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Over 50 participants attend seminar offering answers to important issues connected with Senate Bill 1827

Sacramento, CA – Domestic Partners across the state of California have received a measure of equality when it comes to their taxes. Senate Bill 1827, the State Income Tax Equality Act, affects thousands of same-sex couples throughout the state, giving them the same state income tax rights and responsibilities as other married couples.

As a result of this landmark bill, Equality California and Jane & Jane Magazine, organized a seminar open to the public called *What's Love Got to Do With It? Recent Changes in California Law: Financial, Legal and Taxation Issues for Same-sex Couples*. Over 50 people showed up to listen to featured speakers such as Guy Crouch, C.P.A., E.A., President of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, who helped answer questions relating to: purchasing property together, wills and trusts, power of attorney, joint tenancy, inheritance, adoption and taxes.

Under California state laws, rights for domestic partnerships are not yet on par with rights given to federally recognized marriages, but Senate Bill 1827 is a major hurdle in the fight for equality and provides a source of hope to the Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

Although it has no bearing on 2006 tax returns, Senate Bill 1827 is important to consider when filing taxes for 2007.

It is important to be aware of all the different issues so you can make educated decisions when it comes to tax and financial needs. For more information, please contact Guy Crouch, C.P.A., E.A., President of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce at (916) 446-6600 or guycrouch@comcast.net.

Due to the success of the Nov. 18 seminar, another seminar on the same topic will take place in early 2007.

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