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JOHN TRASVIÑA APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE IMPACT FUND'S DISCRIMINATION RESEARCH CENTER



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The Impact Fund is pleased to announce that it has named John Trasviña of San Francisco to be Director of its Discrimination Research Center. "John Trasviña brings two decades of national and California experience and dedication to the fight against discrimination," stated Brad Seligman, Executive Director of The Impact Fund, the parent organization of the Discrimination Research Center.

Prior to being named director, Mr. Trasviña spent 16 years in Washington, D.C., most recently as President Clinton's Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices. There he headed the federal government's only office devoted solely to immigrant workplace rights. He was the highest ranking Latino attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice from 1993 to 2001 and was Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs prior to his presidential appointment. In the 1980s and early 1990s, he was Staff Director and General Counsel of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution chaired by former U.S. Senator Paul Simon (D-IL). From 1985 to 1987, he was the Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund's (MALDEF's) legislative counsel and received their 2000 Award for Excellence in the Legal Profession.

"Effectively preventing and combating job discrimination requires research and proof. The Discrimination Research Center undertakes and advances research that will help advocates, policy makers, businesses and the media identify trends and establish best practices to eradicate discrimination," said Trasviña.

A graduate of Harvard University and Stanford Law School, Mr. Trasviña also teaches Immigration Law at Stanford Law School and is president-elect of the Harvard Club of San Francisco.

Established in 1998 by The Impact Fund, the Discrimination Research Center has offices in Berkeley and Los Angeles and conducts employment testing and uses other social science methods to determine the prevalence of discrimination by employers and other entities.

Additional information about The Impact Fund and the Discrimination Research Center is located at www.impactfund.org.

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