

George Whitesides is a major donor to a group that worked to prevent pedophiles from registering as sex offenders.

In 2020, 2021, And 2022 Whitesides Was Listed As A Donor & Sponsor Of Equality California And Has Since Been Endorsed By The Organization

- **NOTE:** *The 2020, 2021, and 2022 annual reports do not list an amount associated with the tiers Whitesides was listed. According to the [2019 Annual Report](#), the year prior, a “State Innovator” contributes \$20,000-\$49,999, a “Regional Influencer” contributes \$10,000-\$19,999, and a “Local Leader” contributes \$5,000 - \$9,999. However, it is not confirmed the amount for the years Whitesides contributed.*

Equality California’s 2020 Annual Report Lists Whitesides As A Donor & Sponsor. (2020 Annual Report, [Equality California](#), 7/1/21, p.43)

State Innovators
Trevor Allen
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Antoinette DeVargas & Susan McCabe
Michael Golder & Drew Murphy
Carl Page
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Regional Influencers

Bert Bower
David Cruz & Steve Greene
James Frost
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Congresswoman Sara Jacobs
Laurie Hasencamp & Mike Lurey
Jeff & Ryan Harlow-Nakano
John Marciano
Randall Clark & Tom Maddox
Antoinette DeVargas & Susan McCabe
Michael Golder & Drew Murphy
Richard Poppen
Clarissa Filgioun & Chris Robert
Tom Steyer
George & Loretta Whitesides
Councilmember Geoff Kors &
Hon. James Williamson

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Equality California's 2022 Annual Report Lists Whitesides As Donor & Sponsor. (2022 Annual Report, [Equality California](#), p.41, Published: 2023)

Local Leaders

David Benz
Jerry Bloom
Joel Kim Booster
Steven Brancato
Tom Buttgenbach
Cecilia Cabello
David Cruz & Steven Greene
Cary Davidson & Andrew Ogilvie
Dr. Trevan Fischer & Lance Radford
Shayna Englin
Lee Erwin
Laura Brill & Ellen Evans
Kyle Ferari
Hon. Laura Friedman
Robert Gleason & Marc M. Matys
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Scott Malzahn & Caesar Herrera
Elizabeth Mettler & Scott Garrett
Danielle Morris
Jane Natoli
Dean Pitchford & Michael Mealiffe
Rich Poppen
Clarissa Filgioun & Chris Robert
Matthew Rogers
Ranjit Pradhan & Vishal Saluja
Herb Schultz & Stuart Leviton
Ann Sheffer & Bill Scheffler
George & Loretta Whitesides
Laura Zagar

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In 2023, Whitesides Was Endorsed By Equality California. (Equality California, [Twitter](#), 11/15/23)



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Equality California Supported SB 145, Which Lowered The Penalties For Adults Who Have Sex With Same-Sex Minors; The Bill Enables A 24-Year-Old To Have Sexual Relations With A Minor As Young As 15 Without Having To Register As A Sex Offender

Equality California Sponsored SB 145. “SB 145 will address the state’s discriminatory practice of treating LGBTQ+ young people differently than their non-LGBTQ+ peers when engaging in voluntary sexual activity. Currently, for example, if an 18-year-old boy has voluntary sex with his 17-year-old girlfriend, he isn’t automatically required to register as a sex offender. But if an 18-year-old boy has voluntary sex with his 17-year-old boyfriend or an 18-year-old girl has voluntary sex with her 17-year-old girlfriend, they’re automatically required to register as sex offenders, no matter the circumstances. SB 145 only applies when a teenager age 14 or older has consensual sex with a partner who is within 10 years of age. Equality California is cosponsoring SB 145 along with Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey.” ([Equality California](#), Accessed 3/14/23)

LGBTQ+ Young People Nondiscrimination – SB 145 by Senator Scott Wiener and LA County District Attorney Jackie Lacey

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Status: Signed into law by Governor Newsom on September 11, 2020.

([Equality California](#), Accessed 3/14/23)



(Equality California, [Twitter](#), 9/11/20)

Senate Bill 145 Would Remove A Requirement For Offenders To Register As A Sex Offender After Committing Certain Sex Acts With Minors (Ages 14 – 17) Within A 10-Year Age Difference. “A California bill that would remove a requirement for offenders to register as a sex offender after committing certain sex acts with minors within a 10-year age difference is set to go to Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk after passing in both legislative houses. The bill, SB 145, applies in cases where the victim is between the ages of 14 and 17 and aims to lift an existing registration requirement for oral and anal sex. The state senate and assembly both voted to approve the bill on Tuesday despite Republican opposition in the Senate and bipartisan opposition in the assembly.” (Ron Blitzer, “California Bill To Lower Penalties For Sexual Relations With Minor Heads To Newsom's Desk,” [Fox News](#), 9/3/20)

Senate Bill 145 Lowers The Penalties For Adults Who Have Sex With Same-Sex Minors. “California's Democrat Governor Gavin Newsom just signed Senate Bill 145, which lowers the penalties for adults who have sex with same-sex minors.” (Katy Grimes, “Gov. Newsom Signs Bill To Protect Sex Offenders Who Have Homosexual Sex With Minors,” [California Globe](#), 9/12/20)