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## MEMORANDUM

### RULES COMMITTEE

#### SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Matt Dorsey, Chair  
Rules Committee

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk *Victor Young*

DATE: July 24, 2023

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday, July 25, 2023

The following file should be presented as a **COMMITTEE REPORT** at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. This item was acted upon at the Rules Committee Meeting on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., by the votes indicated.

#### **Item No. 72 File No. 230538**

[Appointments, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Saul Sugarman and David Pilpel]

Motion appointing Saul Sugarman and David Pilpel, terms ending April 27, 2024, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote: Supervisor Shamann Walton - Aye  
Supervisor Ahsha Safai - Aye  
Supervisor Matt Dorsey - Aye

c: Board of Supervisors  
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director  
Anne Pearson, Deputy City Attorney

File No. 230538

Committee Item No. 2

Board Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

# COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Date July 24, 2023

Board of Supervisors Meeting

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Completed by: Victor Young Date July 20, 2023

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1 [Appointments, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Saul Sugarman and David Pilpel]

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3 **Motion appointing Saul Sugarman and David Pilpel, terms expiring April 27, 2024, to**  
4 **the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.**

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6 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does  
7 hereby appoint the hereinafter designated person(s) to serve as member of the Sunshine  
8 Ordinance Task Force, pursuant to the provisions of Administrative Code, Section 67.30, for  
9 the terms specified:

10 Saul Sugarman, seat 3, succeeding Kevin Frazier, resigned, must be a member from  
11 the press or electronic media, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27,  
12 2024;

13 David Pilpel, seat 9, succeeding Laurie Jones Neighbors, deceased, must have  
14 demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation  
15 in local government, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2024.

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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): 3

Full Name: Saul Sugarman

[Redacted] Zip Code: 94122
Occupation: Freelance Journalist

Work Phone: (415) 754-9009 Employer: Self-Employed

Business Address: 1231 18th Avenue #1 Zip Code: 94122

Business Email: saul@saulsugarman.com Home Email: [Redacted]

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 [checked] No [ ] If No, place of residence:
18 Years of Age or Older: Yes [checked] No [ ]

Pursuant to Mayoral Order, members of boards/commissions are required to be Covid-19 vaccinated and attend in-person meetings.

Covid-19 Vaccinated: Yes [checked] 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 have written for nearly a dozen San Francisco-based news outlets in my past 12 years living in the city, including KQED, SF Examiner and SF Weekly. I am a gay man, and I actively participate in the LGBTQ+ community insofar that I organize events and write columns related to living as a queer person in San Francisco. I'm Jewish and have an active relationship with local Jewish media, as well. I'm 38 years old.

[Redacted]

**Business and/or Professional Experience:**

Previous full-time roles in San Francisco include reporter for Bay City News Service and San Francisco Daily Journal, a legal affairs newspaper. I worked as a freelance editor and writer for Hoodline between 2016-2020. I had a column in the SF Examiner from 2020-2021. In that time, I wrote a cover story for them and one for SF Weekly, in addition to other content for SF Weekly. I have freelanced for Jewish Weekly, KQED, and The Bold Italic. I freelanced with The Daily Beast for a trial in San Jose, and I maintain an open relationship with them for more work.

**Civic Activities:**

I annually walk and raise money for AIDS Walk. I've recently event organized with Impulse SF, a chapter of a nonprofit that's based in Los Angeles and connected to the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. My side hustles have included event production and an apparel business, and both of those businesses have raised thousands of dollars for the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club, Black Lives Matter, the LGBT Asylum Project, and queer community activities like camping and movie nights.

Have you attended any meetings of the body to which you are applying? Yes  No

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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: 10/12/2022 Applicant's Signature (required): Saul Sugarman  
*(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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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**  
**COVER PAGE**  
*A PUBLIC DOCUMENT*

Please type or print in ink.

NAME OF FILER (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)  
Sugarman Saul David

**1. Office, Agency, or Court**

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)  
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable Your Position  
Board of Supervisors Seat Holder

► If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)**

- State
- Multi-County \_\_\_\_\_
- City of San Francisco
- Judge, Retired Judge, Pro Tem Judge, or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction)
- County of \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)**

- Annual:** The period covered is January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.
- Leaving Office:** Date Left \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(Check one circle.)
- The period covered is January 1, 2022, through the date of leaving office.
- Assuming Office:** Date assumed \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
**-or-** The period covered is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, through December 31, 2022.
- The period covered is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, through the date of leaving office.
- Candidate:** Date of Election \_\_\_\_\_ and office sought, if different than Part 1: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Schedule Summary (required)**

► Total number of pages including this cover page: \_\_\_\_\_

**Schedules attached**

- Schedule A-1 - Investments – schedule attached
- Schedule B - Real Property – schedule attached
- Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions – schedule attached
- Schedule D - Income – Gifts – schedule attached
- Schedule E - Income – Gifts – Travel Payments – schedule attached

**-or-**  None - No reportable interests on any schedule

**5. Verification**

MAILING ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
(Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public Document)  
94122

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed 4/12/2023  
(month, day, year)

Signature Saul Sugarman  
(File the originally signed paper statement with your filing official.)

SCHEDULE B  
Interests in Real Property  
(Including Rental Income)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

▶ ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER OR STREET ADDRESS  
1232 Randolph Street

CITY  
New Castle, PA

FAIR MARKET VALUE      IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:  
 \$2,000 - \$10,000      \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22  
 \$10,001 - \$100,000      \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22  
 \$100,001 - \$1,000,000      ACQUIRED      DISPOSED  
 Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INTEREST  
 Ownership/Deed of Trust       Easement  
 Leasehold \_\_\_\_\_       \_\_\_\_\_  
Yrs. remaining      Other

IF RENTAL PROPERTY, GROSS INCOME RECEIVED  
 \$0 - \$499       \$500 - \$1,000       \$1,001 - \$10,000  
 \$10,001 - \$100,000       OVER \$100,000

SOURCES OF RENTAL INCOME: If you own a 10% or greater interest, list the name of each tenant that is a single source of income of \$10,000 or more.  
 None

▶ ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER OR STREET ADDRESS

CITY

FAIR MARKET VALUE      IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:  
 \$2,000 - \$10,000      \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22  
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 \$10,001 - \$100,000       OVER \$100,000

SOURCES OF RENTAL INCOME: If you own a 10% or greater interest, list the name of each tenant that is a single source of income of \$10,000 or more.  
 None

\* You are not required to report loans from a commercial lending institution made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status. Personal loans and loans received not in a lender's regular course of business must be disclosed as follows:

NAME OF LENDER\* \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable) \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER \_\_\_\_\_

INTEREST RATE      TERM (Months/Years)  
 \_\_\_\_\_%       None      \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD  
 \$500 - \$1,000       \$1,001 - \$10,000  
 \$10,001 - \$100,000       OVER \$100,000  
 Guarantor, if applicable

NAME OF LENDER\* \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable) \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER \_\_\_\_\_

INTEREST RATE      TERM (Months/Years)  
 \_\_\_\_\_%       None      \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD  
 \$500 - \$1,000       \$1,001 - \$10,000  
 \$10,001 - \$100,000       OVER \$100,000  
 Guarantor, if applicable

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE C**  
**Income, Loans, & Business**  
**Positions**  
 (Other than Gifts and Travel Payments)

**▶ 1. INCOME RECEIVED**

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME  
 Coalition to Grow San Francisco - Grow SF

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*  
 50 Otis St., San Francisco, CA 94103

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE  
 Editorial and politics

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION  
 Editor in Chief - The Bold Italic

GROSS INCOME RECEIVED  No Income - Business Position Only  
 \$500 - \$1,000  \$1,001 - \$10,000  
 \$10,001 - \$100,000  OVER \$100,000

CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH INCOME WAS RECEIVED  
 Salary  Spouse's or registered domestic partner's income  
 (For self-employed use Schedule A-2.)

