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OBJ readers weigh in on domestic-partner benefits

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After the [Supreme Court](#) ruled [same-sex marriage is constitutional](#), some people began to question if businesses will get rid of [domestic-partner health benefits](#).

In our poll, "Will your business get rid of employee domestic-partner benefits?" *Orlando Business Journal* readers shared what their businesses will do moving forward, and it's not very consistent.

Here are the results:

- 28.8 percent said their business never offered employee domestic-partner benefits.

- 26 percent of voters answered "No," their business will not get rid of these benefits.
- 24.7 percent of voters answered "Yes," their business will get rid of these benefits.
- 20.5 percent said they were unsure of what will happen.

Metropolitan Business Association of Orlando President Nayte Carrick told *OBJ* he expects within 10 years most local businesses will no longer offer domestic-partner benefits.

Orlando lawyer Myrna Maysonett with Greenspoon Marder Law also previously told *OBJ*, "If you offer pension plans or dental plans or any benefits, those need to be available to anyone who is legally married. You don't have to offer them, but if you do offer them, then they must be offered to everyone. If you didn't offer them before, you don't have to start now."