



Evanston's Century Theatre comes under fire for CEO's 'Yes on 8' contribution

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Cinemark CEO Alan Stock contributes \$10,000 against same-sex marriage

Chicago, IL - Outrage over the passage of Proposition 8 in California spurred protest rallies in small communities and major cities Saturday, including New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago, where gay-rights advocates targeted local businesses and individuals that contributed to the "Yes on 8" campaign with rally speakers calling for boycotts.

During the Chicago rally in Federal Plaza Saturday, Cinemark-owned Century Theatre in Evanston, IL became a lightning rod in the local debate over gay rights. Turns out Alan Stock, CEO of movie chain Cinemark donated almost \$10,000 to Yes on 8.

The 47-year-old Stock, who lives in Utah, is CEO of Cinemark which is one of the largest theater chains in the country.

Earlier this week, John Aravosis, editor of political blog [Americablog](#), posted a story calling for the boycott of the gay-friendly Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah noting that Sundance uses Cinemark-owned Holiday Village Cinema as one of its biggest screening venues.

"Your Sundance registration money is quite literally helping to subsidize a donation to Yes on 8," said Aravosis.

Gay-rights advocates say boycotts work. In Sacramento, theater director Scott Eckern resigned from the California Musical Theatre when his donation to Yes on 8 was revealed.

Chicago's Gay Liberation Network is calling for a boycott of Century Theatre, 1715 Maple Street in Evanston, and plans a protest on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 5 p.m. ([Event Details](#))

"Don't support haters with your money," read a flyer circulated about Century Theatre during yesterday's rally.

A [national organizer](#) is also planning boycotts of the Cinemark-owned and operated Century, CinéArts and Tinseltown theater chains.

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