Partnership (Less than 10% ownership. For 10% or greater use  
 Schedule A-2.)

Sale of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Real property, car, boat, etc.)*

Loan repayment

Commission or  Rental Income, list each source of \$10,000 or more  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Describe)*

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Describe)*

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)* \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

GROSS INCOME RECEIVED  No Income - Business Position Only  
 \$500 - \$1,000  \$1,001 - \$10,000  
 \$10,001 - \$100,000  OVER \$100,000

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 Schedule A-2.)

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*(Real property, car, boat, etc.)*

Loan repayment

Commission or  Rental Income, list each source of \$10,000 or more  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Describe)*

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Describe)*

**▶ 2. LOANS RECEIVED OR OUTSTANDING DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD**

\* You are not required to report loans from a commercial lending institution, or any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status. Personal loans and loans received not in a lender's regular course of business must be disclosed as follows:

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ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)* \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD  
 \$500 - \$1,000  
 \$1,001 - \$10,000  
 \$10,001 - \$100,000  
 OVER \$100,000

INTEREST RATE \_\_\_\_\_ %  None

TERM (Months/Years) \_\_\_\_\_

SECURITY FOR LOAN  
 None  Personal residence

Real Property \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street address*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
*City*

Guarantor \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Describe)*

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): 6 - 11

Full Name: David Pilpel

[Redacted] Code: 94116-1730

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Resident of San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

18 Years of Age or Older: Yes  No

**Pursuant to Mayoral Order, members of boards/commissions are required to be Covid-19 vaccinated and attend in-person meetings.**

Covid-19 Vaccinated: 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:**

Having served on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force for 12 1/2 of the last 30 years (1996-2000, 2004-2008, and 2012-2016), I am extremely familiar with the Sunshine Ordinance, public meetings, public records, and public participation generally in City government. A native San Franciscan, I bring a deep understanding of the City and its communities, diversity, history, and neighborhoods, along with a comprehensive view of City government in all its complexity. I strongly support meaningful public participation in City government through access to public meetings and public records.

**Business and/or Professional Experience:**

Assistant Manager, Mail Boxes Etc. (retail postal services), 1989-1992

**Civic Activities:**

I have attended countless City board, commission, and committee meetings since 1985. I am familiar with the City Charter, Administrative Code, local government, public engagement, and public meeting and public record laws. In addition to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, I have also served on the Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens Advisory Council, the Public Utilities Commission Citizens Advisory Committee, the Redistricting Task Force, and other public bodies. Over the years I have also been involved in various Democratic Clubs, environmental and transit advocacy organizations, and neighborhood groups. I currently serve on the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee.

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: April 5, 2023

Applicant's Signature (required):

 SAPR 2023

*(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.

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS  
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A PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Please type or print in ink.

NAME OF FILER (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)  
Pilpel David

1. Office, Agency, or Court

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)  
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable Your Position  
Applicant

► If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)

- State  Judge, Retired Judge, Pro Tem Judge, or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction)
- Multi-County \_\_\_\_\_  County of San Francisco
- City of \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)

- Annual: The period covered is January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.  Leaving Office: Date Left \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Check one circle.)
- or- The period covered is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, through December 31, 2022.  The period covered is January 1, 2022, through the date of leaving office.
- Assuming Office: Date assumed \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  The period covered is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, through the date of leaving office.
- Candidate: Date of Election \_\_\_\_\_ and office sought, if different than Part 1: Period covered is 4-5-22 to 4-4-23.

4. Schedule Summary (required)

► Total number of pages including this cover page: 1

Schedules attached

- Schedule A-1 - Investments - schedule attached  Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions - schedule attached
- Schedule A-2 - Investments - schedule attached  Schedule D - Income - Gifts - schedule attached
- Schedule B - Real Property - schedule attached  Schedule E - Income - Gifts - Travel Payments - schedule attached

-or-  None - No reportable interests on any schedule

5. Verification

MAILING ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
(Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public Document)



( )

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed April 5, 2023  
(month, day, year)

Signature  5 APR 2023  
(File the originally signed paper statement with your filing official)

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Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): 9

Full Name: Ruth Ellenberg Ferguson

[Redacted] Zip Code: 94110

[Redacted] Occupation: Graduate Student Researcher

Work Phone: n/a Employer: UC Berkeley

Business Address: 318 Sproul Hall Zip Code: 94720

Business Email: ruth.ferguson@berkeley.edu Home Email: [Redacted]

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As a public policy graduate student (anticipated graduation May 2023), I have spent the bulk of my master's degree focused on increasing transparency and accountability in government. My personal academic research has centered on transparency in state-level government and policy interventions to address a lack of information available to the public. Specifically, I have focused on California's Legislative Open Records Act (LORA) and similar policies in state legislatures across the country. I am working in formal partnership with current and former state legislators on this topic, and have been researching the equity impacts that such policies have on certain categories of workers.

As an advocate, I created a coalition of current and former political staffers focused on addressing harassment and discrimination in politics. Our coalition, Stop Sexual Harassment in Politics (SHIP), has identified several interventions to address inequity among political and government staffers. However, our most urgent request to legislators continues to be a re-examination of the Legislative Open Records Act as a means of building government accountability through opening certain records that are currently restricted from the public. It is our belief that this increased transparency is a critical foundation in order to address matters of inequity of which the public has a right to be aware.

I am interested in joining the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force to continue to learn about ways in which local governments preserve and protect the public right to access government information. This is an issue about which I deeply care, especially as a San Franciscan, and a topic about which I am able to provide some expertise.

**Business and/or Professional Experience:**

I am currently a full-time student at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy in addition to being a part-time graduate student researcher (GSR) under Graduate Dean Lisa Garcia Bedolla. I am also a Fellow at the UC Berkeley Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement.

Previously, I worked as a field representative in the California Legislature on housing and transportation policy, as a deputy campaign manager on a campaign for Santa Clara County Supervisor, and at an international nonprofit as a manager for programs on college campus disability advocacy, student leadership, and dialogue facilitation.

**Civic Activities:**

I am the co-founder of Stop Sexual Harassment in Politics (SHIP), a coalition of political staffers and survivors committed to ending sexual harassment & discrimination in politics and government. We were proud to work with leadership in the California Legislature during the 2022 legislative session to introduce critical changes to HR policies that impact California legislative staffers who experience sexual harassment, assault, and/or discrimination. SHIP continues to focus on building mechanisms for transparency and accountability in the California Legislature.

I am also a current member of City Attorney David Chiu's advisory committee on women's issues.

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: 2/28/2023

Applicant's Signature (required):

Ruth Ferguson

*(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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Ferguson Ruth Ellenberg

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 City of San Francisco  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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 Assuming Office: Date assumed \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_.  The period covered is January 1, 2022, through the date of leaving office.  
-or-  The period covered is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, through the date of leaving office.  
 Candidate: Date of Election \_\_\_\_\_ and office sought, if different than Part 1: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Schedule Summary (required)

▶ Total number of pages including this cover page: \_\_\_\_\_

Schedules attached

Schedule A-1 - Investments – schedule attached  Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions – schedule attached  
 Schedule A-2 - Investments – schedule attached  Schedule D - Income – Gifts – schedule attached  
 Schedule B - Real Property – schedule attached  Schedule E - Income – Gifts – Travel Payments – schedule attached

-or-  None - No reportable interests on any schedule

5. Verification

MAILING ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
(Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public Document)  
52 Santa Marina Street San Francisco CA 94110  
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS  
(360 ) 213-8653 ruthferg13@gmail.com

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed March 23, 2023  
(month, day, year)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(File the originally signed paper statement with your filing official.)

