

**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: Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy Board of Directors

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): District 6 Seat / Appointee

Full Name: Raquel R. Redondiez

Home Address: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: na Occupation: SOMA Pilipinas Director

Work Phone: 415-244-9734 Employer: Filipino American Development Foundation

Business Address: 701 Mission Street Zip Code: 94103

Business Email: raquel@somapilipinas.org Home Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**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:**

Raquel immigrated to the U.S. at age nine and has been a San Francisco resident since 1996. She has worked in the South of Market community since that time, first as a Business Representative with UNITE-HERE Local 2, as a community volunteer organizing against displacement during the dot com boom in the late 90's and as a legislative aide for the District 6 Office. Raquel Redondiez is currently the Director of SOMA Pilipinas, San Francisco's Filipino Cultural Heritage District, also designated by the state through the California Arts Council. With three decades of experience in community organizing, cultural work, multi-racial solidarity building and policy advocacy, Raquel has led SOMA Pilipinas to become a leader in racial equity, cultural preservation, and economic recovery. With a degree in Asian American Studies and specialization in Women's Studies from UCLA, Raquel has a long history and rich lived experience working with and representing the immigrant working class communities in the South of Market and city-wide. As a parent to Bessie Carmichael Elementary/Filipino Education Center students, she led the effort to build the Bessie Carmichael Campus and Victoria Manalo Draves Park. She has extensive experience and deep knowledge of District 6 and especially South of Market history, communities, and collective struggles.

**Business and/or Professional Experience:**

Under her leadership, SOMA Pilipinas has contributed to economic recovery in downtown San Francisco. Partnering with cultural institutions, nonprofits, and the private sector, SOMA Pilipinas has ushered forth a cultural arts renaissance in the South of Market with over a dozen new murals and public art and supported the stabilization of several legacy cultural organizations through property acquisition. Raquel helped craft the City's Cultural District ordinance and ballot measure to create baseline funding from the Hotel Tax.

As a legislative aide for 15 years serving three different San Francisco legislators, Raquel has crafted landmark policies and ballot initiatives ranging from land use, due process and civil rights, economic and workforce development, tax reform, and new progressive taxes. Among her major accomplishments is the passage of the strongest local hiring policy in the nation, the City's Paid Sick Leave and Paid Parental Leave policy, the development of the \$52 million SOMA Stabilization Fund and thousands of new housing units in the South of Market.

**Civic Activities:**

During the first tech boom in the late 90's, Raquel led a community campaign to protect small businesses being displaced by the dot-com office, and won 10 year long-leases for Filipino small businesses that continue to survive today. As a community organizer, she has organized numerous grassroots organizations including youth, women, human rights groups, and led the development of several local, regional, and U.S. wide coalitions. She is the founder of the Filipino Community Center, the largest Filipino non-profit serving youth, women, and immigrant workers. Raquel is a member of the Filipinx Caucus of San Francisco Rising and a member of the District 11 Democratic Club.

Raquel is also a member of the City's Racial Equity Council and led the development of the Equity Vision for Downtown Recovery, which centers the City's cultural diversity and community assets for a sustainable and inclusive economic recovery. Raquel's advocacy were also crucial in establishing a \$2 million mitigation fund for small businesses affected by the November 2023 APEC Summit in SOMA and supporting a thriving ecosystem of cultural groups, artists, and small businesses through and despite the pandemic.

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: July 18, 2024

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: \_\_\_\_\_