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Pacific Center has supported the Alameda County LGBTQ community for over 46 years through the provision of therapy and social support services, and it is with a combination of triumph and deep sadness that I am announcing my retirement, and thus resignation, as its Executive Director. My last day will be July 31, 2019. For more information about this role please click [here](#):

The last ten+ years have provided many challenges that the staff, board and volunteers at Pacific Center have collectively addressed with great courage: the recession, dwindling funding sources, and the last presidential election with its resulting repressive legislation and rise in hate crimes...even here in Berkeley. Our accomplishments during these last ten years are a testament to their tenacity.

Today, the organization is stronger than ever:

- We are helping over 3,000 people a year
- We offer services at four locations
- The number of peer groups has grown from 5 to 18
- Our government grants are now renewable contracts
- The budget has doubled over the last 6 years
- Our reserve account carries a balance in excess of \$100,000
- We now have an Endowment Fund to ensure our future

Personally, I am most proud of the work generated by the staff and board in recent years to enact systemic program changes that address privilege, equity and inclusion within our own LGBTQ communities. Pacific Center staff and stakeholders have made a commitment to continue this work as part of our organizational strategic plan into the future. We know that to fail to take this action diminishes our claim as being part of a larger social justice movement.

This culture of courage will continue to inspire future leaders at Pacific Center, and I encourage interested candidates for the Executive Director position to please send your cover letter and resume via email to our board president: [boardpresident@pacificcenter.org](mailto:boardpresident@pacificcenter.org).

Thank you, everyone, for a wonderful decade at Pacific Center

Leslie Ewing, Executive Director