

Log Cabin GOP angry with Blunt

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The executive board of the Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis has issued a statement that strongly condemns what it calls "Gov. Blunt's disappointing statements" in a Post-Dispatch article last week about the politics of this weekend's gay-rights Pridefest event.

Blunt spokeswoman Jessica Robinson had explained in the article why Blunt was not issuing a proclamation or statement in support of the event, as his two Democratic predecessors had done. "We have not received a request for a proclamation and we do not intend or plan to issue one," Robinson said. "Not only would a proclamation be counter to the governor's values, it would also be counter to the values most Missourians expressed less than a year ago."

The Log Cabin board replied, "We cannot, in good conscience, let the governor of our state and the leader of our party, dismiss gay and lesbian Missourians with the excuse that they have chosen a lifestyle objectionable to his personal values. It is dangerously wrong to believe that Missouri's vote (last August) defining marriage generated a blank check against gays or to essentially promote it as a direct mandate against addressing their concerns."

The board noted that many of its members "voted for Gov. Blunt, strongly support and praise his leadership and work towards solving the real problems in Missouri." But the board added, "However, the explicit statements and positions of the governor go directly to the very heart and soul of who we are as human beings. It clearly exhibits the true lack of knowledge and understanding for people who are gay as well as the definition of equality...."