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## [Boycott Anti-Gay Wedding Party Facility](#)

Posted by [Emily Bockrath](#)

**Target:** Residents of Fort Worth, Texas

**Goal:** To boycott a local party facility for refusing to host a reception for a same-sex wedding.

A couple in Fort Worth, Texas was recently denied usage of the space at a party facility for their wedding reception because they are gay. Once the owner of the ironically named All Occasion Party Place discovered that the event would be held in celebration of a same-sex marriage for Ben Allen and Justin Hudgins, she told the couple, “We don’t do that here.” She then wrote an email citing God as the reason she denied hosting the event and explained, “I know he loves you but not what you are doing.” Allen [expressed](#) his shock at her refusal, “I was kind of floored a bit. I thought, in today’s day and age, for someone to deny you simply because you date someone of the same sex, it doesn’t really make sense to me.”

It was not long ago that an individual could be refused entry or service at a restaurant or business that serves the public based on race, ethnicity, or religion and the business owner could use any reason to justify their decision. The owner is conveniently hiding behind her personal religious beliefs in order to discriminate against her neighbors who, after an eight-year relationship, wish to celebrate their commitment to each other just as heterosexual couples have for centuries. Allen and Hudgins are already forced to travel to Mexico to say their wedding vows because Texas does not recognize their love. The couple now must deal with even more discrimination within their hometown simply because they wish to celebrate their commitment to each other.

Sign the petition below to urge the residents of Fort Worth, Texas to refuse patronage to the All Occasion Party Place and stand in solidarity with the gay couple.

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### PETITION LETTER:

Dear residents of Fort Worth, Texas,

Two of your neighbors will soon be celebrating their commitment to each other during their upcoming wedding in Mexico. Because they are a same-sex couple, they cannot legally marry in Texas, but they wished to hold their wedding reception in their hometown in order to celebrate the occasion with their friends and family. Their right to do so, however, was denied after they attempted to reserve a space at the All Occasion Party Place in Fort Worth.

Once the owner of the inaccurately named business discovered that the event would be held in celebration of a same-sex marriage, she told the couple, “We don’t do that here.” She then wrote an email citing God as the reason she denied hosting the event and explained, “I know he loves you but not what you are doing.”

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It is for these reasons we urge you to boycott the All Occasion Party Place and stand in solidarity with your neighbors.

Sincerely,

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[March 1, 2013 at 9:57 pm](#)

Boycott all businesses who are anti-gay and LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Questioning) unaware! Please drag yourselves into the 21st Century.

“Christians” have mis-used the Bible and pimped it out for misconstruing certain passages from the Bible to support their ignorance and bigotry. This is NOT very CHRISTIAN of you... people!

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2.  *jmc* says:  
[October 14, 2013 at 5:07 am](#)

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