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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 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: Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC).

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): Seat 14, for an alternate member representing District 3

Full Name: _____

Zip Code: 94108

Occupation: Campus Planner

Work Phone: (415) 814-6910

Employer: HGA Architects

Business Address: 222 Sutter St #500, San Francisco, CA Zip Code: 4108

Business Email: eball@hga.com

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:

I bring a perspective as a California native who moved to San Francisco at the age of 18, drawn to the city as a beacon of hope for acceptance and community. As an openly gay individual, I deeply value public safety, community activation, and exclusivity. My academic background, with dual degrees in Urban Studies and Planning and Geography from San Francisco State University and a master's degree in Landscape Architecture from Cornell University, has shaped my commitment to creating spaces that serve the diverse and evolving needs of San Francisco's communities. As a designer and planner, community engagement is key to my approach. I understand the importance of fostering spaces where everyone, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, age, ethnicity, or background, feels safe and valued. My commitment to advocacy in open spaces and neighborhood revitalization reflects my dedication to ensuring exclusivity and equitable access for all. Additionally, I have personally experienced the challenges of feeling unsafe in public spaces, having been assaulted twice in San Francisco, which has further fueled my dedication to creating spaces where safety, inclusivity, and accessibility are top priorities.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

I have experience in urban design, landscape architecture, and campus planning. I have guided high-impact projects, from conceptualization to schematic design, including urban plazas, waterfront parks, and streetscapes, ensuring each project thoughtfully integrates with its surrounding environment while balancing functionality, aesthetic quality, and environmental sustainability. One of my most significant contributions was developing and implementing public engagement strategies, where I created presentations and interactive boards to facilitate meaningful collaboration with stakeholders. This approach was designed to ensure that designs truly reflected the local voices and the needs of the community. I also conducted a comprehensive city-wide park assessment and developed a scoring framework for the City of Roseville and the City of Tulare, California. This data-driven approach was instrumental in helping both cities prioritize future park investments, ultimately leading to equitable decisions that support the sustainable growth of public parks and recreational spaces. Additionally, I contributed to the design and documentation of the Estuary Park Renovation and Expansion Project for the City of Oakland, played a key role in the Mariposa Plaza in Fresno, and the Zocalo Park in Ashland, California, focusing on public plaza design. These projects all involved collaborating with multidisciplinary teams to promote sustainability and enhance the public experience. As a campus planner, I was a key player in the University of North Carolina at Charlotte's 2025 master plan update, where my advocacy for improving outdoor spaces directly spurred the university's open space and activation study. Throughout my campus design work, accessibility and equitable access have been core principles, ensuring that all users, including students, faculty, and visitors, can access and engage with the spaces. With my background as a landscape designer, urban designer, and campus planner, I am equipped to contribute to the development of inclusive, vibrant, and sustainable public spaces.

Civic Activities:

I am involved in civic engagement through several leadership roles. As a board member of the Lower Nob Hill Neighborhood Alliance, I am actively engaged in their Open Space Working Group, advocating for better open spaces and improvements in the Lower Nob Hill neighborhood, including the Green Lower Nob Hill initiative. I serve as the Field Co-Chair of the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, the oldest LGBT Democratic club in the nation, focusing on outreach and community engagement to advance policies around inclusivity and LGBTQ+ rights. In my role as District 3 Director on the San Francisco Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club's Board, I organized and facilitated public forums on critical issues such as the SFMTA Fiscal Cliff and the North Beach Historic District designation, addressing urban infrastructure and historic preservation concerns. Additionally, I serve on the Cornell University Landscape Architecture Department's Advisory Council, helping shape the department's strategic direction. These roles have allowed me to build strong relationships within the community, advocate for urban issues, and contribute to positive change in San Francisco's neighborhoods. I would be honored to be a part of the Park, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC).

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: 8/11/2025

Applicant's Signature (required):

Ellyn Barr

(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.

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