

**BOARD of SUPERVISORS**



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**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](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.

(Applications must be submitted to [BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org](mailto:BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org) or to the mailing address listed above.)

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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF)

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): Seat #4

Full Name: Ankita Mukhopadhyay Kumar

[Redacted] Zip Code: 94103

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: N/A Employer: Freelance

Business Address: N/A Zip Code: N/A

Business Email: N/A 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.**

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 proud resident of San Francisco, a person of color and woman, who would like to give back to the city. I have been a member of the SOTF for 1.5 years and I have truly enjoyed my time on the taskforce - serving the city and raising my voice for issues that matter for city residents. I would like to continue for another term.

I hold two Masters degrees and I have worked in journalism for almost a decade. I am the regional coordinator for the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), the oldest journalism organization in the United States. I am also an openly bisexual woman and a proud member of Out in Tech, a non-profit for LGBTQ+ people working in tech and tech adjacent roles. I also contribute to the Indian community in the SF Bay Area and I believe my qualifications, background, race, ethnicity and sexual orientation make me a great candidate for the Sunshine Task Force.

**Business and/or Professional Experience:**

- Finalist, NHK Japan Prize (for my documentary on Afghan refugees)
- Runner up, Best Short Documentary, Chicago South Asian Film Festival (CSAFF)
- Regional Coordinator, Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ)
- Awards and Honors committee, Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA)
- Reporting Fellow, Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting
- Freelance journalist with SF Bay Area publications such as India Currents and the SF Chronicle

**Civic Activities:**

- SF Board member, Out in Tech (OIT)

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: 08/06/2025

Applicant's Signature (required):

*Ankita M.*

*(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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date Initial Filing Received

Filing Official Use Only

E-Filed  
03/20/2025  
22:17:28Filing ID:  
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Please type or print in ink.

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

Mukhopadhyay Kumar, Ankita

**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

Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

Member

► 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 02 / 01 / 2024, through  
December 31, 2024.☐ **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.☐ **Assuming Office:** Date assumed \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_☐ **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**MAILING ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
*(Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public Document)*

San Francisco

CA

94102

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

( )

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 03/20/2025  
*(month, day, year)*Signature Ankita Mukhopadhyay Kumar  
*(File the originally signed paper statement with your filing official.)*

# SCHEDULE C

## Income, Loans, & Business Positions

(Other than Gifts and Travel Payments)

<b>CALIFORNIA FORM 700</b>
<small>FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION</small>
Name  Mukhopadhyay Kumar, Ankita

**▶ 1. INCOME RECEIVED**

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME

UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)

Berkeley, CA 94708

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION

Lecturer

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)**▶ 1. INCOME RECEIVED**

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION

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\*

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER

HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD

☐ \$500 - \$1,000☐ \$1,001 - \$10,000☐ \$10,001 - \$100,000☐ OVER \$100,000

INTEREST RATE

TERM (Months/Years)

\_\_\_\_\_% ☐ None

SECURITY FOR LOAN

☐ None☐ Personal residence☐ Real Property \_\_\_\_\_

Street address

City

☐ Guarantor \_\_\_\_\_☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Describe)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

July 30, 2025

**Society of Professional Journalists Northern California Chapter**

San Francisco, CA

[www.spjnorcal.org](http://www.spjnorcal.org)

**San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee**

Chair Shamann Walton

Honorable Rafael Mandelman

Honorable Stephen Sherrill



Dear Supervisors:

The Society of Professional Journalists, Northern California Chapter ("SPJ NorCal") is pleased to nominate Ankita Mukhopadhyay Kumar for reappointment to the City's Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, where she has served one term with care and enthusiasm.

Ms. Kumar has worked as a journalist defending the public's right to know for more than a decade. Her coverage has focused on marginalized communities around the globe, including refugees, people in the digital divide, and religious minorities. The open Sunshine Ordinance Task Force seat Ms. Kumar has held for one term was historically appointed by New America Media, who prioritized journalists with experience covering diverse communities, so we continue to feel she is well-suited for this role.

In many cases, Ms. Kumar's work has required fact-finding through reporting in media-hostile environments. Her work has won the support of institutions like the Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting and National Geographic's Covid-19 Emergency Fund for Journalists.

Ms. Kumar has demonstrated research experience and a willingness to comb through records and documentation, an important skill for Sunshine Ordinance Task Force members, by earning her Masters of Science in history and in journalism.

She continues to serve as the Society of Professional Journalists Region 11 coordinator, a role in which she acts as a liaison between our chapters in Hawaii, Nevada, California, among others. She has flourished in this role.

We strongly urge you to give favorable consideration to Ms. Kumar's nomination and forward her appointment to the full Board. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

**Ida Mojada**, SPJ NorCal Chapter Vice President and Acting President

**Laura Wenus**, SPJ NorCal Treasurer and Freedom of Information Committee co-chair

**Thomas Peele**, SPN NorCal Freedom of Information Committee co-chair