

# Beyond Marriage Equality *LGBT Issues in 2016*



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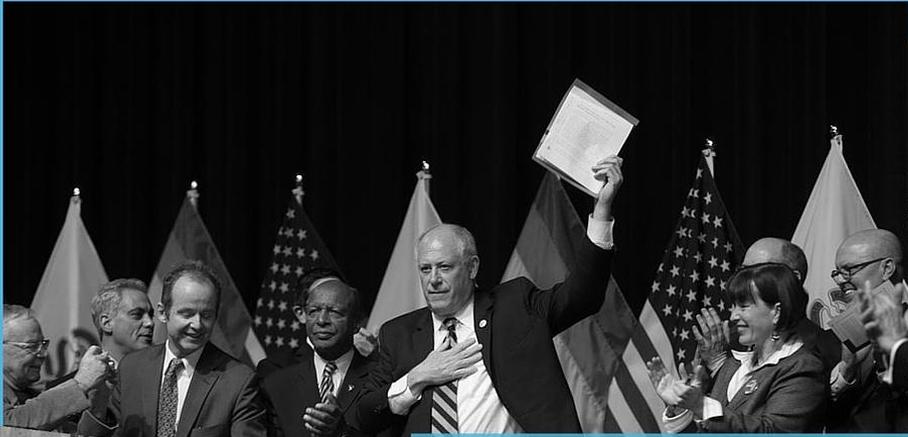
Equality Illinois builds a better Illinois by advancing equal treatment and social justice through education, advocacy, and protection of the rights of the LGBT community.



# We Educate



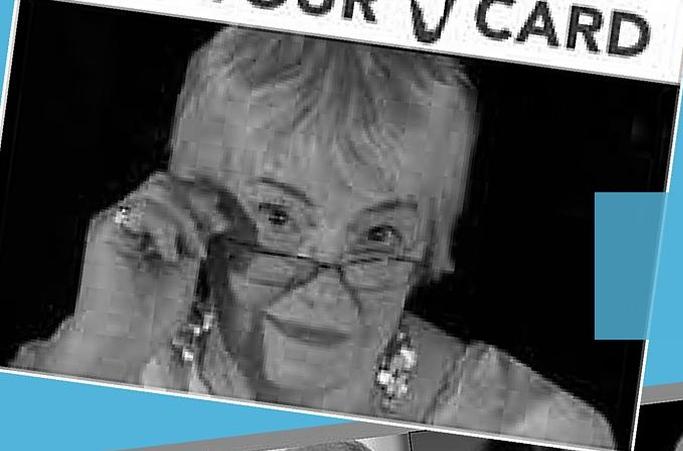
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# We Lobby



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We Elect

Remind your friends to #GetYourVCard



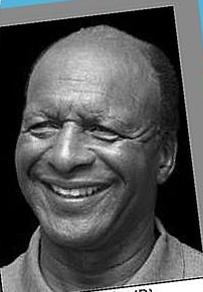
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POLITICAL  
ACTION  
COMMITTEE  
ENDORSES



Pat Quinn (D)  
for Governor



Lisa Madigan (D)  
for Attorney General



Jesse White (D)  
for Secretary of State



Mike Ererichs (D)



2014  
Endorsements



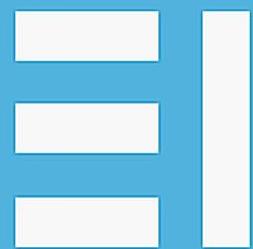
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**2015 Nationwide Marriage Equality!!**



