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In 1994 Tim Mains, openly gay councilman, brought to Council the proposal that the City Of Rochester recognize gay partnerships and forced discussion of the topic. Mayor William Johnson saw this as a civil rights issue, the right thing to do, and assured Council that, if passed, he would sign the legislation. Council passed the bill, placing the city of Rochester in the forefront of progressive municipalities nationwide.

Domestic Partnership – Precursor to Same Sex Marriage

City of Rochester

Domestic Partnership Drive is Underway; City Council to Hear Proposal on April 12
EC April, 1994 Front Page

City Council passes Domestic partnership; will OK registration, Benefits for City Employees
EC May, 1994 Front Page

Rochester, NY <http://ecode360.com/8675676>

Video Captures Previously hidden Gay community history
www.democratandchronicle.com/.../news/...rochester...history
Democrat and Chronicle

Jun 3, 2014 - And Lois Geiss cast the deciding vote for *domestic partnerships* ... in
New York state when he won a race for *Rochester* City Council by 11 ...

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/local/rocroots/2014/06/03/remarkable-rochester-gay-community-video-history/9924489/>

[NewsFronts www.lib.rochester.edu/IN/RBSCP/.../Closet/.../2001_JUNE.pdf](http://www.lib.rochester.edu/IN/RBSCP/.../Closet/.../2001_JUNE.pdf)

University of Rochester

Jun 29, 2001 - Openly gay City Councilmember Tim Mains at the *City Council*
meeting on May 15, when the *Rochester* human rights ordinance, including
... with a *background* in marketing and Ordinance proposed by
Councilmembers *Lois* *Domestic Partnership* ^ Personal Bankruptcy
Lola J. *Geiss*, President.

[Democrat and Chronicle from Rochester, New York · Page 14](#)

<https://www.newspapers.com/newspage/137835322/>

Nov 3, 2001 - Democrat and Chronicle (*Rochester*, New York), Saturday, ...
Online home to millions of *historical* newspapers Mayor William A. Johnson Jr.
and *City Council* members *Lois Geiss*, Tim Mains ... Frankel was honored for working
to grant *domestic partner* benefits to town employees, while Johnson, Geiss, ...

NY State

New York City http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gables/dpinfo_nyc/

NYC Passes Domestic Partnership Law

www.columbia.edu/cu/...nyc/espa_pressrelease_1998-07-08.html

Columbia University

Jul 8, 1998 - [Empire *State* Pride Agenda, Press Release] ... The legislation sets a new
national benchmark for *domestic partner* ... Whereas most other cities have
addressed *domestic partnership* only in the context of municipal employee *benefits*,
this law ... media attention as well as a *New York* Times front page *story*.

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LGBT History in the New York City Council

council.nyc.gov/html/about/lgbthistory.shtml New York City Council

July 7th, 1998 – *Passage* of comprehensive *domestic partnership* law in *New York ... domestic partnership* only in the context of municipal employee *benefits*. ... not recognized by the *state* of *New York, domestic partnerships*, and civil unions, ...

Nation

Fed and State Taxation of Domestic Partner Benefits

<http://taxprof.typepad.com/files/62st0377.pdf>

Featured Persons – Audio and Video Recordings of Most

Tim Mains

Bill Pritchard

Mayor William Johnson

Lois Geiss