

Gay Community

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housing protection available to gays

LOS ANGELES, CA — Following extensive negotiations with California Gov. Jerry Brown by Paul D. Hardman of San Francisco and Thomas F. Coleman of Los Angeles, and others, the California Division of Fair Employment Practices has made housing protection available to lesbians and gay men. The Division has agreed to investigate and remedy housing discrimination cases involving gay persons. It is the first time that gay tenants in California will have a state agency to assist them in sexual orientation discrimination cases.

Coleman, co-chair of the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties, said, "This is another example of the firm commitment of the Brown administration to equality under the law for all regardless of sexual orientation. The intervention and assistance from the Governor's office probably saved us three years of litigation over this issue."