

10 August 1993

Ms. Kristin Chambers Executive Director AIDS Legal Referral Panel 114 Sansome Street, Suite 1129 San Francisco, CA 94104

Dear Kristin,

I am pleased to provide you with this letter of support for the work of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel and its 500 volunteer legal professionals.

Each year, the AIDS Foundation refers hundreds of clients to the Panel for assistance with matters ranging from a simple will to egregious breaches of client confidentiality. We do so knowing that clients will receive prompt, professional, and expert assistance from the Panel.

We have also been pleased to collaborate with the Panel's Public Policy program in its work, and to provide you with partial funding for this program. You have added a unique and important voice to the debate on policy issues affecting people with HIV, particularly in the area of health care reform.

The Foundation looks forward to continuing its good working relationship with the Panel.

Sincerely,

Pat Christen

**Executive Director** 

PC:dc

### THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO

#### VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Karen Kadushin Chair Raymond C. Marshall Vice-Chair Melvin R. Goldman Treasurer Mark I. Schickman Secretary Rachel Arce Christopher F. Emley Julia Coleman Hudson Teresa Richards

POLICY BOARD Christopher F. Emley, Chair Jack W. Londen, Vice-Chair Tania Alvarez Rachel Arce Ramon Arias Hon. Lee D. Baxter Colleen S. Casev Hon. David A. Garcia Hon. Isabella H. Grant Patricia Stern Green Ionathan V. Holtzman Julia Coleman Hudson Hon. Maria-Elena James Patricia D. Lee Father Donald MacKinnon Ronald McClain Eva Jefferson Paterson Susan L. Pinnette Thomas Pulliam Teresa Richards Melanie Rvan Theodore G. Winchester

STAFF Tanya Neiman Director Jody Joseph Associate Director and Managing Attorney Janet Seldon Supervising Attorney William Martinez Referral Coordinator Betsy Apple Supervising Attorney Michael Raffanti Supervising Attorney Stacie Mayoras Special Projects Coordinator Marcy Person Development Associate Martin Pittioni Assistant to the Director Grace Woo Publication and Clinics Coordinator Budiman Goutama Project Assistant Wilma Angles Avval Immigration Coordinator Namino Glantz Immigration Project Assistant Jennifer Entine Clinics and Referral Intern

Homeless Advocacy Project Randi B. Silverman Coordinating Attorney Kim Baker Staff Attorney Barbara Richard Program Administrator Susan Mizner Disability Rights Project Attorney August 19, 1993

Ms. Kristin Chambers Executive Director AIDS Legal Referral Panel 114 Sansome Street, Suite 1129 San Francisco, CA 94104

Dear Kristin,

For the past seven years, the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco has been proud to co-sponsor and support the fine work of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel.

Our collaborative relationship with the Panel has flourished because of our common goal of providing people with HIV with expert legal advocacy and advice, in the belief that legal services can address some of the most dire problems people with HIV face. Together, our work has mobilized the Bay Area's attorneys and law firms, and built support for pro bono legal services for people with HIV throughout the legal community.

As we look to the future, we see the likelihood of ever-rising case-loads. We can only meet this increasing need for legal assistance with additional funding from Bay Area grantmakers, and we urge them to support legal services for people with HIV.

Sincerely,

Tanya Neiman Director

> Volunteer Legal Services Program 685 Market Street, Suife 700 San Francisco, CA 94105-4212 (415) 764-1600 Telecopier (415) 957-1695

Homeless Advocacy Project 995 Market Street, Suite 915 San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 974-6541 Telecopier (415) 512-7334



# SAN FRANCISCO BLACK COALITION ON AIDS

1042 Divisadero Street San Francisco, CA 94115 • Tel: (415) 346-2364 • Fax: (415) 346-6037

August 9, 1993

Ms. Kristin Chambers Executive Director AIDS Legal Referral Panel 114 Sansome Street, Suite 1129

Dear Ms. Chambers:

It is a pleasure to support the work of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel.

The panel has done an excellent job of adapting its services to meet the changing legal issues of people with HIV, and reaching out to clients and their service providers. In particular, your outreach program has developed creative ways of delivering vital legal services to people with HIV.

The AIDS Legal Referral Panel has made a tremendous impact on the quality of life of people with HIV. I strongly urge grantmakers to give serious consideration to your funding requests.

Sincerely,

Gerald Lenoir Executive Director



August 4, 1993

Ms. Kristin Chambers
Executive Director
AIDS Legal Referral Panel
114 Sonsome Street, Suite 1129
San Francisco, Ca. 94104

Dear Ms. Chambers,

I am writing to voice my support for the fine work of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel.

