

NEWS RELEASE
For Immediate Release:

Contact: Maureen Futtner
(415) 637-3280
maureen@maureenfuttner.com

Community Housing Partnership Names New Development in Co-founder's Memory

Rene Cazenave, community empowerment visionary, was at the center of SF progressive politics for 40 years

San Francisco, CA – Community Housing Partnership, a nonprofit organization that provides housing, support services, and economic opportunities for homeless individuals, announced today that it will name its Transbay Redevelopment project apartment building in the memory of CHP co-founder Rene Cazenave. Developed in collaboration with BRIDGE Housing, the Rene Cazenave Apartments will be constructed during fall 2011.

Mr. Cazenave died June 27th after a lifetime of advocacy for social justice and progressive causes. He was at the center of the affordable housing movement in San Francisco for nearly 40 years and served as both an inspiration and a mentor to generations of future community activists. As a founding board member of Community Housing Partnership, Mr. Cazenave was integral to CHP's mission of developing and operating high quality, permanent, and affordable housing for San Franciscans who would otherwise be without a home.

“Rene was someone who truly made a difference in the world,” said Gail Gilman, CHP's executive director. “He was instrumental in guiding Community Housing Partnership through the last 20 years of extensive organizational growth. Naming this building in Rene's honor reflects his belief in the human spirit and shows what is possible when people from all segments of society work together to ensure a better future. It's with deep appreciation and esteem that we dedicate the new building to Rene Cazenave.”

CHP was selected to develop new housing in the Transbay Redevelopment Area. The Rene Cazenave Apartments will be a mid-rise, eight-story building consisting of 120 units. Ground floor spaces include a wide range of programming space, a private courtyard, and two retail spaces. All tenants will be formerly homeless and referred by the San Francisco Department of Health.

The 20 years that Mr. Cazenave served on the board saw Community Housing Partnership grow from 84 units in 1990 to over 800 Supportive Housing residences in 2010. With 264 more units in the development pipeline, Community Housing Partnership continues to break the cycle of homelessness by strengthening community, encouraging self-determination and involving tenants in every aspect of the organization.

###

ABOUT COMMUNITY HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

Formed in 1990 by people who had been homeless, advocates for the homeless and affordable housing developers, Community Housing Partnership is a San Francisco-based nonprofit organization that develops and operates permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless people. Community Housing Partnership currently serves 1,800 people per year through housing, services, job training, leadership development and employment programs. Community Housing Partnership currently owns and/or operates eleven housing sites that serve formerly homeless adults and families and has three new projects in the pipeline. Community Housing Partnership also engages in community and economic development through its certified job training programs,

a community organizing project and a social enterprise that employs formerly homeless adults. Community Housing Partnership recently launched the Treatment and Supportive Housing Program, an outpatient substance abuse and mental health treatment program to assist its tenants who struggle with those issues.

Community Housing Partnership is financially stable with an annual operating budget of approximately \$10 million and reserves appropriate for its size and scope. The organization has an outstanding staff of over 200 people, over half of whom were once homeless. For more information about the Community Housing Partnership please visit www.chp-sf.org.

###