

Dear LifeMoves Community,

I hope you are all safe and well. I wanted to let you know that I recently communicated to our Board of Directors my intention to retire as CEO of LifeMoves by the end of this fiscal year (June 2021). My goal in providing early notice is to help ensure a smooth transition for our organization.

The time is right for this change. Personally, my last five years with LifeMoves have been the most rewarding of my 35-year professional career. I have been blessed with an outstanding team, an engaged and supportive Board and highly collaborative government and non-profit partners. The entire LifeMoves community has generously supported our vital work as we expanded shelter capacity, launched innovative new programs and strengthened our balance sheet. I have been privileged to work with all of you, our wonderful volunteers, donors, staff and leadership and I am very excited by what lies ahead for LifeMoves.

We are at an inflection point. The pandemic has exposed the fragility of our social safety net and magnified its impact on the most vulnerable in our community. As we look ahead, we see growing challenges we need to rise to meet. We will find innovative ways to quickly expand our capacity to house growing numbers of homeless residents, creating pop-up shelters at multiple sites. We will do the hard work of stably housing homeless individuals and families and of building a more diverse and inclusive LifeMoves that promotes racial justice for everyone we work with and work for. We will support our clients and colleagues and their families through whatever the pandemic brings. With over 35 years of experience, a proven model and an amazing team, LifeMoves is built to meet this moment. A new CEO will inherit this strong foundation as they lead LifeMoves into its next chapter.

I also wanted to include a message from our Board Chair, Joe Stockwell, sharing the Board's perspective and plans:

*"In 2015, we found the ideal leader for this chapter of LifeMoves development in Bruce and we are so grateful for his leadership. He and the LifeMoves team have made a genuine impact in our community. In the last 5 years we have boosted shelter and program capacity by 53%. Clients continue to thrive with us - 86% of families and 67% of individuals who engage in our programs return to stable housing. We have launched innovative new programs, including partnerships to work on the intersection of health and housing with Kaiser, the relationship of housing stability to academic achievement with the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, a dedicated LGBTQ+ shelter, Motel Voucher Program for families and Safe & Supportive Parking sites. We significantly increased our fundraising capabilities, doubling our private revenue to enable the reach of our creative programming. We ended our fiscal 2020 year in the healthiest financial shape of our history, positioning the agency to expand to meet the fast-growing needs of our community. LifeMoves is strong and ready for our next chapter of leadership. The Board has retained mOppenheim Executive Search to support the search for our next CEO. In many ways, we are just getting started. LifeMoves mission – to serve our homeless clients and return them to stable housing and self-sufficiency – not only remains the same but has become increasingly visible and critical. I look forward to partnering with all of you as we build on the strong foundation Bruce has laid and plan our growth to meet the increasing needs and challenges in our community."*

While we search for our new CEO, I remain fully engaged in running LifeMoves along with our Leadership Team. I will be here to fully onboard my successor and then I won't be far away, as the Board has graciously asked me to serve as a Director when I complete my CEO duties. LifeMoves and its mission will always be my mission. I know that I, and LifeMoves, can count on you for your ongoing support which matters now more than ever. For that support, and for the privilege of being a part of this community, I am deeply grateful.

Sincerely,



Bruce Ives  
Chief Executive Officer  
LifeMoves