

THE “LEZ GARTER CAMPAIGN”

aka PETITION FOR MORE *L WORD* STORIES

The purpose of this petition, called the “Lez Garter Campaign”, is to inform the creative and business community associated with *The L Word*, that a huge, world-wide, and still insatiable, commercial audience exists for more *L Word* stories. We know the series ended, but it did so with many open storylines ripe for a spin-off, or a movie. In particular, we want to see our lives continue to be reflected in the lives of “Bette Porter” and “Tina Kennard”.....Simply put, we want to see that “Bette and Tina” wedding that was promised in the finale. A wedding garter is herein enclosed just to get the wardrobe department started.

For millions of us, *The L Word* was more than just an exceedingly entertaining television show. For us, it felt like we were “coming home” when we saw all the usual stories of love, life, relationships, career and even death, portrayed like any other show, only with characters who just happened to be lesbians. These are not just “gay” themes, they are universal. Contributors to this petition effort are gay and straight, and come from all around the world.

The commercial and artistic rewards in pursuing these *L Word* stories are obvious to us, and we hope to you as well. The artist Gaudi said that art is alive so long as the artist keeps it alive. We sincerely hope the collective artists, and business men and women who created this historic series, can find a way to continue to keep these stories alive. It's just good business to tap into the incredible demand that we know continues to exist.

There are hundreds of reasons why so many of us want the *L Word* stories to continue, in some format. But, as homage to the romantic gesture offered by “Bette” in the finale of Season 4”, we respectfully submit:

THE 17 REASONS WHY WE WANT MORE *L WORD* STORIES

1. **Legitimization** – Television, a “living space medium”, can be a powerful agent of change in our culture. This promotes social acceptance and, eventually, legislative change.
2. **Lightening** – It can strike twice for Showtime, if the heart and soul of *The L Word*, “Bette and Tina”, are at the center of the stories told.
3. **Liberal** – *The L Word* has a large heart, is open minded, tolerant and kind.
4. **Left** – *The L Word* left us all wanting more love, more lust, more lechery, and more life.
5. **Legitimacy** – This is imprinted upon a community, by society as a whole, when the stories of an underrepresented group are acknowledged in the entertainment media.
6. **Lobotomy** – The procedure we will all need to get over our longing to see the characters we fell in love with over the past six years.
7. **Lessons** The women of the “L” dispelled many myths and stereotypes about lesbians through thought-provoking story telling.
8. **Luciferous** – “There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.” -Edith Wharton-. *The L Word* has been both the candle and the mirror.
9. **Liberty** *The L Word* reminds us we we’re born free and equal.
10. **Level playing field** – Whether we happen to be straight, gay, bi-sexual or transgender we all equally enjoy laughter, loyalty, friendship and a great LOVE story.
11. **Legalized marriage** – It’s the last bastion of civil rights, and another reason telling the story of “Bette and Tina’s” marriage is both romantic and socially important.
12. **Lust and Lascivious** – We admit it, we love seeing the sex scenes and the glamour on *The L Word*. After 80 years of movies showing straight love scenes, isn’t it only fair?
13. **Leap of Faith** – We bow to the wonderful actors who took that leap, without fear, to honorably, proudly, and authentically, portray these characters.
14. **Liquor** – The “L” women age like a bottle of fine red wine; the more you watch, the more you want.
15. **Loyalty** – All women will support all women when they share the universal connections through our stories.
16. **Life** – Showtime breathed life into an untapped market that has just awakened to the possibilities when our stories are thoughtfully told. It “coaxed us away from the mechanical, toward the miraculous.”
17. **Love** – What we see with every “Bette and Tina” kiss.

YES I WANT MORE *L WORD* STORIES

PRINT AND SIGN THIS PETITION

Name:

Date:

Signature:

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