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**COMMUNITY HOUSING PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES  
NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Nationally Recognized Homeless Expert Gail Gilman Will Take Helm of  
San Francisco's Renowned Supportive Housing Nonprofit Organization**

**San Francisco, CA** - The Board of Directors of San Francisco's Community Housing Partnership is pleased to announce that it has selected **Gail Gilman** as the organization's new Executive Director. A recognized leader in the field of homelessness, Gilman will lead the organization as it moves forward to reduce homelessness in San Francisco.

"Gail was our clear choice after a thorough national search and an exhaustive interview process," said Steve Wolmark, President of Community Housing Partnership's Board of Directors. "We are thrilled that the best choice was from our own organization – someone with long-term experience with these issues who has worked at all organizational levels. Gail brings new energy and ideas to continue to grow the organization and raise its visibility while keeping it firmly rooted in our principles."

Gail Gilman has 15 years of experience working in supportive housing, and is a nationally recognized expert on homelessness. She started her impressive career as a counselor at Community Housing Partnership in 1995. After 3 years, Gilman left Community Housing Partnership to run the Bridge Project, a housing program for homeless adults living with HIV/AIDS. She returned to Community Housing Partnership in 2002 where she has since served as Director of Tenant Services.

"It's an honor to lead this organization that I know and love so much and have helped grow," said Gilman. "I've had the pleasure of having worked in

several different roles on these issues – from direct client work to managing programs to organizational development. I will rely on this unique perspective as we move forward.”

Outgoing Executive Director Jeff Kositsky will transition out of Community Housing Partnership over the next three months as he prepares to move his family to South America to pursue opportunities in international development. For the past eight years, under Kositsky’s direction, Community Housing Partnership has grown from 217 to 785 units of supportive housing, and offers a diverse array of supportive services such as job training, education and counseling.

As Gilman steps in, Community Housing Partnership has 263 units of housing in the development pipeline, slated to come online over the next few years and leads the country with a housing retention success rate of 98 percent. The organization is poised to continue its growth by developing new housing, job creation and providing housing for youth transitioning from foster care.

A long-time San Francisco resident, Gilman received her Bachelor of Arts from San Francisco State University and a Masters in Non-Profit Administration from the University of San Francisco. She resides in the North Beach area with her husband, graphic designer Larry Zientarski. Self-proclaimed “foodies,” Gail and Larry can often be found at eateries around the City.

### **ABOUT COMMUNITY HOUSING PARTNERSHIP**

Formed in 1990 by people who had been homeless, advocates for the homeless and affordable housing developers, Community Housing Partnership is a San Francisco-based nonprofit organization that develops and operates permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless people. Community Housing Partnership currently serves 1,800 people per year through housing, services, job training, leadership development and employment programs.

Community Housing Partnership currently owns and/or operates eleven housing sites that serve formerly homeless adults and families and has three new projects in the pipeline. Community Housing Partnership also engages in community and economic development through its certified job training programs, a community organizing project and a social enterprise that employs formerly homeless adults. Community Housing Partnership recently launched the Treatment and Supportive Housing Program, an outpatient substance abuse and mental health treatment program to assist its tenants who struggle with those issues.

Community Housing Partnership is financially stable with an annual operating budget of approximately \$15 million and reserves appropriate for its size and scope. The organization has an outstanding staff of over 200 people, over half of whom were once homeless.

For more information about the Community Housing Partnership please visit [www.chp-sf.org](http://www.chp-sf.org).

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