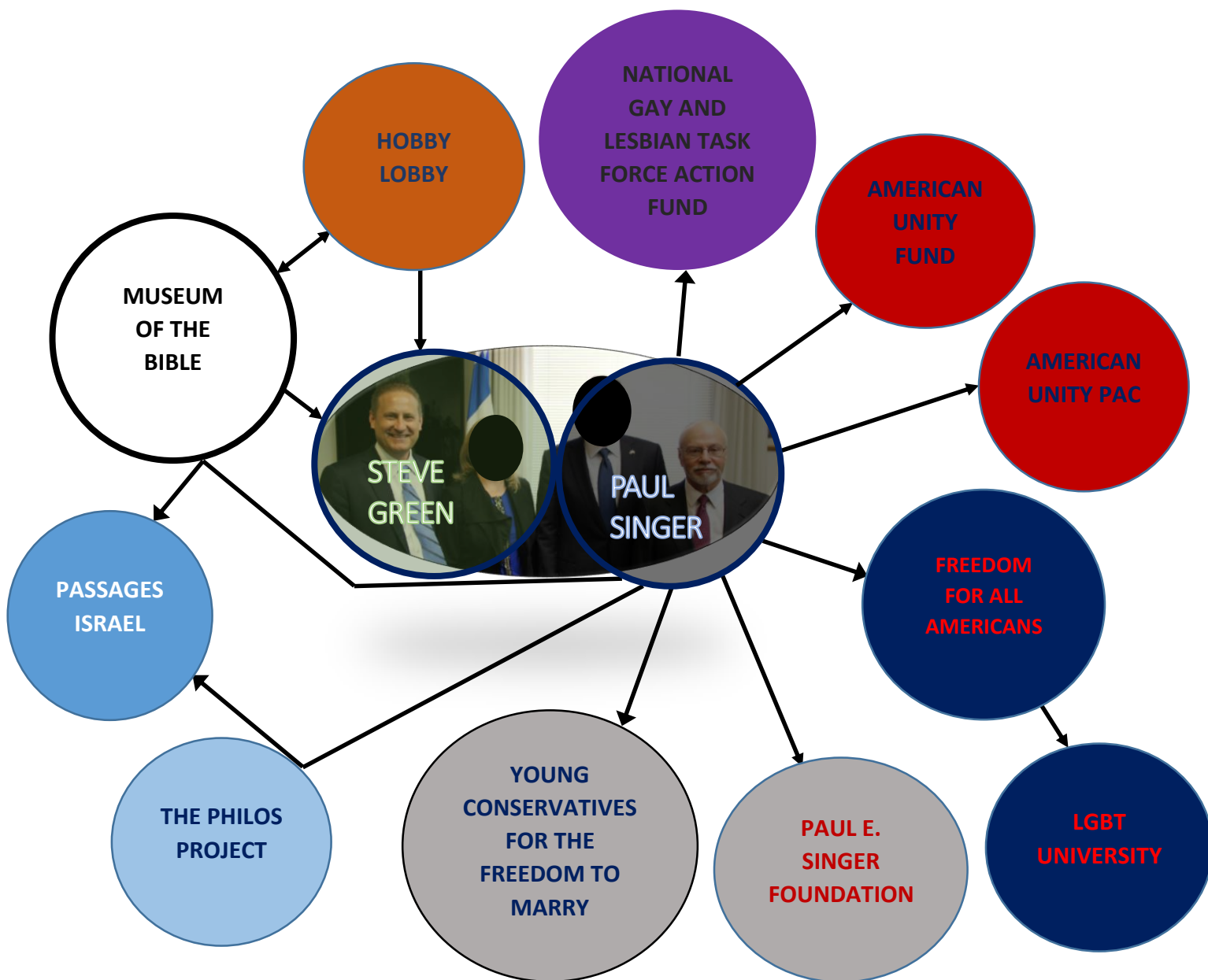


## Billionaire LGBT Activist Paul Singer Partners with Christians to Reach Millennials



**AMERICAN UNITY FUND** – Created for the purpose of advancing LGBT causes in conservatism and backed by Paul Singer.

**AMERICAN UNITY PAC** – A Super PAC launched by Paul Singer to [elect pro-LGBT advocates to federal office](#).

**FREEDOM FOR ALL AMERICANS** – Paul Singer partnered with Quark founder Tim Gill to start this pro-LGBT group. The group lists Hobby Lobby as an [“enemy of equality”](#) for giving money to the National Christian Foundation, a donor-advised fund.

