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*Joint Select Task Force
on the
Changing Family*

***PLANNING A FAMILY POLICY
FOR CALIFORNIA***

June 1989

***FIRST YEAR REPORT OF THE
JOINT SELECT TASK FORCE ON THE CHANGING FAMILY***



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Mr. Thomas F. Coleman
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Dear Mr. Coleman:

Tom:

I am pleased to announce that the Senate Rules Committee has appointed you to serve as a member of the Joint Select Task Force on the Changing Family. Your term is at the pleasure of the Rules Committee and compensation will be expenses.

As our appointee to this Task Force, you are required to take an oath of office prescribed by the California Constitution. The oath may be taken before any person authorized by law to administer and certify oaths. Please return the completed oath to the Senate Rules Committee in Room 500, State Capitol, at your earliest convenience so that it may be filed with the appropriate authority.

I appreciate your willingness to serve on this Task Force. If I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Roberti".

DAVID ROBERTI

DR:nmjm

Enclosure

cc: Governor's Office
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LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE RECOGNIZES DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS AS PART OF THE CHANGING FAMILY AGENDA IN CALIFORNIA

Proposals Focus on Employee Benefits, School Curricula, Insurance Discrimination, and Rights of Survivors

A report just published by a state task force urges California lawmakers to recognize domestic partnerships as family relationships.

The report of the Joint Select Task Force on the Changing Family also includes several recommendations to eliminate discrimination against the nearly 1.4 million adults who live in unmarried-couple households in California. The domestic partnership proposals recommend that:

* Public policies should respond to the changing needs of today's families, while respecting their privacy, integrity, and diversity; (See Report, page 11)

* Domestic partnerships should be recognized as family relationships; (See Report, page 101)

* Employee benefit plans should define family broadly enough to encompass the diversity of today's families, regardless of family structure; (See Report, page 27)

* Public schools should expand curricula to promote recognition of family diversity by providing students with current information on changing family structures; (See Report, page 78)

* Counseling services, whether publicly funded or provided through private health plans, should serve not just individuals, but all families regardless of their structure, including unmarried couples. (See Report, page 84)

* Insurance practices, such as rate discrimination against unmarried couples, should be prohibited; (See Report, pages 100-102)

* Wrongful death laws should be amended to allow adult dependents to recover damages when a domestic partner is killed by a criminal, drunk driver, or by other intentional or negligent conduct of a wrongdoer. (See Report, pages 100-102)