

Obai A. Rambo – Candidate Bio for San Francisco Homelessness Oversight Commission

Obai A. Rambo has spent more than 15 years working at the intersection of government, community, and social impact. He currently serves on UCSF's Workforce Development team, where he leads initiatives that connect San Francisco residents—particularly those from historically marginalized and vulnerable communities—to family-sustaining healthcare careers. His work emphasizes creating long-term pathways out of poverty by blending career training with wraparound support that addresses root causes of housing insecurity while also interfacing with local and state government leaders.

Obai's career began in public service, with experience in the offices of Senator Kamala Harris and in San Francisco's public and private sectors, including consulting. Throughout his career he has specialized in government and community relations, coalition-building, and designing programs that bring together civic leaders, philanthropic partners, and community organizations to solve complex challenges.

A fourth generation San Franciscan and graduate of UC Berkeley and Columbia University, Obai brings both professional expertise and lived commitment to the city's fight against homelessness. His focus is on accountability, equity, and innovative strategies that link housing solutions with workforce and community stability. He believes that effective oversight requires centering the voices of those directly impacted while ensuring resources are deployed efficiently and transparently.

If appointed, Obai will bring a collaborative, outcomes-driven approach to the Homelessness Oversight Commission—grounded in both policy experience and a deep belief in San Francisco's capacity to provide dignity, safety, and opportunity for all residents.