



Application for Boards / Commissions / Committees / Task Forces INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION

San Francisco is a diverse City and County with a wide range of people and issues affecting it. In order to take advantage of the extensive experience and knowledge available throughout our communities, various Boards/Commissions/Committees/Task Forces have been established to bring that knowledge together. These groups and their membership requirements are established by legislation approved through the local, state, and/or federal government.

In addition to setting up the purpose and goals of the various groups, the governing legislation outlines the type of person - in terms of desirable skills and/or knowledge - who can contribute their knowledge and perspective. In this manner, a group of San Franciscans, who are representative of the City and County, can be active participants in addressing issues affecting the entire City and County.

If you are interested in serving the City and County of San Francisco, the following procedures are provided:

1. A list of vacancies and expected vacancies, with their qualifications, can be found at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, at the San Francisco Main Public Library, and online on the Board of Supervisors' website (<http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy>). Please review this list for positions of interest.
2. Submit an application (http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy_application)
(List all of the appropriate seat number(s) and/or category/categories for which you qualify. We request applications be received ten (10) days before the scheduled hearing.)

Applicants may also need to submit a Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests (<https://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>), along with their application for all bodies listed in [Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.1-103\(a\)\(1\)](#).

3. If the seat(s) you are applying for is vacant and requires the Board of Supervisors' confirmation, the Rules Committee may schedule your application for review. Applicants should expect to appear before the Rules Committee to speak on their qualifications and answer questions during a public hearing.
(There are no set instructions on what you are expected to present to the Rules Committee; however, a brief description of how your qualifications distinguish you from other applicants, reasons for your interest in the subject, and/or a short summarization on why you would make a good candidate is appropriate.)
4. The Rules Committee may or may not make a recommendation for appointment. If a recommendation is made by the Rules Committee, the recommendation is forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval. It generally takes approximately 15 days from the date the Rules Committee makes their recommendation, for the individual to become officially appointed.
5. Depending on the type of organization, a new appointee may need to take an Oath of Office.

If there are no vacancies, your application will be retained for one year. If any openings occur during this time, your application will be submitted to the Rules Committee for review.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Rules Committee Clerk at (415) 554-5184. If you require detailed information concerning the operations of a particular Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force, please contact the administering department directly.

BOARD of SUPERVISORS

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco 94102-4689
Tel. No. (415) 554-5184
Fax No. (415) 554-5163
TDD/TTY No. (415) 544-5227

Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: **Entertainment Commission**

Seat # (see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): **#3 - Public Health**

Full Name: **Laura Thomas**

ancisco, CA Zip Code: **94110**

Occupation: **public health advocacy**

Work Phone: **415/283-6366** Employer: **San Francisco AIDS Foundation**

Business Address: **940 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA** Zip Code: **94110**

Business Email: **lthomas@sfasf.org** Home Email: **[REDACTED]**

Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(2), Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of residents of the City and County of San Francisco who are 18 years of age or older (unless otherwise stated in the code authority). For certain appointments, the Board of Supervisors may waive the residency requirement.

Check All That Apply:

Resident of San Francisco: Yes No If No, place of residence: _____

18 Years of Age or Older: Yes No

Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(1), please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:

I am a white, cisgender, queer femme. I live in District 10, on the border of the Mission. I've lived in San Francisco for 37 years and am a homeowner here. I represent LGBTQ community issues and concerns. Professionally, I represent public health expertise. I'm a consumer of entertainment and nightlife in San Francisco.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

I have extensive expertise in public health. I have worked in public health and associated fields in San Francisco since 1990, including six years as an employee of the San Francisco Department of Public Health. I have focused on federal, state, and local public health policy and legislation throughout my career. I hold a Masters in Public Health and a Masters in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley and am a member of the American Public Health Association.

I work for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation as the Senior Director of HIV & Harm Reduction Policy, leading our work in California and San Francisco on public health, HIV, sexual health, infectious disease, LGBTQ health, and substance use policy, legislation, and budgets. My work has been focused on policy approaches to reduce the harms related to substance use, specifically access to substance use disorder treatment and reducing overdose mortality and HIV transmissions.

I currently serve in the Entertainment Commission's public health seat, where I've been an engaged, active commissioner, including serving as Vice President and running meetings as needed. I spearheaded an initiative to address overdose in nightlife settings that got the Entertainment Commission recognition from the White House.

Civic Activities:

I have been a community advocate and activist in San Francisco for over 35 years. Much of my community work has been focused on HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ issues, beginning with ACT UP, co-founding the Dyke March, and as leadership in the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, including two terms as co-president.

