



**10 DAYS OF EARLY VOTING,
10 REASONS TO VOTE AGAINST SCOTT WALKER.**

**#3: MARRIAGE
EQUALITY**

- SUPPORTED A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
DEFINING MARRIAGE AS BETWEEN
ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN.
- APPEALED THE DECISION TO GIVE GAY
AND LESBIAN COUPLES EQUAL PROTECTION
UNDER THE LAW.
- TOUTED HIS EXTREME POSITION ON
MARRIAGE WHILE COURTING
RIGHT-WING GROUPS.

VOTE EARLY. VOTE NOW.
VOTE NO ON FOUR MORE YEARS OF SCOTT WALKER.

MADISON - Voters only have three days left to take advantage of the chance to cast an early ballot for Mary Burke this week.

Wisconsin voters have a long list of reasons why they're heading to the polls early to vote against another four years of Scott Walker's failures.

For years, Scott Walker stood in the way of making marriage equality the law of the land.

10 Days Of Early Voting, #3 Reason To Vote Against Scott Walker: Marriage Equality

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Walker supports the definition of marriage as between a man and a woman, effectively denying the right to marriage equality for same-sex couples.

Just this month, the United States Supreme Court proved Walker to be on the wrong side of history when they refused to hear gay marriage cases in multiple states.

- In 2005, Scott Walker supported creating a constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman. [1]
- After the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down Wisconsin's ban on same-sex marriage, Scott Walker, along with J.B. Van Hollen, appealed the decision to give gay and lesbian couples equal protection under the law. [2]
- Just one week after the appeal, Walker disingenuously claimed he and the Republican party weren't fighting marriage equality. [3]
- In a desperate attempt to ditch his record, Walker even claimed that his nearly decade long crusade against marriage equality "didn't matter" after the ruling of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. [4]
- When seeking the endorsement of the conservative group Wisconsin Family Action this year, Scott Walker touted his defense of the state's ban on same-sex marriage. [5]
- In the same letter he wrote that he supports marriage between one man and one woman. [6]
- The United States Supreme Court proved Scott Walker to be on the wrong side of history this month, rejecting the state's appeal of the ruling made by the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. [7]

BACKGROUND

[1] "Many years ago, I concluded that we must change the Wisconsin State Constitution to say that marriage is to be between one man and one woman. My belief in this position is even stronger today." (Statement from Scott Walker: Marriage is to be Between One Man and One Woman, Scott Walker for Governor, [11/29/05](#))

[2] "Gov. Scott Walker and Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen on Thursday appealed a decision from last month that struck down Wisconsin's ban on same-sex marriage." (Scott Walker, J.B. Van Hollen appeal gay marriage ruling, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [7/10/14](#))

[3] "I'm not saying it's not important," continued Walker, who is considering a 2016 presidential bid should he survive his re-election test this fall. "But Republicans haven't been talking about this. We've been talking about economic and fiscal issues. It's those on the left that are pushing it." (Republican governors' words shift on gay marriage, Associated Press, [7/12/14](#))

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[4] "Gov. Scott Walker has a history of forcefully opposing same-sex marriage in Wisconsin, but in the wake of the state's ban on gay marriages being found unconstitutional, the Republican leader said Thursday that his own views about the issue do not matter." (Scott Walker: My views on same-sex marriage don't matter, Capital Times, [7/13/14](#))

[5] (Letter to Wisconsin Family Action, Scott Walker for Governor, [9/5/14](#))

[6] (Letter to Wisconsin Family Action, Scott Walker for Governor, [9/5/14](#))

[7] "The governor, a named defendant in the lawsuit by eight same-sex couples, said he had voted for Wisconsin's ban in 2006 and hadn't changed his support for it, but he said he was accepting the Supreme Court's decision." (Gov. Scott Walker on gay marriage ban: "It's over in Wisconsin, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [10/6/14](#))