



Vikrum Aiyer



Vikrum D. Aiyer is a longtime SoMa resident, who has spent a career in service of local businesses, federal programs, nonprofits and neighbors.

During the pandemic, Aiyer's persistent advocacy as a founding member of the Neighborhood Business Alliance, helped link the San Francisco's COVID Command Center to South-Asian & Arab-owned small businesses and corner stores – in the Tenderloin and SoMa – in need of multilingual resources, equitable vaccine distribution, and pilot programs to contain supply chain disruptions. In 2018 Aiyer was a critical voice in compelling local tech companies to invest their fair share in care & housing, and release Prop C funds for homelessness programs, despite the measure being tied up in Court.

Today, Aiyer serves as a Commissioner to San Francisco's Workforce Investment Board, overseeing the City's apprenticeship and job-placements pipelines for at-risk youth and adults, including those who have experienced homelessness. As a founding member and advisor to the statewide non-profit End Poverty in CA (EPIC), his team works to eradicate the policies that create and perpetuate poverty, through narrative change and legislative reform.

As the District 6 Director of the Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club, Aiyer has advocated for the neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by unhoused and vulnerable populations through coalition-building, community cleanups, advocacy, and educational programming. Aiyer has previously held senior executive roles spanning the Obama Administration, in the ACLU, and addressing climate change and future of work policy from the private sector. In these capacities, he has helped oversee multi-

billion dollar Federal budgets and scaled national initiatives with strict performance metrics, to track how dollars deployed shape outcomes in communities, in the Executive Branch, in startups, and in non-profits. Aiyer brings a wealth of multi-sector, culturally sensitive, and grassroots experience to the City's new Commission on Homelessness.