

# Lisa Chen

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## EDUCATION

### MASTER OF CITY PLANNING & MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

UC Berkeley  
2008-2011

*Housing, Community & Economic Development Concentration*

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURE

UC Berkeley  
2001-2005

*Highest Honors*

## PROFILE

Creative and multifaceted urban planner with 15+ years experience in planning, community development, and public health. Has directed complex planning projects through all stages of development and adoption. Adept at building collaboration among teams, community stakeholders, and agencies.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### PRINCIPAL PLANNER (2021-present)

### SENIOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST (2020-2021)

### SENIOR PLANNER (2016-2020)

### PLANNER (2013-2016)

*San Francisco Planning Department*

*6/2013 - Present*

Lead community planning initiatives, supervise staff and project teams, and contribute to workplanning and organizational development of the Citywide Division.

- Direct implementation and rezoning plan for the Housing Element, supervising teams of staff and consultants, managing community outreach, and communicating with agencies and policymakers.
- Advanced key equity initiatives, supervising the Environmental Justice Framework and supporting management of the Racial & Social Equity Action Plan.
- Managed adoption of the Central SoMa Plan, supervising staff and consultants. Developed community benefits package and financial feasibility analysis.
- Oversaw project management and interagency coordination for the Sustainable Chinatown plan.
- Facilitated adoption of the Transportation Sustainability Fee, overseeing financial analysis and community outreach.
- Created plans for key economic sectors, including the 2016 Health Care Services Master Plan and a policy report on the food and beverage manufacturing cluster.
- Developed and implemented plans to enhance the public realm, including the Green Connections Plan, In-Kind Agreements, and design and planning review of HOPE SF.

### PLANNER

*ChangeLab Solutions*

*1/2011 - 6/2013*

Conducted research, wrote factsheets and toolkits, and provided training and technical assistance nationally for government agencies, community-based organizations, and health advocates on innovative land use planning and policy strategies to improve public health.

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## VOLUNTEERISM

### COUNCIL MEMBER

Oakland Food Policy Council  
2014 - 2017

### CAC MEMBER

Better Market Street  
2010 - 2013

### ADVISORY BOARD

Urban Sprouts  
2008 - 2013

### MEMBER

Kaiser Permanente Research  
Division, Community  
Advisory Panel  
2011 - 2012

### FARM VOLUNTEER

Tierra Para Todos Foundation  
2006 - 2007

### CLASSROOM INTERN

Cloudforest School  
2006

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## ACHIEVEMENTS

### NATIONAL PLANNING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

(Sustainable Chinatown)  
American Planning Assoc.  
2019

### AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

(Central SoMa Plan)  
California APA  
2019

### LEADERSHIP FELLOW

UC Berkeley School of  
Public Health  
2010-2011

### CONTINUING STUDENT AWARD

California Planning  
Foundation  
2009

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE *continued*

### GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR

UC Berkeley Department of City & Regional Planning 8/2010 - 12/2010

Assisted in the curriculum, grading, and discussion activities for a graduate seminar on the intersection of public health & city planning, under the direction of Professor Jason Corburn.

### HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT INTERN

Human Impact Partners 5/2010 - 12/2010

Prepared health impact assessments (HIAs) to evaluate health and equity impacts of transportation & land use policies. Conducted epidemiological meta-analysis of the impacts of traffic pollution on childhood asthma onset.

### GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER

UC Berkeley Inst. for Urban & Regional Development 1/2009 - 1/2010

Directed team of students to create neighborhood housing, infrastructure, and community facility plans for informal settlements in Nairobi, Kenya under the direction of Prof. Jason Corburn. Facilitated and presented at community planning meetings in collaboration with University of Nairobi.

### INTERN

San Francisco Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services 5/2008 - 8/2008

Assisted the office director, helping plan special events and conducting research on local policies. Corresponded with constituents and connected them with outside services & agencies.

### GARDEN & NUTRITION EDUCATOR

Urban Sprouts 5/2007 - 8/2008

Taught classes and developed curriculum on nutrition, food systems, and ecology in middle & high schools. Collaborated with school staff, managed school gardens, and supervised volunteers.

### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS INTERN

Hidden Villa 8/2005 - 6/2006

Developed and led educational programs for children and adults on ecology, green building, and organic farming. Managed program communications and outreach.