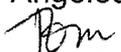




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Dear Mr. Coleman:

Thank you for your March 27, 1999 letter regarding the County's Domestic Partnership Registry Ordinance.

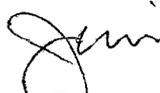
Your letter raised a number of important concerns which, through my staff, I conveyed to both the County Counsel handling this matter and attorneys with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund who have been working closely with the County Counsel.

As a result of your input, the domestic partnership registry form now includes a box for individuals to indicate their unmarried status. Additionally, as you recommended, registrants will now be provided with a separate medical power of attorney form.

I believe that the ordinance approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 6, 1999 represents an improved proposal and one which will assist domestic partners in obtaining workplace health and other benefits.

I read with interest your article in the April 7th Daily Journal and commend you for your longstanding commitment and work on domestic partner issues. If I can be of further assistance in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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