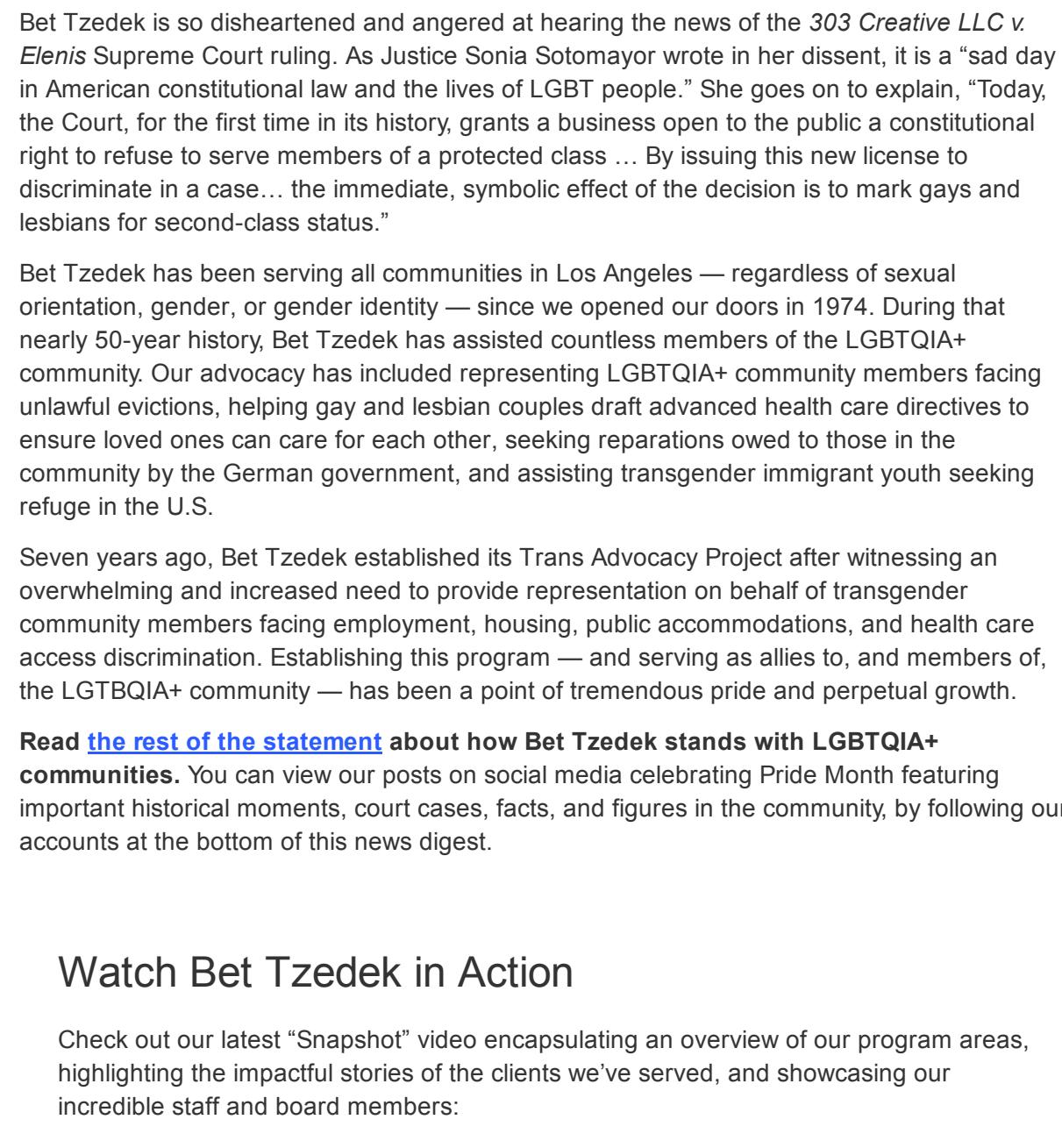


Dear Friends,

As we celebrated Independence Day, we saw the Supreme Court ruling in favor of a private businesswoman denying services to a protected class of citizens while, at the same time, ruling against private universities' efforts to increase campus diversity, including representation of protected classes of citizens.



Bet Tzedek is so disheartened and angered at hearing the news of the *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis* Supreme Court ruling. As Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote in her dissent, it is a "sad day in American constitutional law and the lives of LGBT people." She goes on to explain, "Today, the Court, for the first time in its history, grants a business open to the public a constitutional right to refuse to serve members of a protected class ... By issuing this new license to discriminate in a case... the immediate, symbolic effect of the decision is to mark gays and lesbians for second-class status."

