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## **HUGH J. VASQUEZ NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SAN FRANCISCO EDUCATION FUND**

Vasquez to lead the 25-year-old nonprofit in supporting public school teachers and students.

(SAN FRANCISCO, CA) Hugh J. Vasquez, M.S.W., a national leader on issues of equity and justice in the workplace and society, has been named the Executive Director of the San Francisco Education Fund. Mr. Vasquez will lead the organization in its efforts to support students and teachers in the San Francisco Unified School District.

Mr. Vasquez is the founder and former Executive Director of Todos Institute in Oakland, California, an organization that works to reduce racial, ethnic, gender and class divisions in society. As a consultant working with the Todos Institute and the Center for Diversity Leadership, he guided hundreds of groups working to address issues of social justice, fairness and equity.

“We are very pleased and excited Mr. Vasquez will be leading the efforts to bring our programs to the forefront of the education community in these times of great need,” says Ed Fund Board President JaMel Perkins. “Our educational programs have brought a layer of excellence into the San Francisco public schools. Mr. Vasquez’s experiences will add another level of distinction to our future work.”

Mr. Vasquez is looking forward to the challenges ahead. “San Francisco is one of the most diverse cities in the nation. For me, it will be very exciting to collaborate with other community members, as we generate ideas and actions that can transform our educational system into one that prioritizes equity and fairness, and refuses to compromise until a system is in place for all students to thrive.”

The San Francisco Education Fund advocates for excellent public education by mobilizing resources and people to help San Francisco public school students reach their full potential.

To set up a breakfast meeting or desk side briefing with Mr. Vasquez, please contact Bharti Shah at (415) 912-2242. To learn more about the Ed Fund visit [www.sfedfund.org](http://www.sfedfund.org).

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