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San Francisco Architectural Heritage Appoints Preservation Advocate



June 11, 2008 (San Francisco, CA) – Jack Gold, Executive Director of San Francisco Architectural Heritage, announced the appointment of Alexandra Bevk as the organization’s new Preservation Advocate. Ms. Bevk comes to Heritage following receipt of a Master’s degree in historic preservation, with a concentration in preservation planning and advocacy, from the University of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Bevk will communicate the organization’s positions on issues before the Landmarks Board, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and other public agencies; develop a strong working relationship with Planning Department staff, neighborhood groups and Heritage members; and serving as principal liaison with local and national preservation organizations to advocate for historic resource conservation and best practices in city planning and urban design.

Ms. Bevk will staff Heritage’s respected Issues Committee, which reviews development projects that affect historic resources, and will conduct annual inspections of the organization’s growing collection of preservation easement properties. Ms. Bevk’s work will also encompass communications, taking over production of the quarterly publication, Heritage News.

A New Jersey native, she comes to Heritage with an impressive skill set, including archival research, data management and desktop publishing. During the summer of 2007, she interned with Li-Saltzman Architects, a firm specializing in preservation and restoration, particularly in New York City. She also interned with the Fairmont Park Historic Preservation Trust, Philadelphia’s 9,200-acre park system that includes diverse historic structures. In addition to her historic preservation degree from Penn, Ms. Bevk holds a BA in Art History and Classics from the University of Wisconsin.

Ms. Bevk stated “I look forward to helping promote Heritage’s broad mission, and to building productive and positive relationships with the already well-

established preservation community in San Francisco. It is gratifying to join a city that has such respect for both its architectural and cultural heritage.”

San Francisco Architectural Heritage is dedicated to public appreciation and understanding of the cultural, aesthetic and economic value of San Francisco's architecturally and historically significant structures and districts, and to motivate public and private action to preserve and protect these resources. The non-profit member-supported organization, established in 1971, also owns and maintains the Haas Lilienthal House Museum at 2007 Franklin Street, and is governed by a 20-member Board of Trustees led by Charles Olson, President.

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