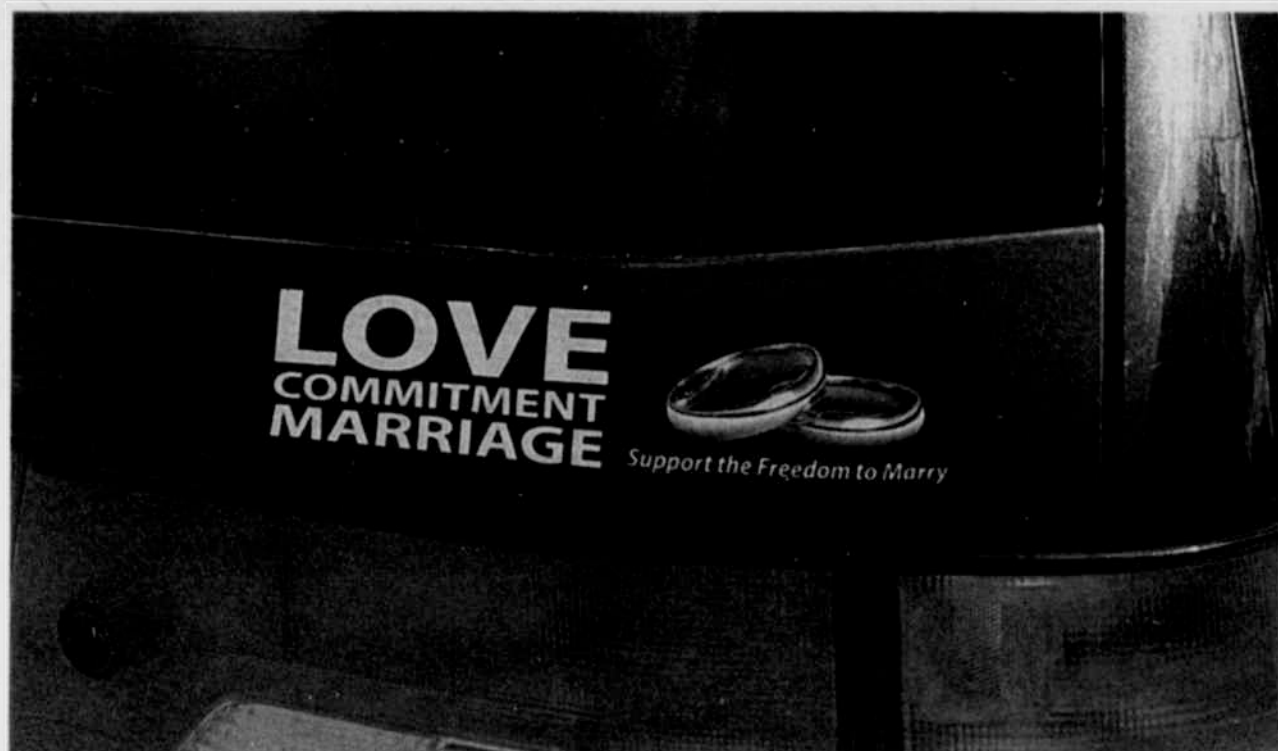




"It's an art more than a science," Frazzini says. "From everything we've learned over the past decade, we know the essential elements it takes to win."

These elements include "significant amounts of money," a commitment of time and energy from LGBTQ folks and allies and strong partnerships with other organizations. In other words: community engagement.

"Engagement so far in the community has been solid and strong, but it needs to continue to build," Frazzini says.

Organizational partnerships have also been strong, she says, citing the support of the immigrant rights community, reproductive choice organizations, criminal justice reform groups and a network of LGBTQ and pride groups.

"We have incredible relationships with

organizations that run the spectrum of the progressive movement in Oregon," Frazzini says. "Everything is headed in the right direction, but before we make the decision to go to the ballot, we want to be looking at strong majority support."

In order to continue to grow public support for marriage equality, BRO has a number of events planned to engage with the local community (see below for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities). Frazzini says she is confident that the message is effective, it's just a matter of connecting with more people.

"We've seen that when we can reach folks with these messages," Frazzini says, "it changes hearts and minds." ☐

For more information, visit basicrights.org.

Upcoming BRO events and volunteer opportunities

Phone Banks

Monday, July 18–Thursday, July 21, 6–9 p.m., at the BRO offices, 310 SW Fourth Ave.

Outreach Events

Latino Gay Pride. Sunday, July 17, noon–9 p.m. at the Eastbank Esplanade

Division/Clinton Street Fair. Saturday, July 23, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Killingsworth Street Fair. Saturday, July 30, noon–6 p.m.

PSU Farmers Market. Saturday, August 6, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Community Events

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