**HOBBY LOBBY** – Donated to MOTB. Steve Green is President of the company and also serves as Chairman of the Museum of the Bible.

**LGBT UNIVERSITY** – [LGBT University](#) is a program of Freedom For All Americans to train young LGBT activists.

**MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE (MOTB)** – Steve Green is Chairman of MOTB. President Cary Summers was involved with organizing *Passages Israel* and worked to obtain funding from Paul Singer and The Philos Project. MOTB leases office space from Hobby Lobby and pays a salary to Steve Green, President of Hobby Lobby. Since 2011, MOTB has had a traveling exhibit about the history of the Bible, called *Passages*.

**NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE ACTION FUND** – [Funded by the Paul E. Singer Foundation](#)

**PASSAGES ISRAEL** – A tour and training program to reach Christian student leaders created in 2015 and jointly funded by the Museum of the Bible and Paul Singer through a nonprofit organization, The Philos Project.

**PAUL SINGER** – CEO of Elliott Management Corporation. The hedge fund billionaire is a major funder of The Philos Project and other groups. He financed the [litigation against California Prop 8](#) and is responsible for [New York Republican legislators changing their votes](#) to support same-sex marriage in 2011.

**PAUL E. SINGER FOUNDATION** – Paul Singer personally funds this foundation that [supports the LGBT agenda](#) through philanthropy. The Foundation gave \$789,000 to the pro-LGBT Human Rights Campaign in 2014. Paul Singer and his partner, Terry Kassel, are directors for the Foundation, where she serves as counsel.

**STEVE GREEN** – Christian businessman, President of Hobby Lobby, Chairman of Museum of the Bible.

**THE PHILOS PROJECT** – A [corporation funded by Paul Singer](#). Jointly sponsors the *Passages Israel* student program with Museum of the Bible. The executive director of The Philos Project was a research associate with The Paul E. Singer Foundation, where [Terry Kassel](#) is a director and who also serves on the Elliott Management Committee.

**YOUNG CONSERVATIVES FOR THE FREEDOM TO MARRY** – An initiative [funded by Paul Singer](#) that attempted to remove recognition of natural marriage from the Republican platform and push for a pro-LGBT platform.

## Paul Singer On Same-Sex Marriage and LGBT Rights

**American Unity Fund** [www.americanunityfund.com](http://www.americanunityfund.com). (Founded by Paul Singer as a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization.)

About

The mission of American Unity Fund, a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization, is freedom. **We are dedicated to advancing the cause of freedom for LGBT Americans** by making the conservative case that freedom truly means freedom for everyone.

Republicans believe strongly in the American Dream. Too often government serves as an obstacle to prosperity for millions of Americans – confiscating their wealth with escalating taxes, strangling their businesses with burdensome regulations and undermining our economy with unsustainable spending and increasing uncertainty. For Americans who happen to be LGBT, it goes one step farther, denying them the same rights and responsibilities extended to every other taxpaying family. We believe the American Dream belongs to all of us, regardless of our sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Because of our commitment to these values, pro-freedom conservatives, major GOP donors and ordinary American citizens who care about their LGBT neighbors have come together in a new effort to build more Republican support for LGBT rights. That effort is American Unity Fund.**

Republicans and our nation are on a journey. Each day, more and more Americans are seeing their LGBT neighbors through the prism of their own lives – recognizing they are deserving of the same rights and responsibilities under the law. Americans are coming to the realization that it is wrong for government to pick winners and losers among us and to misuse the power we grant it to restrict the freedoms of individuals solely because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. And Americans are reaching the conclusion that committed couples are good for our society – taking responsibility for each other so the government doesn't have to.

Building the best future for our country requires us to stand up on the right side of history for freedom and equality for all Americans.

**American Unity PAC** [www.americanunitypac.com](http://www.americanunitypac.com) (Founded by Paul Singer as a Super PAC)

About

American Unity PAC is a federal independent expenditure-only committee (Super PAC) registered with the Federal Election Commission that is focused exclusively on protecting and promoting candidates for U.S. House and U.S. Senate who support freedom for all Americans, regardless of their **sexual orientation**.

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### Wikipedia

Gay rights

**Singer has contributed to gay-rights causes and same-sex marriage campaigns and has also actively sought to persuade other conservatives to support gay marriage.** He has joined other Wall Street executives in support of LGBT equality in the workplace as a means of retaining employees and improving overall business outcomes. Singer stated that same-sex marriage promotes “family stability” and said that in a time when “the institution of marriage in America has utterly collapsed,” the fact that gay couples want to marry “is kind of a lovely thing and a cool thing and a wonderful thing.”