**Take our wedding cake & go home?**



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UNTIL WE'RE ALL EQUAL



# Ten years of Non-Discrimination Protection for LGBT Illinoisans



## Public Accommodations

## Housing

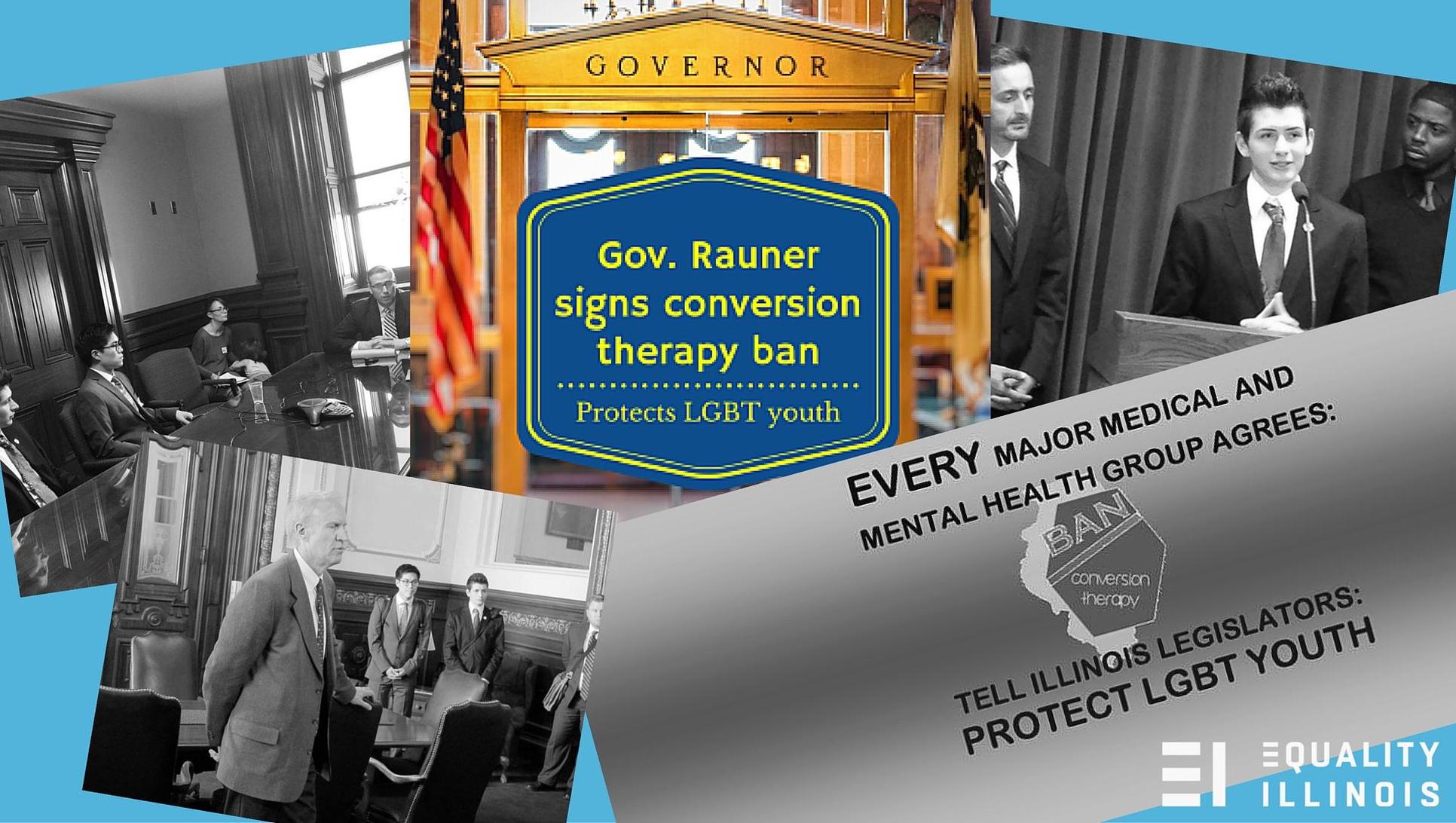
## Employment



**1990 – LGB-Inclusive Hate  
Crimes Protections**

**2011 – Civil Unions**

**2014 – Anti-Bullying Law**



**Gov. Rauner  
signs conversion  
therapy ban**  
.....  
Protects LGBT youth

**EVERY MAJOR MEDICAL AND  
MENTAL HEALTH GROUP AGREES:**



**TELL ILLINOIS LEGISLATORS:  
PROTECT LGBT YOUTH**

**Gov. Rauner signs  
major equality bill!**

GOVERNOR

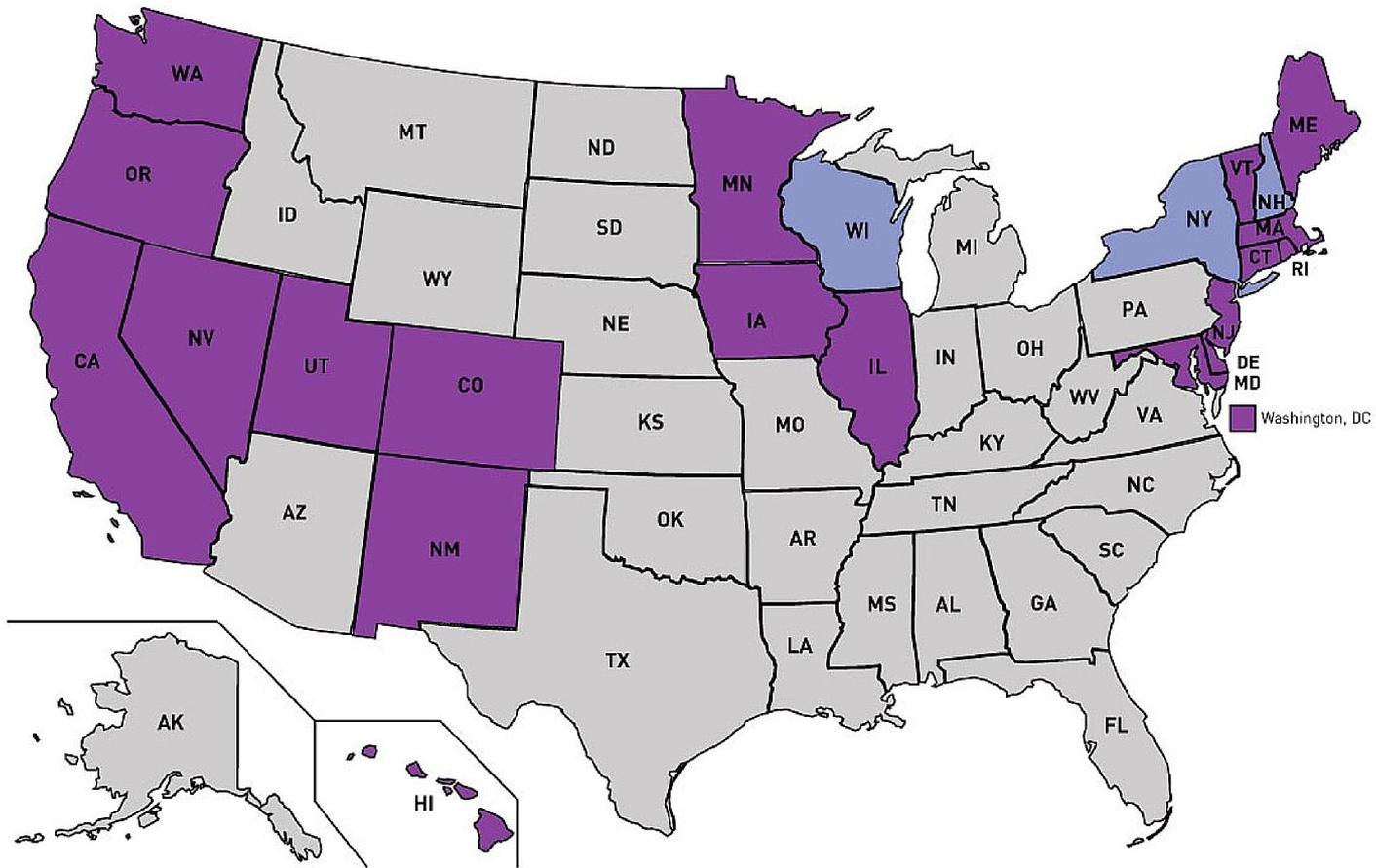
**HB 3930 – Adds trans  
Illinoisans and LGBT  
community centers  
to Illinois hate  
crimes protections!**



**Gov. Rauner signs  
trans equality bill**

**Illinoisans can designate gender  
identity in binding funeral and  
burial instructions**





**First Amendment  
Defense Act  
Introduced in Congress in  
July 2015; SB 2164 in Illinois**

**The bill is a free pass to  
discriminate against LGBT  
people and single  
heterosexual parents.**

TRANSGENDER STUDENTS IN ILLINOIS  
SCHOOLS ARE  
UNDER ATTACK

**HB 4474**

**Forces  
transgender  
students to use  
separate school  
facilities from  
their peers**



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RESPOND NOW:  