My work in the HIV/AIDS community has included decades of participation in HIV community planning, ensuring that the voices of people with HIV and communities most affected by HIV are centered in the planning of services and the allocation of resources. I've been at different times a member, a co-chair, and staff for the HIV planning councils in San Francisco, as well as representing San Francisco in state and national conversations on HIV/AIDS. I'm proud to have been on the Board of Directors for both the API Wellness Center and for Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases (WORLD) and I am currently serving as a Board member for the GLBT Historical Society.

I was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to the Cannabis State Legalization Task Force and previously I served on the San Francisco Methamphetamine Task Force, Mayor's Hepatitis C Task Force and the Supervised Injection Services Task Force. I vote, volunteer, march, contribute, rally, engage, learn, and show up for my communities in as many ways as I can.

Have you attended any meetings of the body to which you are applying? Yes No

An appearance before the Rules Committee may be required at a scheduled public hearing, prior to the Board of Supervisors considering the recommended appointment. Applications should be received ten (10) days prior to the scheduled public hearing.

Date: May 12, 2025

Applicant's Signature (required):



(Manually sign or type your complete name.

NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year. Once completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Appointed to Seat #: _____ Term Expires: _____ Date Vacated: _____

CALIFORNIA FORM 700
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS
COVER PAGE
A PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

Date Initial Filing Received
Filing Official Use Only

Please type or print in ink.

NAME OF FILER (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

Thomas, Laura

1. Office, Agency, or Court

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)

City and County of San Francisco

Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable

Your Position

Entertainment Commission

Commissioner

► If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)

Agency: _____ Position: _____

2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)

State

Judge, Retired Judge, Pro Tem Judge, or Court Commissioner
(Statewide Jurisdiction)

Multi-County _____

County of San Francisco

City of _____

Other _____

3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)

Annual: The period covered is January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

-or-

The period covered is _____/_____/_____, through December 31, 2024.

Assuming Office: Date assumed _____/_____/_____

Leaving Office: Date Left _____/_____/
(Check one circle below.)

The period covered is January 1, 2024, through the date of leaving office.

-or-

The period covered is _____/_____/_____, through the date of leaving office.

Candidate: Date of Election _____ and office sought, if different than Part 1: _____

4. Schedule Summary (required)

► **Total number of pages including this cover page:** 2

Schedules attached

Schedule A-1 - Investments – schedule attached

Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions – schedule attached

Schedule A-2 - Investments – schedule attached

Schedule D - Income - Gifts – schedule attached

Schedule B - Real Property – schedule attached

Schedule E - Income - Gifts - Travel Payments – schedule attached

-or- None - No reportable interests on any schedule

5. Verification

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|---|--------|--------------------|-------|----------|
| MAILING ADDRESS (Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public Document) | STREET | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE |
| 1266 Vermont Street | | San Francisco | CA | 94110 |
| DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER | | EMAIL ADDRESS | | |
| (415) 283-6366 | | lgthomas@gmail.com | | |

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed 03/31/2025
(month, day, year)

Signature Laura Thomas
(File the originally signed paper statement with your filing official.)

SCHEDULE C
Income, Loans, & Business
Positions
(Other than Gifts and Travel Payments)

CALIFORNIA FORM 700
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Name

Thomas, Laura

► 1. INCOME RECEIVED

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME

San Francisco AIDS Foundation

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)

1035 Market St., 4th Fl.

San Francisco, CA 94103

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

non-profit

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION

Sr. Dir. of HIV & Harm Reduction Policy

GROSS INCOME RECEIVED No Income - Business Position Only

\$500 - \$1,000 \$1,001 - \$10,000

\$10,001 - \$100,000 OVER \$100,000

CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH INCOME WAS RECEIVED

Salary Spouse's or registered domestic partner's income
(For self-employed use Schedule A-2.)

Partnership (Less than 10% ownership. For 10% or greater use Schedule A-2.)

Sale of _____
(Real property, car, boat, etc.)

Loan repayment

Commission or Rental Income, list each source of \$10,000 or more

(Describe)

Other _____
(Describe)

► 2. LOANS RECEIVED OR OUTSTANDING DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

- * You are not required to report loans from a commercial lending institution, or any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status. Personal loans and loans received not in a lender's regular course of business must be disclosed as follows:

NAME OF LENDER*

INTEREST RATE

TERM (Months/Years)

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)

_____ % None

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER

SECURITY FOR LOAN

HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD

None Personal residence

\$500 - \$1,000

Real Property _____
Street address

\$1,001 - \$10,000

City

\$10,001 - \$100,000

Guarantor _____

OVER \$100,000

Other _____
(Describe)

Comments: _____