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San Francisco Agrees With Today's Court Nix of Proposition 8; Wants US Supreme Court to Let Today's Decision Stand Greater San Francisco supports by 2:1 a decision made by a federal appeals court today, 02/07/12, ruling that California's Proposition 8 is unconstitutional. Proposition 8, passed by California voters in 2008, defined marriage as being between 1 man and 1 woman. Today, a court set aside the law. By a 36-point margin, Bay Area adults say the Supreme Court of the United States, if asked to rule on the issue of same-sex marriage, should allow today's federal appeals court ruling to stand. **Cell phone and home phone respondents included in this research.** SurveyUSA interviewed 500 adults from the San Francisco TV viewing area 02/07/12, after the decision by the federal appeals court was announced. This research was conducted using blended sample, mixed-mode. Respondents reachable on a home telephone were interviewed on a home telephone in the recorded voice of a professional announcer. Respondents unreachable on a home telephone were shown a questionnaire on their smartphone, tablet, laptop or other electronic device.

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500 Adults	All	Gender		Age			Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology		
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.9%		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Modera	Liberal
Same-sex Couples	75%	69%	80%	78%	77%	67%	82%	72%	72%	62%	60%	81%	70%	36%	71%	91%
Man And a Woman	23%	29%	17%	20%	21%	28%	16%	26%	26%	34%	39%	16%	28%	63%	25%	6%
Not Sure	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	5%	2%	2%	2%	5%	0%	3%	3%	0%	4%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	29%	43%	28%	53%	7%	17%	22%	12%	58%	26%	13%	41%	36%

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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.9%		High Sc	Some C	College
Same-sex Couples	75%	70%	67%	81%
Man And a Woman	23%	28%	28%	18%
Not Sure	3%	3%	5%	1%
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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.4%		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Modera	Liberal
Agree	61%	57%	65%	67%	62%	54%	69%	60%	54%	50%	39%	71%	52%	36%	59%	75%
Disagree	29%	36%	23%	27%	28%	34%	26%	37%	31%	32%	53%	20%	38%	60%	38%	12%
Do Not Know Enough To Say	9%	7%	12%	6%	10%	12%	5%	3%	14%	18%	8%	9%	10%	4%	4%	13%
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Agree	61%	52%	55%	68%
Disagree	29%	28%	36%	26%
Do Not Know Enough To Say	9%	20%	9%	6%
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The issue of how marriage is defined is likely heading next to the United States Supreme Court. Should the US Supreme Court allow today's decision to stand? Should the US Supreme Court reverse today's decision? Or do you not know enough to say?

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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.4%		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Modera	Liberal
Allow Today's Decision To Stand	60%	59%	61%	68%	62%	50%	66%	57%	56%	50%	36%	70%	51%	41%	54%	76%
Reverse Today's Decision	24%	31%	18%	21%	23%	30%	23%	25%	21%	30%	50%	12%	38%	48%	33%	8%
Do Not Know Enough To Say	15%	10%	21%	12%	15%	20%	11%	17%	23%	20%	14%	18%	11%	11%	13%	16%
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Statement of Methodology: About the Poll: This poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.