# Instructions Cover Page

Enter your name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number in the spaces provided. **Because the Form 700 is a public document, you may list your business/office address instead of your home address.**

## Part 1. Office, Agency, or Court

- Enter the name of the office sought or held, or the agency or court. Consultants must enter the public agency name rather than their private firm's name. (Examples: State Assembly; Board of Supervisors; Office of the Mayor; Department of Finance; Hope County Superior Court).
- Indicate the name of your division, board, or district, if applicable. (Examples: Division of Waste Management; Board of Accountancy; District 45). **Do not use acronyms.**
- Enter your position title. (Examples: Director; Chief Counsel; City Council Member; Staff Services Analyst).
- If you hold multiple positions (i.e., a city council member who also is a member of a county board or commission) you may be required to file separate and distinct statements with each agency. To simplify your filing obligations, in some cases you may instead complete a single expanded statement and file it with each agency.
  - The rules and processes governing the filing of an expanded statement are set forth in Regulation 18723.1. To file an expanded statement for multiple positions, enter the name of each agency with which you are required to file and your position title with each agency in the space provided. **Do not use acronyms.** Attach an additional sheet if necessary. Complete one statement disclosing all reportable interests for all jurisdictions. Then file the expanded statement with each agency as directed by Regulation 18723.1(c).

If you assume or leave a position after a filing deadline, you must complete a separate statement. For example, a city council member who assumes a position with a county special district after the April annual filing deadline must file a separate assuming office statement. In subsequent years, the city council member may expand their annual filing to include both positions.

### Example:

Brian Bourne is a city council member for the City of Lincoln and a board member for the Camp Far West Irrigation District – a multi-county agency that covers the Counties of Placer and Yuba. The City is located within Placer County. Brian may complete one expanded statement to disclose all reportable interests for both offices and list both positions on the Cover Page. Brian will file the expanded statement with each the City and the District as directed by Regulation 18723.1(c).

## Part 2. Jurisdiction of Office

- Check the box indicating the jurisdiction of your agency and, if applicable, identify the jurisdiction. Judges, judicial candidates, and court commissioners have statewide jurisdiction. All other filers should review the Reference Pamphlet, page 13, to determine their jurisdiction.
- If your agency is a multi-county office, list each county in which your agency has jurisdiction.

- If your agency is not a state office, court, county office, city office, or multi-county office (e.g., school districts, special districts and JPAs), check the “other” box and enter the county or city in which the agency has jurisdiction.

### Example:

This filer is a member of a water district board with jurisdiction in portions of Yuba and Sutter Counties.

<b>1. Office, Agency, or Court</b>	
Agency Name (Do not use acronyms) Feather River Irrigation District	
Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable N/A	Your Position Board Member
▶ If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)	
Agency: N/A	Position:
<b>2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Judge or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multi-County Yuba & Sutter Counties	<input type="checkbox"/> County of _____
<input type="checkbox"/> City of _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

## Part 3. Type of Statement

Check at least one box. The period covered by a statement is determined by the type of statement you are filing. If you are completing a 2022 annual statement, **do not** change the pre-printed dates to reflect 2023. Your annual statement is used for reporting the **previous year's** economic interests. Economic interests for your annual filing covering January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, will be disclosed on your statement filed in 2024. See Reference Pamphlet, page 4.

Combining Statements: Certain types of statements for the same position may be combined. For example, if you leave office after January 1, but before the deadline for filing your annual statement, you may combine your annual and leaving office statements. File by the earliest deadline. Consult your filing officer or the FPPC.

## Part 4. Schedule Summary

- Complete the Schedule Summary after you have reviewed each schedule to determine if you have reportable interests.
- Enter the total number of completed pages including the cover page and either check the box for each schedule you use to disclose interests; **or** if you have nothing to disclose on any schedule, check the “No reportable interests” box. Please **do not** attach any blank schedules.

## Part 5. Verification

Complete the verification by signing the statement and entering the date signed. Each statement must have an original “wet” signature unless filed with a secure electronic signature. (See page 3 above.) All statements must be signed under penalty of perjury and be verified by the filer pursuant to Government Code Section 81004. See Regulation 18723.1(c) for filing instructions for copies of expanded statements.

**When you sign your statement, you are stating, under penalty of perjury, that it is true and correct.** Only the filer has authority to sign the statement. An unsigned statement is not considered filed and you may be subject to late filing penalties.

# SCHEDULE A-1

## Investments

### Stocks, Bonds, and Other Interests

(Ownership Interest is Less Than 10%)

Investments must be itemized.

Do not attach brokerage or financial statements.

Name

Ruth Ferguson

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY  
US Treasury

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS

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FAIR MARKET VALUE  
 \$2,000 - \$10,000       \$10,001 - \$100,000  
 \$100,001 - \$1,000,000       Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT  
 Stock       Other Bonds  
(Describe)

Partnership     Income Received of \$0 - \$499  
 Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:  
 \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22      \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22  
 ACQUIRED                      DISPOSED

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY  
Apple Inc.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS  
Technology company

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FAIR MARKET VALUE  
 \$2,000 - \$10,000       \$10,001 - \$100,000  
 \$100,001 - \$1,000,000       Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT  
 Stock       Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Describe)

Partnership     Income Received of \$0 - \$499  
 Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:  
 \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22      \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22  
 ACQUIRED                      DISPOSED

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY  
Costco Wholesale

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS  
Wholesale retailer

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FAIR MARKET VALUE  
 \$2,000 - \$10,000       \$10,001 - \$100,000  
 \$100,001 - \$1,000,000       Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT  
 Stock       Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Describe)

Partnership     Income Received of \$0 - \$499  
 Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:  
 \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22      \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22  
 ACQUIRED                      DISPOSED

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS

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FAIR MARKET VALUE  
 \$2,000 - \$10,000       \$10,001 - \$100,000  
 \$100,001 - \$1,000,000       Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT  
 Stock       Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Describe)

Partnership     Income Received of \$0 - \$499  
 Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:  
 \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22      \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22  
 ACQUIRED                      DISPOSED

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS

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FAIR MARKET VALUE  
 \$2,000 - \$10,000       \$10,001 - \$100,000  
 \$100,001 - \$1,000,000       Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT  
 Stock       Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Describe)

Partnership     Income Received of \$0 - \$499  
 Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:  
 \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22      \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22  
 ACQUIRED                      DISPOSED

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS

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FAIR MARKET VALUE  
 \$2,000 - \$10,000       \$10,001 - \$100,000  
 \$100,001 - \$1,000,000       Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT  
 Stock       Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Describe)

Partnership     Income Received of \$0 - \$499  
 Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:  
 \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22      \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22  
 ACQUIRED                      DISPOSED

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



## Instructions – Schedules A-1 and A-2 Investments

“Investment” means a financial interest in any business entity (including a consulting business or other independent contracting business) that is located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or that has done business during the previous two years in your agency’s jurisdiction in which you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, or your dependent children had a direct, indirect, or beneficial interest totaling \$2,000 or more at any time during the reporting period. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.)