Most people with HIV confront one or more legal problems during the course of their illness. They may need to nominate a guardian for their children. They may need to file bankruptcy proceedings because they are unable to pay their bills on a reduced income. They may need a durable power of attorney so that a loved one can make financial decisions for them during periods of illness.

Whatever the legal need, we have found the Panel and its volunteers ready to help. We have, moreover, had the opportunity to collaborate with you on the delivery of this service, through your monthly legal clinics held at our offices. We have found these clinics to be extremely beneficial for our clients.

I urge funders to support the Aids Legal Referral Panel's fine work.

Sincerely

Janet Gorewitz
Executive Director

### Health Services Agency AIDS PROGRAM



ROARD OF SUPERVISORS RUBEN BARRALES MARY GRIFFIN TOM HUENING TED LEMPERT MICHAEL D. NEVIN

## COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

MARGARET TAYLOR DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES

3700 EDISON STREET

SAN MATEO

CALIFORNIA 94403 TELEPHONE (415) 573-2588

October 12, 1993

Kristin Chambers, Executive Director AIDS Legal Referral Panel 114 Sansome Street Suite 1129 San Francisco, California

Dear Ms. Cambers:

It is with pleasure that I support the work of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel in San Mateo County.

For many years the Panel has provided San Mateo County residents with advocacy and legal advice. During the past two years your Outreach Program at our office has been especially helpful. has provided responsive and accessible legal services to our Many of our clients have expressed gratitude for having this service available to them on site. The availability of the Outreach Program has helped clients feel more comfortable in asking questions about their legal concerns. Additionally, AIDS Program staff have felt supported by the phone availability of the Panel to obtain referrals and obtain consultation. The Panel has also bee responsive in offering educational materials, brochures and inservice trainings to staff on HIV and the law.

We value your work and support continued funding of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel services.

Sincerely,

A. Gene Copello, Director

#### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

BERKELEY · DAVIS · IRVINE · LOS ANGELES · RIVERSIDE · SAN DIEGO · SAN FRANCISCO



SANTA BARBARA • SANTA CRUZ

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

December 15, 1993

Please address reply to undersigned at AIDS PROGRAM San Francisco General Hospital Building 80, Ward 84 1001 Potrero Avenue San Francisco, CA 94110

Kristin Chambers Executive Director AIDS Legal Referral Panel 114 Sansome Street, Suite 1129 San Francisco, CA 94104

#### Dear Kristin:

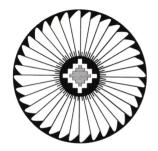
Please excuse the delay in turnaround with this letter. Administrative entanglements have precluded my responding in a more prompt manner.

I am very pleased to write this letter in support of the services provided to the San Francisco HIV-infected community by the AIDS Legal Referral Panel. As you well know, our patient population at San Francisco General Hospital is among the most disenfranchised and impoverished of the HIV infected population of San Francisco. Your services are particularly needed by our patient population. Throughout our years of cooperation, your organization has consistently provided a high level of service in a timely, often expeditious, manner. Those patients who lie gravely ill on Ward 5A at San Francisco General Hospital have come to expect the swift response of attorneys from the AIDS Legal Referral Panel. I hope and trust this close relationship will continue through the coming years.

I also look forward to a coming lecture offered by your program on the illegal immigrant/medically indigent adult. Provision of care and services to these persons is a pressing problem. If there is any service I can offer you, please do not hesitate to call upon me. I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

John Stansell, M.D.

Medical Director, AIDS Program San Francisco General Hospital



# AMERICAN INDIAN AIDS INSTITUTE OF SAN FRANCISCO

August 10, 1993

Ms. Kristin Chambers
Executive Director
AIDS Legal Referral Panel
114 Sansome Street, Suite 1129
San Francisco, CA 94104

Dear Ms. Chambers,

The American Indian AIDS Institute is pleased to write a strong letter of support for the work of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel. It is vital that your work continue, and that your programs grow to meet the increasing problems faced by people with HIV.

Your organization has consistently displayed a commitment to serving the diverse communities affected by HIV. You have developed effective programs for educating people with HIV and their service providers about legal issues and HIV. And by assisting clients with some of the most important and basic issues they face -- susch as evictions, the denial of government benefits, and the need for durable powers of attorney -- you have become an integral part of AIDS services in San Franacisco.

I hope that you are able to obtain the funding you need to carry out your efforts in the future.

Sincerely,

Les Hanson, MPA
Executive Director