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****PRESS RELEASE****

The San Francisco Human Rights Commission is Seeking New Members for the Agency’s Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Advisory Committee

Application Deadline Friday, November 1, 2013 @ 5:00pm

(San Francisco, CA) The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Advisory Committee (“LGBTAC”) of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (“Commission”) is seeking new members to serve on one of the Commission’s committees. The LGBTAC identifies and addresses the issues and concerns of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and HIV-affected communities in San Francisco and advises the Commission on these issues.

The LGBTAC is looking for members who are active in the community and who possess demonstrated experience and knowledge in subject matter areas dealing with racism, youth, seniors, AIDS/HIV, anti-bullying and violence, civil rights, class, disability, women’s rights, gender identity, bisexual visibility, faith communities, education, intersex and health issues. The LGBTAC strives to achieve diversity and representation in its composition. Applicants must be residents of San Francisco.

Michael Pappas, a San Francisco Human Rights Commissioner and Chair of the “LGBTAC” stated, “It is important to note that the SFHRC is one of the oldest and preeminent human rights agencies in the country and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2014. The LGBT Advisory Committee has positioned itself as an integral component of the HRC’s leadership and advocacy and continues to be a renowned and well respected group with a membership consisting of the best and the brightest minds from a wide spectrum of disciplines who are committed and dedicated toward improving the quality of life for the LGBT community in San Francisco and beyond.”

Recently, the LGBTAC has focused on such issues as LGBT economic empowerment including advocating for greater investment toward retaining LGBT non-profits in the city, establishing increased cultural competency and sensitivity related to the Deaf and People with Disabilities community, fostering comprehensive immigration reform for impacted LGBT individuals and their families, advancing greater marriage equality protections, assisting recently eligible individuals on navigating and utilizing newly created pathways to citizenship, and advocating against human trafficking.

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Applicants must make a firm commitment to attend LGBTAC meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 PM and to join a related workgroup that is responsible for facilitating a community event that highlights a current issue affecting the LGBT community. **Interested persons must send a letter (by mail, fax, email, or personal delivery) or complete the application located on our website at [http://sf-hrc.org](http://sf-hrc.org) detailing why they would like to serve on the LGBTAC, their community involvement and areas of expertise, and any other qualities they could bring to the LGBTAC.** The correspondence must be received by the Commission via e-mail to david.miree@sfgov.org or US post no later than Friday, November 1, 2013, 5:00 p.m. Applications posted via US Mail may be addressed to:

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