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The decisions we make on polling day will shape this country for the next decade. It is vital that the **voices of gay and lesbian people**, and all those with a passion for equality and human rights, are heard at this election.

You need to make your voice heard. Over the coming weeks you'll be asked for your vote by candidates of all parties and independents. They'll have their pitch to make, but if we have learnt anything in recent times it's **that politicians must listen to the people**, not the other way around.

Marriage Equality is asking that when you're canvassed for your vote, make it clear that you'll no longer accept the fact that you, or your family members or your friends are **treated as second-class citizens**. Thousands of loving, caring families in Ireland are discriminated against. No decent, progressive society should accept this. Tell your candidate that you want change – change that gives same sex couples the dignity and respect they have fought for and deserve.

And don't let canvassing politicians away with talking about civil partnership as if it is marriage equality. **It is not.** Civil partnership will recognise same sex relationships and will give same sex couples some rights and obligations but not all the same rights as married heterosexual couples. **It is not equality.**

At this election, Marriage Equality is asking you to take **three very simple steps:**

1. Ask your candidate if they are in favour of equality and will they support the introduction of marriage rights for lesbian and gay couples
2. Follow this up with a direct email to the candidate – his/her email address will be on their election literature (you may have only been canvassed by one of their election workers) and ask them again to get the response in writing
3. Drop us a line here at **Marriage Equality** (info@marriagequality.ie) so that we can track the responses of each candidate.

Keep this leaflet at your door – just to remind you to make your voice heard. If you haven't been canvassed directly then skip step one and email your candidates.

It is vital at this crucial election that we keep the issue of equality and marriage on the political agenda. Don't let the politicians off the hook.

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