

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force names new director

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Rea Carey will oversee the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force with its 50-member staff and \$10 million budget.

One board member called her 'passionate and fearless.'

(Photo courtesy of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force)

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has announced its new executive director. Lesbian Rea Carey, a gay activist who has been with the organization four years as its deputy executive director, will succeed her former boss, Matt Foreman, who resigned in April to take a position with another organization. Foreman spoke highly of Carey in a prepared statement: "Rea is an extraordinary leader, a brilliant thinker and passionately committed to complete equality for our people," he said. "Her appointment as the new executive director is not only wonderful for the Task Force and its future, but for the entire movement."

Carey initially was not interested in succeeding Foreman but reconsidered at the behest of the Task Force's board. She said in a statement that she was honored and energized by the opportunity. "I believe our movement is on the cusp of taking the gains of the last 40 years and translating them into permanent and society-changing advances," Carey said. "The last two years alone have shown astonishing progress in nondiscrimination laws and relationship recognition in the states. And yet, we have a long way to go in tackling other challenges ..."