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SPUR Deputy Director Joins Community Housing Partnership Board

Longtime housing advocate Sarah Karlinsky elected to board of nonprofit that pursues solutions to homelessness

San Francisco, CA – Community Housing Partnership, a San Francisco nonprofit organization that provides housing, support services, and economic opportunities for homeless individuals, welcomes Sarah Karlinsky to its Board of Directors. An experienced leader in the housing community, Ms. Karlinsky was elected to the Community Housing Partnership Board in October 2010.

“Sarah brings with her a deep understanding of government policy and public networks,” explains Gail Gilman, executive director of Community Housing Partnership. “We welcome her extensive experience with Bay Area community-based organizations, and I know that her rich knowledge of planning processes will make her an invaluable asset to our board.”

Sarah Karlinsky, deputy director of SPUR (San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association), manages housing, community planning and disaster planning work, and coordinates policy efforts for the urban planning think tank. Prior to joining SPUR, Ms. Karlinsky developed affordable housing throughout the Bay Area with Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition, a large nonprofit developer. She is also a board member of TransForm, has taught land use planning at San Francisco State University, and has written extensively on planning and community development.

“With CHP’s unique model of involving its tenants—former homeless individuals—in every aspect of the organization, there are great opportunities for continued innovation, and I look forward to being a part of developing permanent solutions to the pervasive problem of homelessness in San Francisco,” says Karlinsky.

The addition of Ms. Karlinsky adds yet another accomplishment to what has been a banner year for Community Housing Partnership. CHP was recently awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Federal Government’s Office of Community Services/Administration for Children & Families (OCS). Disbursed over three years, the grant supports CHP Enterprises, the organization’s social venture dedicated to workforce development and job opportunities for graduates of CHP’s training programs. The OCS grant will support the expansion of CHP Enterprises in order to create more jobs for those facing multiple barriers to employment.

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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 \$10 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.

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