[TINYURL.COM/HB4474-PETITION](https://tinyurl.com/HB4474-PETITION)

**40% of homeless youth identify as LGBT**

**55,000 public school students  
experiencing homelessness in Illinois**

**Yet Illinois only has 580 shelter beds  
specifically for youth**

**81% public support for equal  
rights and protections for trans  
people**

Examining Attitudes towards the “T” in LGBT – UIS – July 2014

# However...

**54% support trans-inclusive US Armed Forces**

**41% support using public funds (Medicare, Medicaid) for trans-inclusive healthcare**

**38% support the right of a prisoner to trans-inclusive healthcare**

**37% support trans-inclusive policies in K-12 education**

**90% of trans people are discriminated against in the workplace**

**78% of trans people are bullied and harassed in schools**

**40% of homeless youth identify as LGBT**

**41% of trans people attempt suicide  
(vs. less than 2% of the general population)**



Papi Edwards India Clarke Shade Senties  
Ashton O'Hara London Chanel  
Ty Underwood Lamia Beard  
Yazmin Vash Payne Kandis Capri  
Elisha Walker Tamara Dominguez  
Taja Gabrielle DeJesus  
Penny Proud Mercedes Williamson  
Amber Monroe K.C. Haggard



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 **MSNBC**

**What can we do?**

## We Support

### END PANIC DEFENSES

SB 3046, an initiative of Equality Illinois, prohibits the use of LGBT panic defenses in murder cases.