### Reportable investments include:

- Stocks, bonds, warrants, and options, including those held in margin or brokerage accounts and managed investment funds (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.)
- Sole proprietorships
- Your own business or your spouse’s or registered domestic partner’s business (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8, for the definition of “business entity.”)
- Your spouse’s or registered domestic partner’s investments even if they are legally separate property
- Partnerships (e.g., a law firm or family farm)
- Investments in reportable business entities held in a retirement account (See Reference Pamphlet, page 15.)
- If you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, and dependent children together had a 10% or greater ownership interest in a business entity or trust (including a living trust), you must disclose investments held by the business entity or trust. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 16, for more information on disclosing trusts.)
- Business trusts

### You are not required to disclose:

- Government bonds, diversified mutual funds, certain funds similar to diversified mutual funds (such as exchange traded funds) and investments held in certain retirement accounts. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.) (Regulation 18237)
- Bank accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts and certificates of deposits
- Cryptocurrency
- Insurance policies
- Annuities
- Commodities
- Shares in a credit union
- Government bonds (including municipal bonds)

### Reminders

- Do you know your agency’s jurisdiction?
- Did you hold investments at any time during the period covered by this statement?
- Code filers – your disclosure categories may only require disclosure of specific investments.

- Retirement accounts invested in non-reportable interests (e.g., insurance policies, mutual funds, or government bonds) (See Reference Pamphlet, page 15.)
- Government defined-benefit pension plans (such as CalPERS and CalSTRS plans)
- Certain interests held in a blind trust (See Reference Pamphlet, page 16.)

**Use Schedule A-1** to report ownership of less than 10% (e.g., stock). Schedule C (Income) may also be required if the investment is not a stock or corporate bond. (See second example below.)

**Use Schedule A-2** to report ownership of 10% or greater (e.g., a sole proprietorship).

### To Complete Schedule A-1:

Do not attach brokerage or financial statements.

- Disclose the name of the business entity. Do not use acronyms for the name of the business entity.
- Provide a general description of the business activity of the entity (e.g., pharmaceuticals, computers, automobile manufacturing, or communications).
- Check the box indicating the highest fair market value of your investment during the reporting period. If you are filing a candidate or an assuming office statement, indicate the fair market value on the filing date or the date you took office, respectively. (See page 20 for more information.)
- Identify the nature of your investment (e.g., stocks, warrants, options, or bonds).
- An acquired or disposed of date is only required if you initially acquired or entirely disposed of the investment interest during the reporting period. The date of a stock dividend reinvestment or partial disposal is not required. Generally, these dates will not apply if you are filing a candidate or an assuming office statement.

Examples:

Frank Byrd holds a state agency position. Frank’s conflict of interest code requires full disclosure of investments. Frank must disclose stock holdings of \$2,000 or more in any company that is located in or does business in California, as well as those stocks held by Frank’s spouse or registered domestic partner and dependent children.

Alice Lance is a city council member. Alice has a 4% interest, worth \$5,000, in a limited partnership located in the city. Alice must disclose the partnership on Schedule A-1 and income of \$500 or more received from the partnership on Schedule C.

# SCHEDULE A-2

## Investments, Income, and Assets of Business Entities/Trusts

(Ownership Interest is 10% or Greater)

**CALIFORNIA FORM 700**  
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Name  
Ruth Ferguson

**▶ 1. BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Business Address Acceptable) \_\_\_\_\_

Check one  
 Trust, go to 2     Business Entity, complete the box, then go to 2

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS

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FAIR MARKET VALUE                      IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$1,999			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 - \$10,000	____/____/22	____/____/22	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000	ACQUIRED	DISPOSED	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$1,000,000			
<input type="checkbox"/> Over \$1,000,000			

NATURE OF INVESTMENT  
 Partnership     Sole Proprietorship     \_\_\_\_\_ Other

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

**▶ 2. IDENTIFY THE GROSS INCOME RECEIVED (INCLUDE YOUR PRO RATA SHARE OF THE GROSS INCOME TO THE ENTITY/TRUST)**

<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$499	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 - \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> OVER \$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,001 - \$10,000	

**▶ 3. LIST THE NAME OF EACH REPORTABLE SINGLE SOURCE OF INCOME OF \$10,000 OR MORE (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)**

None    or     Names listed below

**▶ 4. INVESTMENTS AND INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY HELD OR LEASED BY THE BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST**

Check one box:  
 INVESTMENT     REAL PROPERTY

Name of Business Entity, if Investment, or Assessor's Parcel Number or Street Address of Real Property \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Business Activity or City or Other Precise Location of Real Property \_\_\_\_\_

FAIR MARKET VALUE                      IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 - \$10,000			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000	____/____/22	____/____/22	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$1,000,000	ACQUIRED	DISPOSED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Over \$1,000,000			

NATURE OF INTEREST  
 Property Ownership/Deed of Trust     Stock     Partnership

Leasehold \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs. remaining     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Check box if additional schedules reporting investments or real property are attached

**▶ 1. BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Business Address Acceptable) \_\_\_\_\_

Check one  
 Trust, go to 2     Business Entity, complete the box, then go to 2

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS

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FAIR MARKET VALUE                      IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$1,999			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 - \$10,000	____/____/22	____/____/22	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000	ACQUIRED	DISPOSED	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$1,000,000			
<input type="checkbox"/> Over \$1,000,000			

NATURE OF INVESTMENT  
 Partnership     Sole Proprietorship     \_\_\_\_\_ Other

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

**▶ 2. IDENTIFY THE GROSS INCOME RECEIVED (INCLUDE YOUR PRO RATA SHARE OF THE GROSS INCOME TO THE ENTITY/TRUST)**

<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$499	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 - \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> OVER \$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,001 - \$10,000	

**▶ 3. LIST THE NAME OF EACH REPORTABLE SINGLE SOURCE OF INCOME OF \$10,000 OR MORE (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)**

None    or     Names listed below

**▶ 4. INVESTMENTS AND INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY HELD OR LEASED BY THE BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST**

Check one box:  
 INVESTMENT     REAL PROPERTY

Name of Business Entity, if Investment, or Assessor's Parcel Number or Street Address of Real Property \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Business Activity or City or Other Precise Location of Real Property \_\_\_\_\_

FAIR MARKET VALUE                      IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:

<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 - \$10,000			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000	____/____/22	____/____/22	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$1,000,000	ACQUIRED	DISPOSED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Over \$1,000,000			

NATURE OF INTEREST  
 Property Ownership/Deed of Trust     Stock     Partnership

Leasehold \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs. remaining     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Check box if additional schedules reporting investments or real property are attached

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions – Schedule A-2

### Investments, Income, and Assets of Business Entities/Trusts

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Use Schedule A-2 to report investments in a business entity (including a consulting business or other independent contracting business) or trust (including a living trust) in which you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, and your dependent children, together or separately, had a 10% or greater interest, totaling \$2,000 or more, during the reporting period and which is located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or which has done business during the previous two years in your agency's jurisdiction. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.) A trust located outside your agency's jurisdiction is reportable if it holds assets that are located in or doing business in the jurisdiction. Do not report a trust that contains non-reportable interests. For example, a trust containing only your personal residence not used in whole or in part as a business, your savings account, and some municipal bonds, is not reportable.

Also report on Schedule A-2 investments and real property held by that entity or trust if your pro rata share of the investment or real property interest was \$2,000 or more during the reporting period.

#### To Complete Schedule A-2:

**Part 1.** Disclose the name and address of the business entity or trust. If you are reporting an interest in a business entity, check "Business Entity" and complete the box as follows:

- Provide a general description of the business activity of the entity.
- Check the box indicating the highest fair market value of your investment during the reporting period.
- If you initially acquired or entirely disposed of this interest during the reporting period, enter the date acquired or disposed.
- Identify the nature of your investment.
- Disclose the job title or business position you held with the entity, if any (i.e., if you were a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or held any position of management). A business position held by your spouse is not reportable.

