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**\*\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*\***

**San Francisco Human Rights Commission's LGBT Advisory Committee to Host  
Public Forum on LGBT Affordable Housing in Partnership with the SF LGBT  
Center's LGBTQ Economic Justice Week**

***'The State of Affordable Housing for LGBT San Franciscans'***

**(San Francisco)** The San Francisco Human Rights Commission's LGBT Advisory Committee (LGBTAC) in partnership with the City's LGBT Center will be hosting a public forum on LGBT Affordable Housing as part of the Center's Annual LGBTQ Economic Justice Week. This important forum will bring together community stakeholders, housing experts and City representatives to facilitate public discourse surrounding the housing affordability crisis and its impact on the LGBTQ Community in San Francisco. The event will also feature information on the City's below market rate (BMR) rental policy as well as how to access and participate in the City's first-time and inclusionary homeownership programs. The panel discussion will be moderated by **Bevan Dufty, Director of Housing Opportunity, Partnerships and Engagement (HOPE)** and Former District 8 Supervisor.

**Confirmed Panelists include:**

Jeff Buckley, Senior Advisor, Mayor's Office  
Kate Hartly, Deputy Director MOHCD  
Clair Farley, Associate Director of Economic Development, SF LGBT Center  
Bill Hirsh, Executive Director, AIDS Legal Referral Panel  
Oona Hanawalt & Alison Panko, SF LGBT couple fighting eviction  
Tommi Avicolli Mecca, LGBTQ Economic Justice and Housing Activist

**The public forum will take place Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00- 7:30pm at the LGBT Center located at 1800 Market St, San Francisco, CA 94102 and is free of charge.**

The LGBT Advisory Committee is one of two community action committees sanctioned by the HRC entrusted to advise the full Commission on policy recommendations aimed at improving the quality for the City's diverse and multicultural communities including facilitating community awareness and development programming intended to complement the agency's leadership in human rights advocacy.

The SF LGBT Center's BiCoastal LGBTQ Economic Justice Week is an annual week long program October 19-25, 2014 focused on creating a thriving LGBTQ community that has access to stable and equal employment, housing, healthcare, businesses and beyond. For more information on this event or to register your attendance please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-state-of-affordable-housing-for-lgbt-san-franciscans-102014-tickets-13401067955>

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