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Dear Friends,

It is with significant sadness that I write today to announce that I am resigning as executive director of the Legal Aid Justice Center, effective at the end of 2013. In January 2014, I will begin a new position as executive director of Bay Area Legal Aid in the San Francisco area.

My wife Jean and I are excited about this opportunity – about new challenges and the chance to be geographically closer to our children. However, we will miss this place dearly, and we know that such a generous and genuinely caring community will not be easy to find elsewhere.

You have been instrumental to our growth and success over the nearly 20 years that I have been with the Legal Aid Justice Center. Many of you have been associated with this organization much of that time, if not longer, and I trust that you – like Jean and me – will continue to provide support for the excellent work of this unique organization.

I would not consider this move if I did not believe that this organization is in as strong a position as it has ever been. The leadership of our board, the expertise and dedication of our staff, and the support of a generous and compassionate community leave no doubt that the Legal Aid Justice Center will continue to thrive long after I have moved on. Our Board of Directors has already begun to implement a transition plan and will soon commence a national search for a new executive director.

Thank you for your support. More importantly, thank you for your trust, your guidance, and your friendship. I trust we will find some time before the end of the year to commiserate and celebrate. Transitions are always bittersweet.

Sincerely,



Alex R. Gulotta