**Part 2.** Check the box indicating **your pro rata** share of the **gross** income received **by** the business entity or trust. This amount includes your pro rata share of the **gross** income **from** the business entity or trust, as well as your community property interest in your spouse's or registered domestic partner's share. Gross income is the total amount of income before deducting expenses, losses, or taxes.

**Part 3.** Disclose the name of each source of income that is located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or that has done business during the previous two years in your agency's jurisdiction, as follows:

- Disclose each source of income and outstanding loan **to the business entity or trust** identified in Part 1 if your pro rata share of the **gross** income (including your community property interest in your spouse's or registered domestic partner's share) to the business entity or trust from that source was \$10,000 or more during the reporting period. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 11, for examples.) Income from governmental sources may be reportable if not considered salary. See Regulation 18232. Loans from commercial lending institutions made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status are not reportable.
- Disclose each individual or entity that was a source of commission income of \$10,000 or more during the reporting period through the business entity identified in Part 1. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8.)

You may be required to disclose sources of income located outside your jurisdiction. For example, you may have a client who resides outside your jurisdiction who does business on a regular basis with you. Such a client, if a reportable source of \$10,000 or more, must be disclosed.

Mark "None" if you do not have any reportable \$10,000 sources of income to disclose. Phrases such as "various clients" or "not disclosing sources pursuant to attorney-client privilege" are not adequate disclosure. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14, for information on procedures to request an exemption from disclosing privileged information.)

**Part 4.** Report any investments or interests in real property held or leased **by the entity or trust** identified in Part 1 if your pro rata share of the interest held was \$2,000 or more during the reporting period. Attach additional schedules or use FPPC's Form 700 Excel spreadsheet if needed.

- Check the applicable box identifying the interest held as real property or an investment.
- If investment, provide the name and description of the business entity.
- If real property, report the precise location (e.g., an assessor's parcel number or address).
- Check the box indicating the highest fair market value of your interest in the real property or investment during the reporting period. (Report the fair market value of the portion of your residence claimed as a tax deduction if you are utilizing your residence for business purposes.)
- Identify the nature of your interest.
- Enter the date acquired or disposed only if you initially acquired or entirely disposed of your interest in the property or investment during the reporting period.

**SCHEDULE B**  
**Interests in Real Property**  
(Including Rental Income)

Name  
**Ruth Ferguson**

▶ ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER OR STREET ADDRESS  
52 Santa Marina Street

CITY  
San Francisco

FAIR MARKET VALUE      IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:  
 \$2,000 - \$10,000      \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22  
 \$10,001 - \$100,000      \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22  
 \$100,001 - \$1,000,000      ACQUIRED      DISPOSED  
 Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INTEREST  
 Ownership/Deed of Trust       Easement  
 Leasehold \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs. remaining       \_\_\_\_\_ Other

IF RENTAL PROPERTY, GROSS INCOME RECEIVED  
 \$0 - \$499       \$500 - \$1,000       \$1,001 - \$10,000  
 \$10,001 - \$100,000       OVER \$100,000

SOURCES OF RENTAL INCOME: If you own a 10% or greater interest, list the name of each tenant that is a single source of income of \$10,000 or more.  
 None

▶ ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER OR STREET ADDRESS  
\_\_\_\_\_

CITY  
\_\_\_\_\_

FAIR MARKET VALUE      IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:  
 \$2,000 - \$10,000      \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22  
 \$10,001 - \$100,000      \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/22  
 \$100,001 - \$1,000,000      ACQUIRED      DISPOSED  
 Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INTEREST  
 Ownership/Deed of Trust       Easement  
 Leasehold \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs. remaining       \_\_\_\_\_ Other

IF RENTAL PROPERTY, GROSS INCOME RECEIVED  
 \$0 - \$499       \$500 - \$1,000       \$1,001 - \$10,000  
 \$10,001 - \$100,000       OVER \$100,000

SOURCES OF RENTAL INCOME: If you own a 10% or greater interest, list the name of each tenant that is a single source of income of \$10,000 or more.  
 None

\* You are not required to report loans from a commercial lending institution made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status. Personal loans and loans received not in a lender's regular course of business must be disclosed as follows:

NAME OF LENDER\*  
\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)  
\_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER  
\_\_\_\_\_

INTEREST RATE      TERM (Months/Years)  
 \_\_\_\_\_%       None      \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD  
 \$500 - \$1,000       \$1,001 - \$10,000  
 \$10,001 - \$100,000       OVER \$100,000  
 Guarantor, if applicable

NAME OF LENDER\*  
\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)  
\_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER  
\_\_\_\_\_

INTEREST RATE      TERM (Months/Years)  
 \_\_\_\_\_%       None      \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD  
 \$500 - \$1,000       \$1,001 - \$10,000  
 \$10,001 - \$100,000       OVER \$100,000  
 Guarantor, if applicable

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions – Schedule B Interests in Real Property

Report interests in real property located in your agency’s jurisdiction in which you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, or your dependent children had a direct, indirect, or beneficial interest totaling \$2,000 or more any time during the reporting period. Real property is also considered to be “within the jurisdiction” of a local government agency if the property or any part of it is located within two miles outside the boundaries of the jurisdiction or within two miles of any land owned or used by the local government agency. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.)

### Interests in real property include:

- An ownership interest (including a beneficial ownership interest)
- A deed of trust, easement, or option to acquire property
- A leasehold interest (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14.)
- A mining lease
- An interest in real property held in a retirement account (See Reference Pamphlet, page 15.)
- An interest in real property held by a business entity or trust in which you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, and your dependent children together had a 10% or greater ownership interest (Report on Schedule A-2.)
- Your spouse’s or registered domestic partner’s interests in real property that are legally held separately by him or her

### You are not required to report:

- A residence, such as a home or vacation cabin, used exclusively as a personal residence (However, a residence in which you rent out a room or for which you claim a business deduction may be reportable. If reportable, report the fair market value of the portion claimed as a tax deduction.)
- Some interests in real property held through a blind trust (See Reference Pamphlet, page 16.)
  - **Please note:** A non-reportable property can still be grounds for a conflict of interest and may be disqualifying.

### To Complete Schedule B:

- Report the precise location (e.g., an assessor’s parcel number or address) of the real property.
- Check the box indicating the fair market value of your interest in the property (regardless of what you owe on the property).
- Enter the date acquired or disposed only if you initially acquired or entirely disposed of your interest in the property during the reporting period.
- Identify the nature of your interest. If it is a leasehold,

### Reminders

- Income and loans already reported on Schedule B are not also required to be reported on Schedule C.
- Real property already reported on Schedule A-2, Part 4 is not also required to be reported on Schedule B.
- Code filers – do your disclosure categories require disclosure of real property?

disclose the number of years remaining on the lease.

- If you received rental income, check the box indicating the gross amount you received.
- If you had a 10% or greater interest in real property and received rental income, list the name of the source(s) if your pro rata share of the gross income from any single tenant was \$10,000 or more during the reporting period. If you received a total of \$10,000 or more from two or more tenants acting in concert (in most cases, this will apply to married couples), disclose the name of each tenant. Otherwise, mark “None.”
- Loans from a private lender that total \$500 or more and are secured by real property may be reportable. **Loans from commercial lending institutions made in the lender’s regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status are not reportable.**

When reporting a loan:

- Provide the name and address of the lender.
- Describe the lender’s business activity.
- Disclose the interest rate and term of the loan. For variable interest rate loans, disclose the conditions of the loan (e.g., Prime + 2) or the average interest rate paid during the reporting period. The term of a loan is the total number of months or years given for repayment of the loan at the time the loan was established.
- Check the box indicating the highest balance of the loan during the reporting period.
- Identify a guarantor, if applicable.

