

1 think, and he read from it. And he was very nervous and very
 2 upset and very, I'm sure, worried that we would be upset as
 3 well, which we were. And he said after reading the statute,
 4 "I'm very sorry that I cannot give you this license. That I
 5 hope some day I can and I hope you will come back."

6 **Q.** Have you thought about the impact upon you, of you and
 7 Sandy and your relationship of bringing a lawsuit and being a
 8 plaintiff in a civil rights case and what's that like?

9 **A.** I have been thinking about it a lot lately. And to be --
 10 well, Sandy and I really like our life where -- we live in our
 11 house and we see our kids and we see our friends. We don't
 12 want anything to change about our life. In fact, we would
 13 really like our life to just get better and better.

14 And when I think about whether or not what we want to
 15 have happen would make it possible for other people to have
 16 that happen, that makes me really happy, but it, most
 17 importantly, comes from a place of just wanting our lives to
 18 feel better than they do right now.

19 **Q.** If the courts of the United States were ultimately decided
 20 that you and other same -- persons seeking to marry someone of
 21 the same sex could indeed, did indeed have the constitutional
 22 right to get married, do you think that would have an effect on
 23 other acts of discrimination against you?

24 **MR. RAUM:** Objection, your Honor. S

25 **THE COURT:** Close, but objection over

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
 CALIFORNIA

Case number: 3:09-cv-02292-VRW

PLTF EXHIBIT NO. PX3002

Date admitted: _____

By: _____

1 think, and he read from it. And he was very nervous and very
2 upset and very, I'm sure, worried that we would be upset as
3 well, which we were. And he said after reading the statute,
4 "I'm very sorry that I cannot give you this license. That I
5 hope some day I can and I hope you will come back."

6 **Q.** Have you thought about the impact upon you, of you and
7 Sandy and your relationship of bringing a lawsuit and being a
8 plaintiff in a civil rights case and what's that like?

9 **A.** I have been thinking about it a lot lately. And to be --
10 well, Sandy and I really like our life where -- we live in our
11 house and we see our kids and we see our friends. We don't
12 want anything to change about our life. In fact, we would
13 really like our life to just get better and better.

14 And when I think about whether or not what we want to
15 have happen would make it possible for other people to have
16 that happen, that makes me really happy, but it, most
17 importantly, comes from a place of just wanting our lives to
18 feel better than they do right now.

19 **Q.** If the courts of the United States were ultimately decided
20 that you and other same -- persons seeking to marry someone of
21 the same sex could indeed, did indeed have the constitutional
22 right to get married, do you think that would have an effect on
23 other acts of discrimination against you?

24 **MR. RAUM:** Objection, your Honor. Speculation.

25 **THE COURT:** Close, but objection overruled. State of

1 mind. You may answer.

2 **A.** I believe for me, personally as a lesbian, that if I had
3 grown up in a world where the most important decision I was
4 going to make as an adult was treated the same way as everybody
5 else's decision, that I would not have been treated the way I
6 was growing up or as an adult.

7 There's something so humiliating about everybody
8 knowing that you want to make that decision and you don't get
9 to that, you know, it's hard to face the people at work and the
10 people even here right now. And many of you have this, but I
11 don't.

12 So I have to still find a way to feel okay and not
13 take every bit of discriminatory behavior toward me too
14 personally because in the end that will only hurt me and my
15 family.

16 So if Prop 8 were undone and kids like me growing up
17 in Bakersfield right now could never know what this felt like,
18 then I assume that their entire lives would be on a higher
19 arch. They would live with a higher sense of themselves that
20 would improve the quality of their entire life.

21 **MR. OLSON:** Thank you, your Honor. I have no further
22 questions.

23 **THE COURT:** Very well. You may cross examine, Mr.
24 Raum, is it?

25 **MR. RAUM:** Yes, your Honor.