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**INTERVIEW PROPOSAL
FOR
KRISTINE GEBBIE
NATIONAL AIDS POLICY COORDINATOR**

ONAPC STAFFER: John Paul Gurrola

DATE/TIME OF EVENT: Tuesday, June 14

LOCATION: 750 Building

ORGANIZATION: San Francisco Weekly

CONTACT: Vince Bielski, Senior Editor
(914)477-2327 or (202)387-7535

PURPOSE: Interview with the NAPC

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: None

MEDIA COVERAGE: San Francisco Weekly

REMARKS REQUIRED: Mr. Bielski will ask questions about KG's accomplishments, future goals, and leadership style. He also wants information about the federal budget for AIDS and the possibility of a cure [SEE ATTACHMENT].

BACKGROUND: San Francisco Weekly, a well-respected paper with a circulation of 80,000, offers local and national coverage of politics and the arts. The publication has been a long-time supporter of President Clinton.

Mr. Bielski is the senior editor of S.F. Weekly. He has written for many daily newspapers and been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

June 11, 1994

Mr. John Gurrola
Director of Communications
Office of AIDS Policy

Dear John,

I would like to address many topics in my upcoming interview with AIDS policy coordinator Kristine Gebbie. I'll ask about her accomplishments and her most important goals. Because she is coming under criticism for her style of leadership, I'll ask her to defend her approach to the job: why is it better to work quietly and push slowly behind the scenes than advocate in a more visible, strident manner? I'm interested in her opinion of the federal AIDS budget -- is it big enough? Is there bureaucratic waste? Was it wise for the Administration to keep prevention funding flat for FY95 at a time when there is no cure for AIDS in sight? Are there any changes expected in federal policy toward needle exchange and travel restrictions. Is there any validity to the criticism that the AIDS coordinator should spend more time lobbying on the hill -- shaping policy -- and less time on the road giving speeches? Does Ms. Gebbie feel she can repair relations with AIDS advocates? Does she want a new job description with more authority and leadership written into it?

These are the main topics and I may have a few other questions. As you can see, I realize that Ms. Gebbie faces tough challenges -- money is tight, the AIDS community is vocal and strong and the epidemic is continuing. I plan to write a balanced story about how she and the Administration are addressing these challenges.

I appreciate the opportunity to interview Ms. Gebbie. If there are any scheduling changes, please leave me a message Monday at 914-477-23-27 or Tuesday at 202-387-7535.

Sincerely,



Vince Bielski
Senior Editor
San Francisco Weekly

SF WEEKLY

FAX TO Mr. John Gurrola
FROM Vince Bielski, Senior Editor
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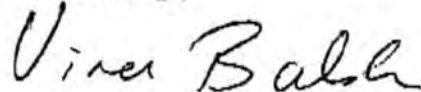
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I'm the senior editor of SF Weekly and have written for many daily newspapers, including the Baltimore Sun, Cleveland Plain Dealer and San Jose Mercury News. I've won a feature writing award from the California Newspaper Publishers Association and have been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. My last feature story on federal policy -- new approaches to youth crime prevention -- appeared in California Lawyer magazine.

I look forward to my interview with Ms. Gebbie on June 14th at 5:30 pm. I'll give you a call to confirm the time. I can be reached in D.C. at 387-7535 as of June 8th.

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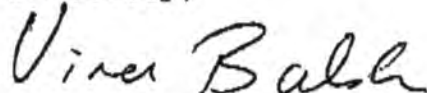
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