



**EQUALITY  
ILLINOIS**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Founded in 1991, Equality Illinois is the state's oldest, largest and most effective organization advocating for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Illinoisans.

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Equality Illinois Moving Forward to More Central Location**

**CHICAGO** – Equality Illinois today announced that it is moving its headquarters to Chicago's Loop in order to be closer to all the city's diverse LGBT communities, to connect better with the policy makers, government agencies and allied organizations with whom we work and to make it easier to travel throughout the state.

"Equality Illinois was born and nurtured for more than two decades in the gay and lesbian neighborhoods on Chicago's North Side, which helped us grow to become the state's oldest and largest advocacy organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Illinoisans, and that heritage will always be an important part of our history and in our hearts. We will remain a part of its family," said Bernard Cherkasov, CEO of Equality Illinois.

"We've always worked for equality throughout the state, but now our expanding mission makes it imperative that we relocate to strengthen our connections with people throughout the region and Illinois. We are everyone's movement, and we will now be easily accessible to everyone, from Washington Park to Humboldt Park to Rogers Park," he said.

Effective Aug. 1, Equality Illinois will be moving from its present location at 3318 N. Halsted St., Chicago, to its new headquarters in the historic Stevens Building at 17 N. State St., Chicago.

"We are excited by the opportunity that our move will give us to improve on our existing connections in other parts of the city and state where there are voices that also deserve a strong hearing, and then we can better join them in advocating for their interests," Cherkasov said.

(NOTE to media: More details about our new mailing address and phone numbers will be announced closer to the move.)

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