

Evita Chavez

Program Officer, State Housing Advocacy at the San Francisco Foundation

Creative and heart-centered urban planner with experience in policy and program management, and a commitment to equity.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Program Officer, State Housing Advocacy San Francisco Foundation

12/2022 - Present

Achievements/Tasks

- Advise on the development of strategy and management of a \$3 million grant portfolio for housing advocacy and policy in the Bay Area and California.
- Collaborate with state field leaders on developing a project to expand the capacity of equity-focused statewide housing advocacy organizations and develop a more integrated, coordinated and powerful sector.

Associate Initiative Officer, Partnership for the Bay's Future (PBF)

San Francisco Foundation

10/2020 - 12/2022

San Francisco, CA

Achievements/Tasks

- Delivered results with PBF's pilot grant program working with the program's 24 partners across 7 jurisdictions to propose and advance 28 policies in the Bay Area.
- Developed, recruited for and managed an expanded second grant program, the Policy Grants, comprised of over 40 partners across 11 jurisdictions.
- Develop essential tools for the field, such as the [Housing Readiness Report](#) and the [Opportunity to Purchase Act Playbook](#).

Assistant Project Manager Intern Mercy Housing California

06/2019 - 08/2019

Los Angeles, CA

Achievements/Tasks

- Completed entitlement applications and performed final reviews for grant applications, including No Place Like Home.
- Organized and facilitated community meetings of approximately 60 people regarding new projects.

Legislative Assistant

Office of Senator Bob Wieckowski

10/2015 - 08/2018

Sacramento, CA

Achievements/Tasks

- Analyzed and prepared vote recommendations over 200 bills per year across various policy areas, including housing and transportation.
- Staffed three senate bills per year, including SB 1069 (2016), landmark legislation pertaining to accessory dwelling units.
- Drafted legislative language, amendments and fact sheets, built support coalitions, coordinated testimony for hearings, and resolved issues with opposition groups.

EDUCATION

M.A. Urban Planning

Harvard Graduate School of Design

08/2018 - 05/2020

Concentration in Housing and Neighborhood Development

B.A. Urban and Environmental Policy

Occidental College

08/2011 - 05/2015

Cum Laude

SKILLS

Project development and management

Policy Analysis

Wordpress

ArcGIS

Adobe Creative Cloud

Fluxx

Salesforce

Public speaking

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Urban Habitat's Boards and Commission Leadership Institute Fellow (01/2023 - Present)

- BCLI supports advocacy campaigns and social justice movements by connecting emerging leaders to commissions to advance community-led solutions.

Occidental College Board of Governors (08/2019 - Present)

- Help maintain a connection between the college, current students and alumni through programming and events.

Harvard Urban Planning Organization (HUPO) (04/2019 - 05/2020)

- As Co-President of HUPO, I advocated for and developed the [Proposal for Enhancing Equity in the MUP program](#), which is currently being implemented.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Tech Philanthropy: How Innovation and Equity Can Forge Stronger Communities Podcast (2020)

Researched, developed and produced this 27 minute podcast in collaboration with three others.

York & Fig: At the Intersection of Change (2015)

Contributing research for Marketplace's Wealth and Poverty Desk <https://features.marketplace.org/yorkandfig/>

LANGUAGES

Spanish

Professional Working Proficiency

INTERESTS

Running

Exploring new cities

Hiking

Travel