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Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
C/O Stamp Development
U.S. Postal Service
1735 North Lynn St Suite 5013
Arlington, VA 22209-6432

Re: Honor Harvey Milk with a U.S. Postage Stamp

Dear Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee,

I respectfully request that a commemorative stamp be issued soon honoring Harvey Milk and his work in the LGBT movement for civil rights and equality. As the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in California, as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Milk helped open the doors for gays and lesbians in the United States by championing the civil rights for homosexuals. Since Milk's murder in 1978, he has remained a symbol of activism for the LGBT community.

President Obama recently awarded Harvey Milk the 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom. As you know, this is America's highest civilian honor, awarded to individuals who make an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interest of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.

The Governor of the State of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger, recently inducted Harvey Milk into the California Hall of Fame to honor his contribution to California saying he "embodies California's innovative spirit and has made a mark in history."

Harvey Milk is revered nationally and globally as a pioneer of the LGBT civil rights movement for his exceptional leadership and dedication to equal rights.

Please give serious consideration to this worthy cause. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Simplot".

Tom Simplot
Councilman, District 4