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Greg Wagner Selected as CFO for San Francisco Department of Public Health

San Francisco, CA – Barbara A. Garcia, Director of Health, has announced the selection of Greg Wagner as the new CFO for the San Francisco Department of Public Health. As CFO, Greg will be responsible for the Department’s $1.6 billion budget, the largest among all City departments and agencies. He comes well prepared to step into his new role.

Wagner spent the past five years with the Mayor's Office of Public Policy and Finance, and has served as the Mayor's Budget Director since 2009. In that role, he helped the Department of Public Health work through many complex details from a citywide perspective and helped address important financial issues during FY09-10 and 10-11, and in preparation for FY11-12. As Budget Director, he was responsible for developing the Mayor's proposed $6.8 billion budget for the City and County of San Francisco.

Greg served under Mayors Gavin Newsom and Edwin M. Lee, and helped manage the City's finances through the difficult financial period and large budget deficits following the recession of the late 2000's.

Mayor Edwin L. Lee had kind and supportive words for Wagner. “As Budget Director, Greg's tremendous insight and years of experience were instrumental as we delivered a balanced budget to the people of San Francisco this year,” said Mayor Lee. “His hard work, innovation and commitment to collaboration helped create a unifying budget process that reflected the voices of our residents. We wish him all the best in his new position at the Department of Public Health.”

Prior to joining the Mayor’s Office, Greg spent several years on the staff of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), where he led research, policy analysis and advocacy efforts on governance and economic development issues in San Francisco. He holds a Master’s degree in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley, where his studies focused on urban policy and public finance, and a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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The mission of the San Francisco Department of Public Health is to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans.

We shall — Assess and research the health of the community — Develop and enforce health policy — Prevent disease and injury — Educate the public and train health care providers — Provide quality, comprehensive, culturally-proficient health services — Ensure equal access to all

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“I am very pleased that Greg Wagner will be joining the Department of Public Health at this crucial time,” said Garcia. “His expertise in finance, his background and knowledge of the City and how it works and his understanding of the role that public health and health reform will play as we move forward makes him ideally suited to the position.”

With nearly 8000 employees, the San Francisco Department of Public Health also operates San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center.

Greg Wagner replaces retiring CFO Gregg Sass who worked for the Department of Public Health for 10 years. Wagner will begin his duties in August 2011.

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