forward, we will exercise our franchise and go back to the people and get a just decision. I believe that history will look back on today's decision as one that was both hypocritical and shallow, but at the same time ultimately ineffective in preventing justice from prevailing. As we go forward, I am certain that eventually we will celebrate each other's diversity, honoring the inherent right for all of us to marry whom we so choose when we choose," he said.

Assemblymember Swanson is the Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus.

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