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Equal Rights Center Welcomes New Development Manager and Special Project/Training Coordinator

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 7, 2010– Today the [Equal Rights Center](#) (ERC)—a national non-profit civil rights organization—announced the appointment of both a Development Manager, Toral Patel, and a Special Project/Training Coordinator, Victoria Lanteigne.

“The Equal Rights Center is very pleased to have two new experienced professionals, Toral Patel and Victoria Lanteigne, join our team,” said the ERC’s Executive Director, Don Kahl. “With their strengths and skills, both Toral and Victoria will assist the ERC in furthering our mission to advance civil rights across our nation.”

At the ERC, Patel will be responsible for developing and implementing the organization’s short- and long-term fundraising plans and activities in order to enhance the ability of the organization to fulfill its mission to eliminate discrimination.

“I am looking forward to working with the Equal Rights Center staff and partners to help further funding for all of program areas and ensure the ERC can continue to grow and have a positive impact on communities all across this nation,” said Patel.

Serving as the newly created Special Project/Training Coordinator, Lanteigne will lead the ERC in developing, refining and presenting civil rights training programs for the educational benefit of a variety of audiences. This will include close collaboration with members of the [Multifamily Housing Resource Program](#) (MHRP) to provide training services, policy review, consulting services, and testing services to members of the MHRP.

“This new post with the Equal Rights Center is an exciting opportunity for both me and the organization. I hope through the trainings I will provide, the ERC will be able to reach, and improve the lives of many individuals,” said Lanteigne.

Prior to joining the ERC, Patel served in a number of Development roles in New York. She previously served as Development Director at Brooklyn Community Housing and Services and Membership Manager at the Brooklyn Museum. Patel holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history and English from Rutgers University.

Lanteigne comes to the ERC after most recently serving as Leadership and Capacity Building Senior Associate for the Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA) where she lead training programs related to women’s and girls’ empowerment. Lanteigne received a Masters of Public Policy degree (MPP) from The George Washington University’s Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts

degree in Communications from Michigan State University.

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About the Equal Rights Center (www.equalrightscenter.org)

Since 1983, the Equal Rights Center (ERC), a national non-profit civil rights organization, has worked to identify, challenge, and eliminate discrimination. The ERC combats discrimination in housing, employment, access to public accommodations and government services, disability rights and immigrant rights, through education and outreach, research, testing, counseling, advocacy and enforcement.