**Singer, whose son married his partner in Massachusetts, also donated \$425,000 of his own money and raised another \$500,000 to support the drive for legalization of gay marriage in New York, and in October 2012, Singer donated \$250,000 to the Maryland Marriage Campaign.**

**In 2012, Singer provided \$1 million to start a political action committee named American Unity PAC. According to the New York Times, the PAC's "sole mission will be to encourage Republican candidates to support same-sex marriage, in part by helping them to feel financially shielded from any blowback from well-funded groups that oppose it."**

In 2014, Singer contributed \$375,000 to support the gay rights activist group Americans for Workplace Opportunity in an effort to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. This bill requires workplace protections to extend out to the LGBT community. Singer spent more than \$10 million, since 2010, to help push Republicans and states to support and legalize gay marriage.

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#### Same-sex marriage

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Archived at [http://research.omicsgroup.org/index.php/Paul\\_Singer\\_\(businessman\)](http://research.omicsgroup.org/index.php/Paul_Singer_(businessman))

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*National Journal*, January 12, 2016

*Group Aiming to Change GOP's Anti-Gay-Marriage Platform Plank Expands*

... a well-funded effort to change the Republican Party's official opposition to gay marriage is getting big money backing and vastly expanding its scope, hopeful that the Supreme Court's recent decision to legalize same-sex marriage will push conservatives to abandon a platform plank they once embraced eagerly.

Since April 2014, the group Young Conservatives for the Freedom to Marry has tried to persuade influential Republicans and potential convention delegates that they should remove anti-gay marriage language from the Republican Party platform at next year's GOP convention. For the past year and a half, that effort—ranging from public rallies to media interviews to private conversations—has been confined to early primary and caucus states, like Iowa and South Carolina.

Now, the effort will target all 50 states, deploying at least a dozen staffers to lead the charge that, boosters say, will help the GOP win the 2016 presidential election. And the platform changing push has a new benefactor: **American Unity Fund**, a well-heeled group backed by hedge fund billionaire Paul Singer, has agreed to underwrite the operation. (Previously, Young Conservatives had been part of the group Freedom to Marry, a pro same-sex marriage organization that is shuttering after the Supreme Court's decision this summer.) American Unity's super PAC spent over \$6.2 million in the 2014 election cycle.

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/s/90934/group-aiming-change-gops-anti-gay-marriage-platform-plank-expands>

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*Washington Post*, April 24, 2014

*Meet the wealthy donor who's trying to get Republicans to support gay marriage*

Since 2010, [Paul] Singer has spent more than \$10 million trying to get states to legalize gay marriage and get Republicans to join the battle.

New York state's legalization of gay marriage would not have been possible without the support of four Republican state senators or the financial help of Singer and fellow hedge fund managers Cliff Asness and Daniel Loeb. Reframing the marriage debate in New Hampshire around freedom instead of equality probably played a role in the state's decision to legalize.

Singer has given more than \$10 million to these different state efforts. In 2012, he gave \$250,000 to Marylanders for Marriage Equality. He, former Republican National Committee chair Ken Mehlman, and Paypal founder Peter Thiel hosted an anti-Proposition 8 fundraiser in New York City in 2010, organized by the American Foundation for Equal Rights. Singer has since tackled bigger battles at the national and international level.

He has given \$375,000 to Americans for Workplace Opportunity to help push 48 House Republicans to support the Employment Non-Discrimination Act this year. **The Paul E. Singer Foundation is working with the Human Rights Campaign to support LGBT rights across the globe.** On Feb. 24, 2014, he presented an award at a Citizens Committee for New York City event to lawyers David Boies and Theodore Olson, who faced off against each other in *Bush v. Gore* and later won a Supreme Court case that struck down California's same-sex marriage ban -- a perfect example of the bipartisan support for LGBT rights that Singer preaches. "Ted and David's passionate and eloquent commitment to this cause is a big part of the reason that America is in the midst of a sea change when it comes to gay rights and

gay marriage,” Singer said. “And it’s a change for the better.” Boies and Olson are angling to have a role in the legal fight over Utah’s and Oklahoma’s gay marriage bans.

