



Bob Proctor and Hector Martinez

Affidavit of Hector Martinez

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**

JAMES DARBY and PATRICK BOVA, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 12 CH 19718
)	The Honorable Judge
)	Sophia Hall
DAVID ORR, in his official capacity as Cook County)	
Clerk,)	
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Defendant.)	
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TANYA LAZARO and ELIZABETH "LIZ" MATOS,)	
<i>et al.</i> ,)	
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v.)	Case No. 12 CH 19719
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Defendant.)	
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STATE OF ILLINOIS, <i>ex rel.</i> Lisa Madigan, Attorney)	
General of the State of Illinois,)	
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Intervenor,)	AFFIDAVIT OF
)	HECTOR MARTINEZ
CHRISTIE WEBB, in her official capacity as Tazewell)	
County Clerk, and KERRY HIRTZEL, in his official)	
capacity as Effingham County Clerk, DANIEL S.)	
KUHN, in his official capacity as Putnam County)	
Clerk, PATRICIA LYCAN, in her official capacity as)	
Crawford County Clerk, BRENDA BRITTON, in her)	
official capacity as Clay County Clerk,)	
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Intervenors.)	
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care of me. Unfortunately, my mom passed away in September of 2001, but she said she was glad that I am happy and that is all that matters.

8. We have not entered into a civil union. We could not bring ourselves to enter into a civil union because only marriage has meaning to us, and can reflect the depth of our feelings for each other and the significance of our relationship.

9. Civil unions are not the same as marriage. Even the term "civil union" brands families in civil unions as inferior to others and less deserving of respect.

10. I am holding out for the real thing. I want to marry. When we marry, I look forward to a traditional big wedding party with family and friends celebrating and supporting us.

11. Bob and I have been in a committed relationship for more than 20 years, and wish to marry.

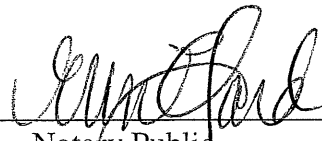
12. Bob and I are both over the age of 18, have the capacity to contract, are not within the degrees of consanguinity or affinity prohibited by law for a legal marriage, are not wards under a guardianship, and are not legally married to any other person.

13. On or about the 11th day of May, 2012, Bob and I appeared in person, prepared to tender the \$60 application fee and identification documents, at the office of the Cook County Clerk to request an application for a marriage license so that we could marry each other in the state of Illinois. An employee of the Cook County Clerk denied us an application for a marriage license because we are two men.

14. I hereby declare, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated in this affidavit are personally known to me, and that they are true.


Hector Martinez

Sworn to before me this 21 day of March, 2013


Notary Public





Robert Proctor and Hector Martinez

Affidavit of Robert Proctor

COUNTY OF PEORIA)
)
STATE OF ILLINOIS) ss.

AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT PROCTOR

Robert Proctor, having been duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am one of the Plaintiffs in this lawsuit.
2. I was born on July 23, 1962, and I am 50 years old.
3. I am in a permanent, loving, and committed relationship of 20 years with Hector Martinez, and we wish to marry. Hector also has provided an affidavit, and we will try not to repeat each other.
4. I was born and raised in British Columbia, Canada.
5. I attended the University of Victoria and got my undergraduate degree in biology. I received my Masters and a PhD degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in plant pathology.
6. I am a research scientist and work as a microbiologist for the United States Department of Agriculture.
7. I moved to Peoria in 1990 to take a job at a research laboratory and met Hector in 1992. We still live together in Peoria.
8. A year after we began dating, I knew that I wanted to make a lifelong commitment to Hector. That is, I wanted to marry him.
9. When the legislature passed the civil union bill, we were glad to see some advancement for the way lesbians and gay men are treated in our state. However, we could not bring ourselves to enter into a civil union because to do so would diminish our relationship to each other. Only marriage reflects the depth of our feelings for each other

and the significance of our relationship. The term “civil union” would brand us as inferior to others and less deserving of respect.

10. Although Hector and I have a variety of legal documents, such as wills and powers of attorney documents, I still worry about whether we will be respected as a family if a medical emergency were to happen to one of us. If we were married we would feel much more secure.

11. We know our vulnerability because we experience disrespect for our relationship in numerous ways, large and small, all the time. For example, most of my relatives live in Canada. But when we go through customs on the way to visit them, Hector and I are forced to separate because neither the Canadian government nor the United States government treats us as a family. Being in a civil union would make no difference to either government; you get treated as a family unit only if you are married.

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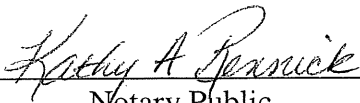
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