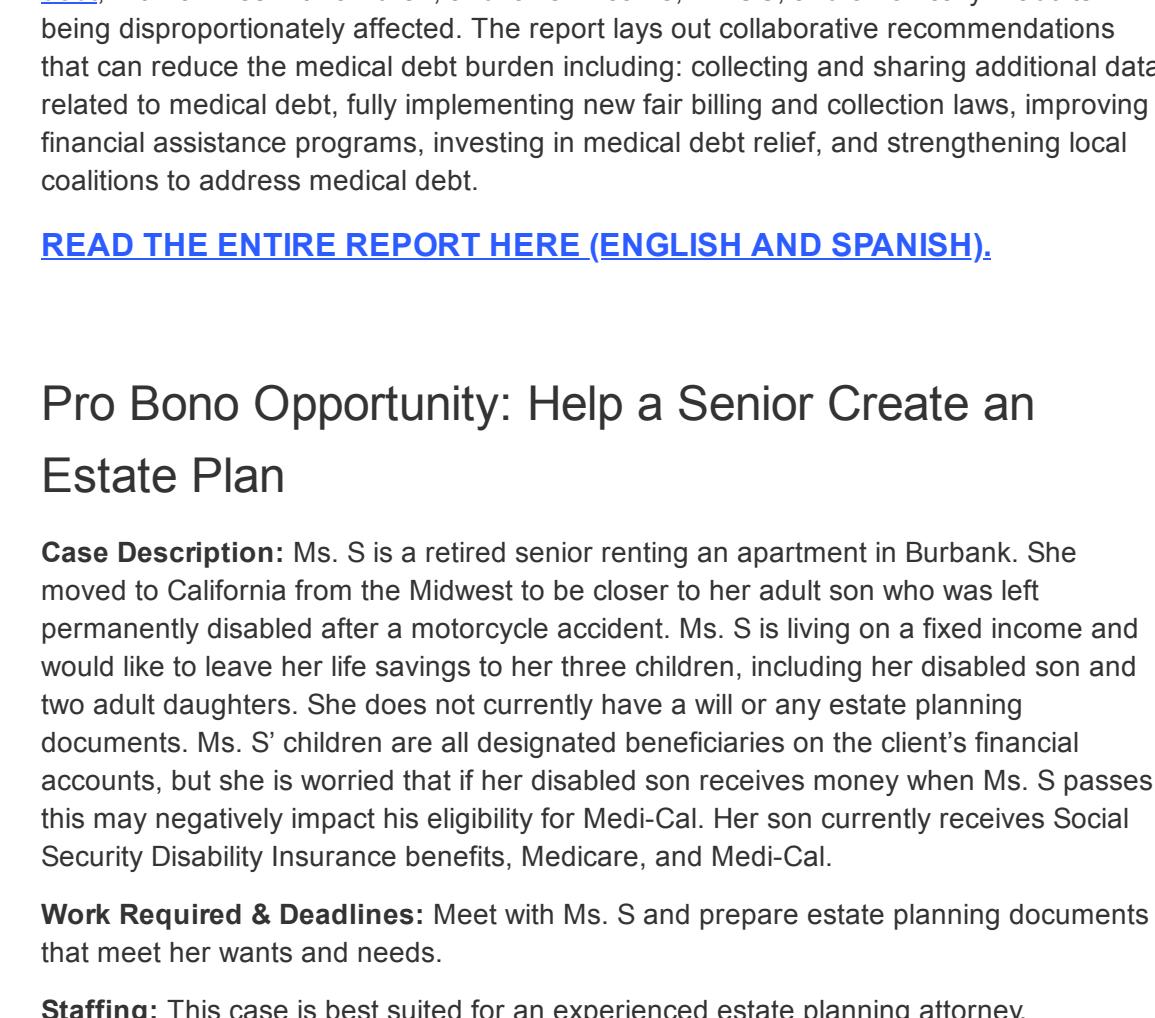
Bet Tzedek has been serving all communities in Los Angeles — regardless of sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity — since we opened our doors in 1974. During that nearly 50-year history, Bet Tzedek has assisted countless members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Our advocacy has included representing LGBTQIA+ community members facing unlawful evictions, helping gay and lesbian couples draft advanced health care directives to ensure loved ones can care for each other, seeking reparations owed to those in the community by the German government, and assisting transgender immigrant youth seeking refuge in the U.S.

Seven years ago, Bet Tzedek established its Trans Advocacy Project after witnessing an overwhelming and increased need to provide representation on behalf of transgender community members facing employment, housing, public accommodations, and health care access discrimination. Establishing this program — and serving as allies to, and members of, the LGTBQIA+ community — has been a point of tremendous pride and perpetual growth.

Read [the rest of the statement](#) about how Bet Tzedek stands with LGBTQIA+ communities. You can view our posts on social media celebrating Pride Month featuring important historical moments, court cases, facts, and figures in the community, by following our accounts at the bottom of this news digest.

Watch Bet Tzedek in Action

Check out our latest "Snapshot" video encapsulating an overview of our program areas, highlighting the impactful stories of the clients we've served, and showcasing our incredible staff and board members:



Summer for Justice Law Interns Take Over Bet Tzedek!

We are excited to welcome **42 distinguished law students and undergraduates** from across the United States to Bet Tzedek's Summer for Justice internship! Among our diverse interns are both international and first-generation American students. With experiences ranging from teaching to working as a marketing consultant to being a community organizer, these exceptional students hail from schools like UCLA, Duke University, Occidental College, Washington University in St. Louis, UC Berkeley, the University of Chicago, Southwestern College, Tulane University, and University of Southern California. They will be embedded with our amazing team of in-house experts across all the critical program areas we cover. Our interns' contributions to our organization and to the client communities we serve will be significant in our ongoing effort to "bend the arc" towards social justice!

You can learn more about our Summer for Justice interns through our social media accounts via the links at the bottom of this email.

#BetTzedekSummerforJusticeInterns



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#learning how we create equitable access to justice and helping us extend our services to all communities in Los Angeles County!

We look forward to introducing our interns throughout the summer and sharing their passion and enthusiasm for the work they're doing. #QuoteOfTheWeek

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— Yael Michael Intake



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