JCRC Announces New Executive Director

San Francisco, CA – After an extensive and rigorous search involving a variety of outstanding candidates, Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties is pleased to announce that Tyler Gregory has accepted the position of executive director, effective June 1, 2020. Gregory succeeds Abigail Michelson Porth, and is the fifth executive director in the organization’s 75-year history.

Gregory, 31, currently serves as executive director of A Wider Bridge (AWB), a New York-based partner organization of JCRC that is working to advance LGBTQ equality and inclusion in Israel. During his six years as deputy director and later executive director of AWB, the organization grew from a Bay Area startup to a leading voice for Jewish and Israel inclusion in the fabric of LGBTQ and progressive America. Before AWB, Gregory spent several years working for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in San Francisco. He is a graduate of UC Davis, and a native of San Diego.

“Tyler is a dedicated thought leader and community builder,” said JCRC President Paul Resnick, who co-chaired the search with Immediate Past President Marty Schenker. “He has a deep and strong commitment to the core values that are the foundation of JCRC’s mission, pursuing a just society and a secure Jewish future. His success in engaging diverse audiences, including a new generation of upcoming leaders, and in organizational growth and fundraising, will enable him to build on the many successes and relationships of JCRC’s prior executive directors. We are looking forward to Tyler’s leadership in helping to shape a bold future of collaboration and impact,” he said.

“I am honored to join JCRC at a time when bridge building is urgently needed, both within the Jewish community and with our neighbors,” Gregory said. “What I admire most about JCRC is the institution recognizes that the strength of its advocacy and civic relationships, and the resonance that its voice carries, are rooted in tireless efforts to build diverse coalitions across the Bay Area. I look forward to partnering with JCRC staff, lay leadership and friends in the Jewish community and beyond to move this critical work forward. I am also grateful for the A Wider Bridge community, who taught me that ensuring a safe Israel and defending the Jewish people, and advancing social justice and equality, are not only complementary efforts – they are inseparable.”

“We thank our entire JCRC community for their encouragement and support through this transition, and are especially appreciative to our staff, board, partners and key funders who were all a crucial part of our process,” Resnick said. The national search was conducted by Sally Carlson, of Carlson Beck Executive Search.

Gregory plans to address the community at JCRC Behind the Scenes 2020 on March 11; to find out more and to attend see www.jcrc.org/bts2020.

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