



Request for City Council Committee Action from the City Attorney's Office

Date: February 19, 2015

To: Council Member John Quincy, Chair of Ways and Means

Subject: James Obergefell, et al., Petitioners v. Richard Hodges, Director, Ohio Department of Health, et al.

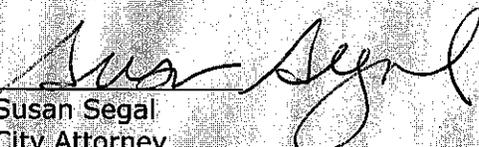
Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Mayor and Police Chief to sign on to Supreme Court amicus brief in favor of Petitioners in the above matter pending before the United States Supreme Court.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Financial Impact

No financial impact

Community Impact

Supporting Information

The case of Obergefell, et al., Petitioners v. Hodges is pending before the United States Supreme Court. The Petitioners in the case are challenging restrictions in Ohio law related to same sex marriage. Specifically, Petitioners are seeking a ruling from the Court that the Fourteenth Amendment requires states to license marriages between two people of the same sex and to recognize marriages between two people of the same sex when their marriage was lawfully licensed and performed in another state. The Mayor and Chief of Police are seeking permission to join friend of the court briefs from Mayors and First Responders, respectively. There will be no cost to the City in authorizing this action.