### ENSURE A JURY OF ONE'S PEERS

SB 3286, an initiative of Equality Illinois, establishes non-discrimination protections in jury service on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, economic status, sexual orientation and gender identity.

### MODERNIZE VITAL RECORDS ACT

Consistent with modern medical standards, HB 6073 updates the law regarding changing the gender marker on a birth certificate.

### RESPONSIBLE AND FAIR BUDGET

Illinois needs a budget with adequate revenue to protect vital services.



## We Oppose

### LICENSE TO DISCRIMINATE

SB 2164 sanctions discrimination against LGBT couples and single parents.

### ISOLATION OF TRANSGENDER YOUTH

HB 4474 prohibits transgender and gender non-conforming students from using school facilities that correspond to their gender identity.

# Equality Illinois 2016 Legislative Agenda

**SB 3046 prohibits the use of LGBT panic defenses in murder cases**

**SB 3286 establishes non-discrimination protections in jury service**

**Supports a responsible and fair budget with adequate revenue to protect vital services**

Equality Illinois' fight for full equality for LGBT Illinoisans continues with this robust 2016 legislative agenda. Read more on these issues at [equalityillinois.org/2016-agenda](http://equalityillinois.org/2016-agenda).

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# House Bill 6073

## Modernizing the Vital Records Act



# House Bill 6073

Modernizes the standard in Illinois to correct the  
gender marker on a birth certificate

Current law: operation

HB 6073: clinically appropriate treatment

# Why is House Bill 6073 important?

For transgender and intersex people, HB 6073 reduces the risk of discrimination, harassment, embarrassment, and assault

# Student Non-Discrimination Act





# ***Equality Act***

- ~ Employment
- ~ Housing
- ~ Education
- ~ Public Accommodations
- ~ Federal Funding
- ~ Credit
- ~ Jury Service

Laws are  
important,  
but we need  
to ensure  
lived  
equality!

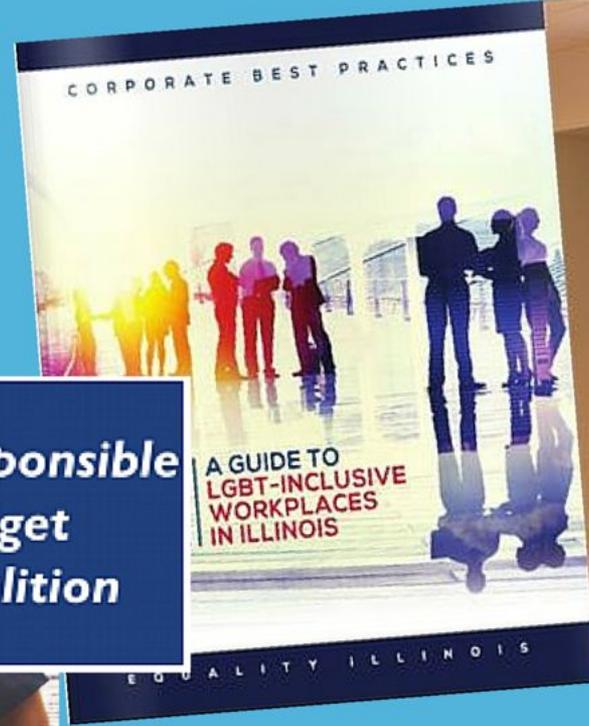


FOR EVERY PERSON  
IN EVERY CORNER  
OF OUR STATE.

# What is EI doing?



**Responsible  
Budget  
Coalition**





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## State Saturday,



### "Examining the 'T' in LGBT"

- Online survey
- Nationally represented
- Weighted to match population estimates
- Over-sample of individuals who self-identify as LGBT
- July 21- July 24, 2015
- 774 respondents



### Violence in the LGBTQ Community

- Highest rates among trans people and people of color
- State of emergency for trans women
- Queer rights struggle began to resist state violence

## BLACK LIVES MATTER





# **≡QUALITY CON 2016**

**UIC Student Center East  
May 13 - 14  
Early Bird Rate: \$45**



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