If you have more than one reportable loan on a single piece of real property, report the additional loan(s) on Schedule C.

### Example:

Allison Gande is a city planning commissioner. During the reporting period, Allison received rental income of \$12,000, from a single tenant who rented property owned in the city’s jurisdiction. If Allison received \$6,000 each from two tenants, the tenants’ names would not be required because no single tenant paid her \$10,000 or more. A married couple is considered a single tenant.

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER OR STREET ADDRESS 4600 24th Street	
CITY Sacramento	
FAIR MARKET VALUE	IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 - \$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/> ACQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> DISPOSED
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/> / / XX <input type="checkbox"/> / / XX
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$1,000,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> Over \$1,000,000	
NATURE OF INTEREST	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ownership/Deed of Trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Easement
<input type="checkbox"/> Leasehold	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
IF RENTAL PROPERTY, GROSS INCOME RECEIVED	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$499	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,001 - \$10,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 - \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/> OVER \$100,000
SOURCES OF RENTAL INCOME: If you own a 10% or greater interest, list the name of each tenant that is a single source of income of \$10,000 or more.	
<input type="checkbox"/> None	
Henry Wells	
NAME OF LENDER*	
Sophia Petrollo	
ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)	
2121 Blue Sky Parkway, Sacramento	
BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER	
Restaurant Owner	
INTEREST RATE	TERM (Months/Years)
8 % <input type="checkbox"/> None	15 Years
HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 - \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,001 - \$10,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/> OVER \$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Guarantor, if applicable	
Comments:	

# SCHEDULE C

## Income, Loans, & Business Positions

(Other than Gifts and Travel Payments)

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Name

Ruth Ferguson

▶ 1. INCOME RECEIVED

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME  
Ujet Inc.

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*  
535 Mission St 14th Floor, San Francisco

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE  
Technology company

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION  
Senior Support Engineering Manager

GROSS INCOME RECEIVED     No Income - Business Position Only

\$500 - \$1,000                       \$1,001 - \$10,000

\$10,001 - \$100,000               OVER \$100,000

CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH INCOME WAS RECEIVED

Salary     Spouse's or registered domestic partner's income  
*(For self-employed use Schedule A-2.)*

Partnership (Less than 10% ownership. For 10% or greater use Schedule A-2.)

Sale of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Real property, car, boat, etc.)*

Loan repayment

Commission or     Rental Income, *list each source of \$10,000 or more*

\_\_\_\_\_ *(Describe)*

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Describe)*

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME  
UC Berkeley

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*  
\_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE  
Higher education institution

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION  
Graduate Student Researcher

GROSS INCOME RECEIVED     No Income - Business Position Only

\$500 - \$1,000                       \$1,001 - \$10,000

\$10,001 - \$100,000               OVER \$100,000

CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH INCOME WAS RECEIVED

Salary     Spouse's or registered domestic partner's income  
*(For self-employed use Schedule A-2.)*

Partnership (Less than 10% ownership. For 10% or greater use Schedule A-2.)

Sale of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Real property, car, boat, etc.)*

Loan repayment

Commission or     Rental Income, *list each source of \$10,000 or more*

\_\_\_\_\_ *(Describe)*

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Describe)*

▶ 2. LOANS RECEIVED OR OUTSTANDING DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

\* You are not required to report loans from a commercial lending institution, or any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status. Personal loans and loans received not in a lender's regular course of business must be disclosed as follows:

NAME OF LENDER\* \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)* \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD

\$500 - \$1,000

\$1,001 - \$10,000

\$10,001 - \$100,000

OVER \$100,000

INTEREST RATE                      TERM (Months/Years)

\_\_\_\_\_ %     None                      \_\_\_\_\_

SECURITY FOR LOAN

None                       Personal residence

Real Property \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street address*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City*

Guarantor \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Describe)*

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

# Instructions – Schedule C

## Income, Loans, & Business Positions

### (Income Other Than Gifts and Travel Payments)

#### Reporting Income:

Report the source and amount of gross income of \$500 or more you received during the reporting period. Gross income is the total amount of income before deducting expenses, losses, or taxes and includes loans other than loans from a commercial lending institution. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 11.) You must also report the source of income to your spouse or registered domestic partner if your community property share was \$500 or more during the reporting period.

The source and income must be reported only if the source is located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or has done business during the previous two years in your agency's jurisdiction. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.) Reportable sources of income may be further limited by your disclosure category located in your agency's conflict of interest code.

#### Reporting Business Positions:

You must report your job title with each reportable business entity even if you received no income during the reporting period. Use the comments section to indicate that no income was received.

#### Commonly reportable income and loans include:

- Salary/wages, per diem, and reimbursement for expenses including travel payments provided by your employer
- Community property interest (50%) in your spouse's or registered domestic partner's income - **report the employer's name and all other required information**
- Income from investment interests, such as partnerships, reported on Schedule A-1
- Commission income not required to be reported on Schedule A-2 (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8.)
- Gross income from any sale, including the sale of a house or car (Report your pro rata share of the total sale price.)
- Rental income not required to be reported on Schedule B
- Prizes or awards not disclosed as gifts
- Payments received on loans you made to others
- An honorarium received prior to becoming a public official (See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.)
- Incentive compensation (See Reference Pamphlet, page 12.)

#### Reminders

- Code filers – your disclosure categories may not require disclosure of all sources of income.
- If you or your spouse or registered domestic partner are self-employed, report the business entity on Schedule A-2.
- Do not disclose on Schedule C income, loans, or business positions already reported on Schedules A-2 or B.

#### You are not required to report:

- Salary, reimbursement for expenses or per diem, or social security, disability, or other similar benefit payments received by you or your spouse or registered domestic partner from a federal, state, or local government agency.
- Stock dividends and income from the sale of stock unless the source can be identified.
- Income from a PERS retirement account.

(See Reference Pamphlet, page 12.)

#### To Complete Schedule C:

##### Part 1. Income Received/Business Position Disclosure

- Disclose the name and address of each source of income or each business entity with which you held a business position.
- Provide a general description of the business activity if the source is a business entity.
- Check the box indicating the amount of gross income received.
- Identify the consideration for which the income was received.
- For income from commission sales, check the box indicating the gross income received and list the name of each source of commission income of \$10,000 or more. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8.) **Note: If you receive commission income on a regular basis or have an ownership interest of 10% or more, you must disclose the business entity and the income on Schedule A-2.**
- Disclose the job title or business position, if any, that you held with the business entity, even if you did not receive income during the reporting period.

##### Part 2. Loans Received or Outstanding During the Reporting Period

- Provide the name and address of the lender.
- Provide a general description of the business activity if the lender is a business entity.
- Check the box indicating the highest balance of the loan during the reporting period.
- Disclose the interest rate and the term of the loan.
  - For variable interest rate loans, disclose the conditions of the loan (e.g., Prime + 2) or the average interest rate paid during the reporting period.
  - The term of the loan is the total number of months or years given for repayment of the loan at the time the loan was entered into.
- Identify the security, if any, for the loan.

## SCHEDULE D Income – Gifts

Name  
Ruth Ferguson

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

DATE (mm/dd/yy)	VALUE	DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S)
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

DATE (mm/dd/yy)	VALUE	DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S)
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

DATE (mm/dd/yy)	VALUE	DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S)
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

DATE (mm/dd/yy)	VALUE	DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S)
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

DATE (mm/dd/yy)	VALUE	DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S)
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

DATE (mm/dd/yy)	VALUE	DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S)
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



## Instructions – Schedule D Income – Gifts

A gift is anything of value for which you have not provided equal or greater consideration to the donor. A gift is reportable if its fair market value is \$50 or more. In addition, multiple gifts totaling \$50 or more received during the reporting period from a single source must be reported.

