

**VOWS FOR THE MARRIAGE OF  
PAUL THOMAS MELEVIN AND JAMES ASHLEY TUCKER**

**JULY 2, 2013**

(These words are identical to the words used by Mayor Antonio Villagarosa when conducting the marriage of Paul Katami and Jeff Zarrillo on Friday, June 28, 2013, which was broadcast on MSNBC's The Rachel Maddow show.)

MC: We are gathered here today for the purposes of joining in matrimony, Paul Thomas Melevin and James Ashley Tucker.

Now the contract of marriage is most solemn and is not to be entered into lightly but thoughtfully and seriously with a deep realization of its obligations and its responsibilities. Marriage is also a promise made in the hearts of two people who love each other and that promise will take a lifetime to fulfill. Now, within the circle of its love, marriage encompasses all of life's most important relationships.

So, PAUL, do you take JIM to be your lawful wedded spouse?

PAUL: **I DO!**

MC: JIM, do you take PAUL to be your lawful wedded spouse?

JIM: I DO!

MC: Do you each promise to love and care for one another?  
To honor and keep one another in sickness and in health, in prosperity and adversity, and forsaking all others, be faithful to each other as long as you both shall live?

BOTH PAUL & JIM: WE DO!

MC: Now, the wedding ring is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual bond which unites two loyal hearts in endless love.

Paul, please place this ring on Jim's left finger and repeat after me.

"I, PAUL, offer this ring as a symbol of my love and devotion. Let it always be a reminder of my vows to you."

JIM, please place this ring on PAUL's left finger and repeat after me.

"I, JIM, offer this ring as a symbol of my love and devotion. Let it always be a reminder of my vows to you."

**And so, on behalf of the State of California, Let Me Pronounce You MARRIED!**