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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 *LGBTAC*

Application Deadline Friday, November 3RD, 2017 @ 5:00pm

(San Francisco, CA) The San Francisco Human Rights Commission is seeking new members for the Agency's LGBTQI Community Advisory Committee "LGBTAC". 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 full Commission on policy recommendations aimed at improving the quality of life for these communities.

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 issues, aging, AIDS/HIV, anti-bullying and anti-violence, civil rights, class, disability, women's rights, gender identity, bisexual visibility, faith-based advocacy, education, intersex and health issues are amongst the variety of advocacy platforms advanced by the committee. The LGBTAC strives to achieve diversity and representation in its composition.

The SFHRC is one of the oldest and preeminent human rights agencies in the country and the LGBT Advisory Committee has positioned itself as an integral component of the HRC's leadership and advocacy in promoting human rights for all people. This exceptional group holds membership to the best and the brightest minds from a wide spectrum of disciplines including tech, legal, non-profit, government, community development and the health field. SF Human Rights Commissioners Michael Pappas and Mark Kelleher serve as co-chairs.

In 2017 the LGBTAC continued its wide-spread advocacy focusing on such critical issues as advancing a LGBT Economic Enterprise and Employment Stimulus toolkit and making policy recommendations on LGBT Immigration Reform and developing a LGBT Immigrant Community Needs Assessment Survey. Additional programming included challenging potential efforts by the current federal administration to "roll back" vital LGBTQ advancements and in-roads.

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Applicants must be able to make a <u>firm commitment</u> to attend LGBTAC meetings which are convened on the third Tuesday of every month from 5:30pm -7:30pm and participate in a related working group that is responsible for facilitating a community event that highlights a current issue impacting the LGBT community in San Francisco. Interested applicants should be residents of the City and County of San Francisco.

Interested persons may download and complete the application located on the HRC's website at click here and/or send a letter (by mail, fax, email, or personal delivery) 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. Correspondence and applications via e-mail may be sent to david.miree@sfgov.org or via US Post at the address listed below. The completed application and any corresponding letters must be received or postmarked no later than Friday, November 3rd, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. Applications posted via US Mail may be addressed to:

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