It is the acceptance of a gift, not the ultimate use to which it is put, that imposes your reporting obligation. Except as noted below, you must report a gift even if you never used it or if you gave it away to another person.

If the exact amount of a gift is unknown, you must make a good faith estimate of the item's fair market value. Listing the value of a gift as "over \$50" or "value unknown" is not adequate disclosure. In addition, if you received a gift through an intermediary, you must disclose the name, address, and business activity of both the donor and the intermediary. You may indicate an intermediary either in the "source" field after the name or in the "comments" section at the bottom of Schedule D.

### Commonly reportable gifts include:

- Tickets/passes to sporting or entertainment events
- Tickets/passes to amusement parks
- Parking passes not used for official agency business
- Food, beverages, and accommodations, including those provided in direct connection with your attendance at a convention, conference, meeting, social event, meal, or like gathering
- Rebates/discounts not made in the regular course of business to members of the public without regard to official status
- Wedding gifts (See Reference Pamphlet, page 16)
- An honorarium received prior to assuming office (You may report an honorarium as income on Schedule C, rather than as a gift on Schedule D, if you provided services of equal or greater value than the payment received. See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.)
- Transportation and lodging (See Schedule E.)
- Forgiveness of a loan received by you

### Reminders

- Gifts from a single source are subject to a \$520 limit in 2022. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.)
- Code filers – you only need to report gifts from reportable sources.

### Gift Tracking Mobile Application

- FPPC has created a gift tracking app for mobile devices that helps filers track gifts and provides a quick and easy way to upload the information to the Form 700. Visit FPPC's website to download the app.

### You are **not** required to disclose:

- Gifts that were not used and that, within 30 days after receipt, were returned to the donor or delivered to a charitable organization or government agency without being claimed by you as a charitable contribution for tax purposes
- Gifts from your spouse or registered domestic partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, and certain other family members (See Regulation 18942 for a complete list.). The exception does not apply if the donor was acting as an agent or intermediary for a reportable source who was the true donor.
- Gifts of similar value exchanged between you and an individual, other than a lobbyist registered to lobby your state agency, on holidays, birthdays, or similar occasions
- Gifts of informational material provided to assist you in the performance of your official duties (e.g., books, pamphlets, reports, calendars, periodicals, or educational seminars)
- A monetary bequest or inheritance (However, inherited investments or real property may be reportable on other schedules.)
- Personalized plaques or trophies with an individual value of less than \$250
- Campaign contributions
- Up to two tickets, for your own use, to attend a fundraiser for a campaign committee or candidate, or to a fundraiser for an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The ticket must be received from the organization or committee holding the fundraiser.
- Gifts given to members of your immediate family if the source has an established relationship with the family member and there is no evidence to suggest the donor had a purpose to influence you. (See Regulation 18943.)
- Free admission, food, and nominal items (such as a pen, pencil, mouse pad, note pad or similar item) available to all attendees, at the event at which the official makes a speech (as defined in Regulation 18950(b)(2)), so long as the admission is provided by the person who organizes the event.
- Any other payment not identified above, that would otherwise meet the definition of gift, where the payment is made by an individual who is not a lobbyist registered to lobby the official's state agency, where it is clear that the gift was made because of an existing personal or business relationship unrelated to the official's position and there is no evidence whatsoever at the time the gift is made to suggest the donor had a purpose to influence you.

### To Complete Schedule D:

- Disclose the full name (not an acronym), address, and, if a business entity, the business activity of the source.
- Provide the date (month, day, and year) of receipt, and disclose the fair market value and description of the gift.

**SCHEDULE E**  
**Income – Gifts**  
**Travel Payments, Advances,**  
**and Reimbursements**

Name  
Ruth Ferguson

- Mark either the gift or income box.
- Mark the “501(c)(3)” box for a travel payment received from a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization or the “Speech” box if you made a speech or participated in a panel. Per Government Code Section 89506, these payments may not be subject to the gift limit. However, they may result in a disqualifying conflict of interest.
- For gifts of travel, provide the travel destination.

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)*

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

CITY AND STATE

501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

DATE(S): \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ - \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ AMT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If gift)*

▶ MUST CHECK ONE:  Gift **-or-**  Income

Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel

Other - Provide Description \_\_\_\_\_

▶ If Gift, Provide Travel Destination \_\_\_\_\_

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)*

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

CITY AND STATE

501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

DATE(S): \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ - \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ AMT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If gift)*

▶ MUST CHECK ONE:  Gift **-or-**  Income

Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel

Other - Provide Description \_\_\_\_\_

▶ If Gift, Provide Travel Destination \_\_\_\_\_

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)*

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

CITY AND STATE

501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

DATE(S): \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ - \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ AMT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If gift)*

▶ MUST CHECK ONE:  Gift **-or-**  Income

Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel

Other - Provide Description \_\_\_\_\_

▶ If Gift, Provide Travel Destination \_\_\_\_\_

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)*

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

CITY AND STATE

501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

DATE(S): \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ - \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ AMT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If gift)*

▶ MUST CHECK ONE:  Gift **-or-**  Income

Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel

Other - Provide Description \_\_\_\_\_

▶ If Gift, Provide Travel Destination \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions – Schedule E Travel Payments, Advances, and Reimbursements

Travel payments reportable on Schedule E include advances and reimbursements for travel and related expenses, including lodging and meals.

Gifts of travel may be subject to the gift limit. In addition, certain travel payments are reportable gifts, but are not subject to the gift limit. To avoid possible misinterpretation or the perception that you have received a gift in excess of the gift limit, you may wish to provide a specific description of the purpose of your travel. (See the FPPC fact sheet entitled “Limitations and Restrictions on Gifts, Honoraria, Travel, and Loans” to read about travel payments under section 89506(a).)

### You are not required to disclose:

- Travel payments received from any state, local, or federal government agency for which you provided services equal or greater in value than the payments received, such as reimbursement for travel on agency business from your government agency employer.
- A payment for travel from another local, state, or federal government agency and related per diem expenses when the travel is for education, training or other inter-agency programs or purposes.
- Travel payments received from your employer in the normal course of your employment that are included in the income reported on Schedule C.
- A travel payment that was received from a nonprofit entity exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) for which you provided equal or greater consideration, such as reimbursement for travel on business for a 501(c)(3) organization for which you are a board member.

**Note: Certain travel payments may not be reportable if reported via email on Form 801 by your agency.**

### To Complete Schedule E:

- Disclose the full name (not an acronym) and address of the source of the travel payment.
- Identify the business activity if the source is a business entity.
- Check the box to identify the payment as a gift or income, report the amount, and disclose the date(s).
  - **Travel payments are gifts** if you did not provide services that were equal to or greater in value than the payments received. You must disclose gifts totaling \$500 or more from a single source during the period covered by the statement.

When reporting travel payments that are gifts, you must provide a description of the gift, the **date(s)** received, and the **travel destination**.

- **Travel payments are income** if you provided services that were equal to or greater in value than the

payments received. You must disclose income totaling \$500 or more from a single source during the period covered by the statement. You have the burden of proving the payments are income rather than gifts. When reporting travel payments as income, you must describe the services you provided in exchange for the payment. You are not required to disclose the date(s) for travel payments that are income.

### Example:

City council member MaryClaire Chandler is the chair of a 501(c)(6) trade association, and the association pays for MaryClaire's travel to attend its meetings. Because MaryClaire is deemed to be providing equal or greater consideration for the travel payment by virtue of serving on the board, this payment may be reported as income. Payments for MaryClaire to attend other events for which they are not providing services are likely considered gifts.