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*CNN Money*, May 19, 2014  
*Wall Street CEOs open up about their gay sons*

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Hedge fund billionaire Paul Singer, CEO of Elliott Management Corp., said that before his son Andrew came out of the closet he would have rated himself "a solid 2.1" out of 10 when it came to accepting LGBT issues.

One night in 1998, when he and Andrew were at dinner, Andrew started asking Singer about his "views on homosexuality." The questions were asked in such a way that Singer began to wonder whether his son could be gay.

"[I reacted] with fear and nervousness, I worried about the health aspects ... grandfatherhood," Singer said.

He was determined to handle the issue carefully, but he wasted no time getting to the bottom of it.

The next day, "[Andrew] was walking in the door, and right there, [I said], 'Are you gay?'" Singer recalled. "He basically said 'yes.'"

Over the next couple months, Singer said his conversations with Andrew brought him to a 5.5 or 6 out of 10 on the acceptance scale. He eventually became a steadfast supporter of gay rights.

In 2012, he launched the American Unity PAC, which aims to persuade fellow conservatives to support same-sex marriage. He has actively supported same-sex marriage campaigns and makes large donations to LGBT groups.

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<http://money.cnn.com/2014/05/19/pf/ceos-gay-sons/>

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*The New York Times*, June 9, 2012  
*The G.O.P.'s Gay Trajectory*

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But the progress within Republican ranks has also been pivotal, not to mention fascinating. And a compelling character in that subplot just added a new twist to the narrative, one that suggests the rapidly changing political dynamics of this issue and its potential import to a party dogged by an image of being culturally out of touch.

That character is Paul E. Singer, 67, a billionaire hedge fund manager who is among the most important Republican donors nationwide. In just one Manhattan fund-raiser last month, he helped to collect more than \$5 million for Mitt Romney’s presidential campaign.

He steadfastly supports conservative candidates. He also steadfastly supports gay rights in general and marriage equality in particular. Along with a few other leading Wall Street financiers, he contributed and helped drum up the majority of the money — more than \$1 million — that fueled the campaign for same-sex marriage in New York.

He has given nearly \$10 million of his own money to gay-rights initiatives, including the same-sex marriage efforts not only in New York but also in New Hampshire and New Jersey. And that figure doesn’t include his assistance in tapping a broad network of donors for individual candidates. He was pivotal in rounding up about \$250,000 apiece for the Republican state senators in New York whose votes for same-sex marriage provided its margin of victory in the Legislature.

Now, Singer says, he’s providing \$1 million to start a new “super PAC” with several Republican compatriots. Named American Unity PAC, its sole mission will be to encourage Republican candidates to support same-sex marriage, in part by helping them to feel financially shielded from any blowback from well-funded groups that oppose it.

In an interview on Tuesday, he told me that he’s confident that in Congressional races, which would most likely be the super PAC’s initial focus, there are more than a few Republicans “who could be on the verge of support” or are “harboring and hiding their views.”

“And this kind of effort could be catalytic in generating some more movement,” he said.

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/10/opinion/sunday/the-gops-gay-trajectory.html>

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*The Washington Post*, May 3, 2013

*Meet the billionaire hedge fund manager quietly shaping the GOP gay marriage debate*

A battle within the Republican Party over same-sex marriage is unfolding on two fronts, in public and behind the scenes. In the latter case, one of the most influential players is a billionaire hedge fund manager largely unknown to those who don't work in finance or mix with political mega donors.

That man is Paul E. Singer, who over the years has used his wealth to spur Republicans to support gay marriage laws. Now, Singer is expanding his reach with the creation of an advocacy group which aims to spend millions influencing the legislative debate over same-sex marriage across the country.

Singer, the 68-year-old founder of Elliott Management Corporation, is not a newcomer to the political battle over gay rights. He coaxed Republican state senators in New York to back a same-sex marriage law in 2011, offering financial cover against backlash stemming from their votes, helping raise six figures for each of them.

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For Singer, there is a personal connection to the issue. His son is gay and got married in Massachusetts, something Singer mentioned in a 2010 speech at a fundraiser for the American Foundation for Equal Rights.

Singer started American Unity PAC in 2012, infusing the operation with a big early donation. The super PAC spent over \$2 million on congressional races last cycle, according to data compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics. The group had limited success, backing more losing candidates than winning ones.

Even so, the creation of the PAC offered a new financial vessel for donors looking to protect Republicans friendly to gay rights, serving as a countermeasure to anti-gay marriage groups like the National Organization for Marriage.

