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**NEWSOM NAMES LONG TIME COMMUNITY ADVOCATE JEFF SHEEHY  
AS HIS AIDS ADVISOR**

*Sheehy brings wealth of knowledge and expertise in crafting effective, efficient and  
compassionate HIV/AIDS policies*

San Francisco, CA - Mayor Gavin Newsom named long time community advocate Jeff Sheehy as his HIV/AIDS Advisor. Mr. Sheehy will continue to serve as Deputy Director for Communications at UCSF AIDS Research Institute. As Advisor to the Mayor on HIV/AIDS issues, Sheehy will volunteer his time and assist the Mayor in crafting effective, efficient and compassionate HIV/AIDS policies and programs for the City and County of San Francisco. Additionally, Mr. Sheehy will study issues regarding HIV/AIDS and will report periodically to the Mayor.

"I am delighted that Jeff has agreed to take on the role as HIV/AIDS Advisor," said Mayor Newsom. "Jeff has been in the forefront of HIV/AIDS issues in San Francisco for over a decade. His background and work in this field will be a tremendous asset in our quest to fight this epidemic."

Before becoming Deputy Director for Communications at UCSF AIDS Research Institute, Mr. Sheehy served in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, as Victim Advocate for Same-Sex & Transgender Victims of Domestic Violence & Hate Crimes. Other relevant experience includes serving as member of Survive AIDS, where he assisted in obtaining three million dollars in state funding to study solid organ transplants in people with HIV. In 2000, Mr. Sheehy was featured in OUT Magazine as OUT's 100 most influential members of the LGBT community. He has received a number of prestigious awards such as the Tomas Fabregas AIDS Hero Award, presented at San Francisco's AIDS Candlelight March in 2001.

"I am honored to be chosen by the Mayor to assist him in working to maintain and augment San Francisco's historic response to HIV/AIDS," said Mr. Sheehy. "I applaud the Mayor's deep and unwavering commitment to meet the challenges posed by this relentless and ever changing epidemic."

Mr. Sheehy received his Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Texas in Austin.