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James W. Haas



Date of Birth: April 10, 1942

Education: Stanford University BA History, 1964; Columbia University Law School JD 1969

Occupation: Attorney 1974- 2010 Commercial practice in the areas of banking, public finance, real estate, planning, environmental law and historic preservation law.

Relevant Community Service:

1973 – 1990 Member of the Board of Directors, San Francisco Heritage – San Francisco's historic preservation organization.

1978 – 1981 Member of the U.S. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, appointed by President Jimmy Carter.

1986 – 1993 Member of the Board, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library; Vice Chair of the Main Library Committee; Convener of the Library Bond campaign.

1991 - 2010 Chair of Civic Pride, the advocacy group for the rehabilitation and completion of the Civic Center. In 1996, Treasurer of the campaign for \$63 million in bonds to complete the rehabilitation and modernization of City Hall.

2005 – Present Commissioner on the City Hall Preservation Advisory Commission, appointed by Mayor Gavin Newsom.

2011 – Present Member of the Board of Directors of the Civic Center Community Benefit District.

Publications: *The San Francisco Civic Center: A History of the Design, Controversies and Realization of a City Beautiful Master Piece*. University of Nevada Press, Reno Nevada, 2019; “Edward Robeson Taylor: Mayor of San Francisco (1907-1911)” *The Argonaut*; The Journal of the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society. Vol. 18, 2007 and Vol. 19, 2008