



Foreman to Leave Task Force

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National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Matt Foreman is leaving the organization to head up the Gay & Lesbian Rights Program at the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund in San Francisco. The fund provides more grant support to GLBT organizations than any other non-gay foundation in the U.S.

Foreman has been at the Task Force for five years and is credited with growing the staff to 54 full-timers and doubling the organization's budget to \$10 million.

Between 1992, when then-Executive Director Urvashi Vaid left the job, and Foreman's arrival in 2003, NGLTF had a revolving door of executive directors - Torie Osborn, Peri Jude Radecic, Melinda Paras, Kerry Lobel, Elizabeth Toledo and Lorri Jean - under whom the organization was "bedeviled [by] structural problems," as The Advocate put it in 2003. NGLTF also had money problems during that period.

Foreman put a stop to the cycle. He called working for NGLTF "the greatest honor of my life."

Foreman's frequent public statements have pulled no punches, and his plain-spoken style and aggressive critiques raised the organization's profile and garnered significant media attention. He also has maintained good relations with progressive and far-left GLBT activists, a task at which many gay organizations fail with some regularity.

In an interview, Foreman said he is very much looking forward to not having to travel so much and to living the more laid-back California lifestyle.