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A San Francisco Bay Area organization for gay & bisexual Asian/Pacific Islander Men

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CHILDREN OF GAY COUPLES AND CHURCH GROUPS MARCH AT CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE ON MARCH 3rd

Float Features 6-Ft Globe Celebrating the Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage

(San Francisco, Calif.)—March 1, 2007—The Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) and a broad coalition of supporters will feature children of gay couples and church groups at this year's annual, "Chinese New Year Parade" celebration on Saturday, March 3, 2007 in downtown Chinatown, San Francisco from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm (rain or shine).

GAPA's float will feature a 6-ft globe encircled by rainbow-colored hearts that illuminate the countries around the world with full legal recognition for same-sex couples and their families. Six Asian same-sex couples and children will be wearing traditional, wedding attire from various Asian cultures. They will be surrounded by dozens of families, church groups, members of clergy and marriage equality supporters. Marchers will be dressed in festive, red ponchos emblazoned with Chinese characters that illustrate support for marriage equality.

"In this year's parade, GAPA wishes for a love without boundaries," said Robert Bernardo, GAPA co-chairman. "As we celebrate the Chinese New Year, we want to show that everyone deserves the freedom to marry, raise a family, and live a long happy and prosperous life."

GAPA's theme this year is, "Love Without Boundaries," and the GAPA float will showcase how Chinese Americans embrace same-sex couples as part of the global family. Last year's float featured a gay family tree—family, picket fence, and a dog. Two years ago, it was a gay wedding cake. The San Francisco Chinese New Year celebration originated in the 1860's during the Gold Rush and is now the largest Asian event outside of Asia. This year is "The Year of the Golden Boar: Year 4705" and highlights include acrobats and the Golden Dragon ("Gum Lung").