Several months ago, Singer laid the groundwork for American Unity Fund, a 501(c)(4) nonprofit affiliated with the super PAC. The effort was officially announced last week. It's an effort to branch into advocacy and lobbying and to delve further into legislative battles at the state level.

American Unity Fund has already raised \$2 million and plans to raise millions more. It recently found success in Rhode Island, which on Thursday became the 10th state to legalize gay marriage. The group convinced state senate Republicans to support gay marriage there and is also trying to win over Republican lawmakers in Minnesota, where there is a legislative effort to legalize same-sex marriage.

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<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2013/05/03/meet-the-billionaire-hedge-fund-manager-quietly-shaping-the-gop-gay-marriage-debate/>

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*Politico*, June 26, 2013

*Gay marriage rulings praised by GOP mega-donor Paul Singer*

Paul Singer, the GOP mega-bundler who formed a super PAC, aimed at increasing the ranks of pro-gay marriage candidates, hailed the twin Supreme Court rulings today as “a victory for gay couples, for their families and for freedom.”

Singer, the Elliott Associates billionaire who was one of Mitt Romney’s major bundlers in 2012, made the comment in a note thanking donors who’ve contributed to the American Unity PAC, which he formed last year.

“Today’s two Supreme Court rulings are a victory for gay couples, for their families and for freedom,” he wrote in the note, which a recipient provided to POLITICO. “I’m delighted that marriages will resume in California and lawfully married same-sex couples will be recognized by the federal government under the law. I am grateful for your support for the Perry v. Hollingsworth case, which has been instrumental in shaping the national conversation in support of freedom to marry over the last four years.”

He added the two lawyers who fought the California Prop. 8 case, Republican Ted Olson and Democrat David Boies, showed “that support for marriage should not and need not be a partisan issue. I will continue to support efforts to win marriage state by state.”

The reclusive Singer, whose son is gay, also has been among the major donors to gay marriage initiatives in several states, including helping fund the effort in New York in 2011.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/06/paul-singer-gay-marriage-rulings-93457.html>

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### California Proposition 8 Marriage Case

Singer helped finance the litigation of Ted Olsen and David Boise against the California marriage amendment.

<http://www.towleroad.com/2010/09/afer-post.html>

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*The New York Times*, March 23, 2012

*Gay Marriage Effort Attracts a Novel Group of Donors*

As surprising — and encouraging — to organizers of the movement are the Wall Street names added to their roster. Prominent among them is **Paul Singer**, a hedge fund manager who is straight and chairman of the conservative Manhattan Institute. He has donated more than \$8 million to various same-sex marriage efforts, in states including California, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Oregon, much of it since 2007.

“It’s become something that gradually people like myself weren’t afraid to fund, weren’t afraid to speak out on,” Mr. Singer said in an interview. “I’m somebody who is philosophically very conservative, and on this issue, I thought that this really was important on the basis of liberty and actual family stability.”

**The New York fundraiser was sponsored by Mr. Singer and Mr. Mehlman, among others**, and drew a crowd that included Henry R. Kravis, a private equity investor; Daniel S. Loeb, a hedge fund manager; Lewis M. Eisenberg, a former finance chairman for the Republican National Committee; and Steve Schmidt, who managed the 2008 presidential campaign of Senator John McCain.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/24/us/gay-marriage-effort-is-attracting-a-novel-group-of-donors.html?pagewanted=all>

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*The New York Times*, June 9, 2012

*Paul Singer’s Equality Efforts*

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Singer, who has a gay son, turned his attention toward gay rights issues more than a decade ago and has been giving generously to various gay rights initiatives since. He said that marriage equality, in particular, commanded his attention when the lawyers David Boies, a Democrat, and Theodore B. Olson, a Republican, joined forces for their ongoing legal challenge to Proposition 8, the 2008 California voter initiative banning same-sex marriage in that state.

**“Olson is a friend and a kind of hero of mine,”** said Singer, whose membership in an unusual coalition of donors to the effort to overturn Proposition 8 was noted in a story in *The Times* by Adam Nagourney and Brooks Barnes in March.

Singer quickly began to do more and more on behalf of marriage equality. And he told me that “nothing I had ever done in political policy or philanthropy” was quite like this work, because marriage rights have such a specific, immediate and emotional impact on gay and lesbian couples.

“It was really an amazing experience,” he said. “This thing was so personal, to so many people, and it was really kind of stunning.”

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<http://bruni.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/06/09/paul-singers-equality-efforts/>