▶ NAME OF SOURCE (Not an Acronym)	
Health Services Trade Association	
ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)	
1230 K Street, Suite 610	
CITY AND STATE	
Sacramento, CA	
<input type="checkbox"/> 501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE	
Association of Healthcare Workers	
DATE(S):	AMT: \$ 550.00
(if gift)	
▶ MUST CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> Gift -or- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Income	
<input type="radio"/> Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Other - Provide Description <u>Travel reimbursement for board meeting.</u>	
▶ If Gift, Provide Travel Destination	

Note that the same payment from a 501(c)(3) would NOT be reportable.

### Example:

Mayor Kim travels to China on a trip organized by China Silicon Valley Business Development, a California nonprofit, 501(c)(6) organization. The Chengdu Municipal People's Government pays for Mayor Kim's airfare and travel costs, as well as meals and lodging during the trip. The trip's agenda shows that the trip's purpose is to promote job creation and economic activity in China and in Silicon Valley, so the trip is reasonably related to a governmental purpose.

▶ NAME OF SOURCE (Not an Acronym)	
Chengdu Municipal People's Government	
ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)	
2 Caoshi St. CaoShiJie, Qingyang Qu, Chengdu Shi,	
CITY AND STATE	
Sichuan Sheng, China, 610000	
<input type="checkbox"/> 501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE	
DATE(S):	AMT: \$ 3,874.38
(if gift)	
▶ MUST CHECK ONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gift -or- <input type="checkbox"/> Income	
<input type="radio"/> Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Other - Provide Description <u>Travel reimbursement for trip to China.</u>	
▶ If Gift, Provide Travel Destination	
Sichuan Sheng, China	

Thus, Mayor Kim must report the gift of travel, but the gift is exempt from the gift limit. In this case, the travel payments are not subject to the gift limit because the source is a foreign government and because the travel is reasonably related to a governmental purpose. (Section 89506(a)(2).) Note that Mayor Kim could be disqualified from participating in or making decisions about The Chengdu Municipal People's Government for 12 months. Also note that if China Silicon Valley Business Development (a 501(c)(6) organization) paid for the travel costs rather than the governmental organization, the payments would be subject to the gift limits. (See the FPPC fact sheet, Limitations and Restrictions on Gifts, Honoraria, Travel and Loans, at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).)

## Restrictions and Prohibitions

The Political Reform Act (Gov. Code Sections 81000-91014) requires most state and local government officials and employees to publicly disclose their economic interests including personal assets and income. The Act's conflict of interest provisions also disqualify a public official from taking part in a governmental decision if it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a material financial effect on these economic interests as well as the official's personal finances and those of immediate family. (Gov. Code Sections 87100 and 87103.) The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) is the state agency responsible for issuing the attached Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700, and for interpreting the Act's provisions.

### Gift Prohibition

Gifts received by most state and local officials, employees, and candidates are subject to a limit. In 2021-2022, the gift limit increased to \$520 from a single source during a calendar year.

Additionally, state officials, state candidates, and certain state employees are subject to a \$10 limit per calendar month on gifts from lobbyists and lobbying firms registered with the Secretary of State. See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.

State and local officials and employees should check with their agency to determine if other restrictions apply.

### Disqualification

Public officials are, under certain circumstances, required to disqualify themselves from making, participating in, or attempting to influence governmental decisions that will affect their economic interests. This may include interests they are not required to disclose. For example, a personal residence is often not reportable, but may be grounds for disqualification. Specific disqualification requirements apply to 87200 filers (e.g., city councilmembers, members of boards of supervisors, planning commissioners, etc.). These officials must publicly identify the economic interest that creates a conflict of interest and leave the room before a discussion or vote takes place at a public meeting. For more information, consult Government Code Section 87105, Regulation 18707, and the Guide to Recognizing Conflicts of Interest page at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).

### Honorarium Ban

Most state and local officials, employees, and candidates are prohibited from accepting an honorarium for any speech given, article published, or attendance at a conference, convention, meeting, or like gathering. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.)

### Loan Restrictions

Certain state and local officials are subject to restrictions on loans. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14.)

### Post-Governmental Employment

There are restrictions on representing clients or employers before former agencies. The provisions apply to elected state officials, most state employees, local elected officials, county chief administrative officers, city managers, including the chief administrator of a city, and general managers or chief administrators of local special districts and JPAs. The FPPC website has fact sheets explaining the provisions.

### Late Filing

The filing officer who retains originally-signed or electronically filed statements of economic interests may impose on an individual a fine for any statement that is filed late. The fine is \$10 per day up to a maximum of \$100. Late filing penalties may be reduced or waived under certain circumstances.

Persons who fail to timely file their Form 700 may be referred to the FPPC's Enforcement Division (and, in some cases, to the Attorney General or district attorney) for investigation and possible prosecution. In addition to the late filing penalties, a fine of up to \$5,000 per violation may be imposed.

**For assistance** concerning reporting, prohibitions, and restrictions under the Act:

- Email questions to [advice@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:advice@fppc.ca.gov).
- Call the FPPC toll-free at (866) 275-3772.

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## Questions and Answers

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### General

- Q. What is the reporting period for disclosing interests on an assuming office statement or a candidate statement?
- A. On an assuming office statement, disclose all reportable investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the date you assumed office. In addition, you must disclose income (including loans, gifts and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the date you assumed office.

On a candidate statement, disclose all reportable investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the date you file your declaration of candidacy. You must also disclose income (including loans, gifts and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the date you file your declaration of candidacy.

- Q. I hold two other board positions in addition to my position with the county. Must I file three statements of economic interests?
- A. Yes, three are required. However, you may instead complete an expanded statement listing the county and the two boards on the Cover Page or an attachment as the agencies for which you will be filing. Disclose all reportable economic interests in all three jurisdictions on the expanded statement. File the expanded statement for your primary position providing an original “wet” signature unless filed with a secure electronic signature. (See page 3 above.) File copies of the expanded statement with the other two agencies as required by Regulation 18723.1(c). Remember to complete separate statements for positions that you leave or assume during the year.
- Q. I am a department head who recently began acting as city manager. Should I file as the city manager?
- A. Yes. File an assuming office statement as city manager. Persons serving as “acting,” “interim,” or “alternate” must file as if they hold the position because they are or may be performing the duties of the position.

- Q. My spouse and I are currently separated and in the process of obtaining a divorce. Must I still report my spouse’s income, investments, and interests in real property?
- A. Yes. A public official must continue to report a spouse’s economic interests until such time as dissolution of marriage proceedings is final. However, if a separate property agreement has been reached prior to that time, your estranged spouse’s income may not have to be reported. Contact the FPPC for more information.
- Q. As a designated employee, I left one state agency to work for another state agency. Must I file a leaving office statement?
- A. Yes. You may also need to file an assuming office statement for the new agency.

### Investment Disclosure

- Q. I have an investment interest in shares of stock in a company that does not have an office in my jurisdiction. Must I still disclose my investment interest in this company?
- A. Probably. The definition of “doing business in the jurisdiction” is not limited to whether the business has an office or physical location in your jurisdiction. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.)
- Q. My spouse and I have a living trust. The trust holds rental property in my jurisdiction, our primary residence, and investments in diversified mutual funds. I have full disclosure. How is this trust disclosed?
- A. Disclose the name of the trust, the rental property and its income on Schedule A-2. Your primary residence and investments in diversified mutual funds registered with the SEC are not reportable.
- Q. I am required to report all investments. I have an IRA that contains stocks through an account managed by a brokerage firm. Must I disclose these stocks even though they are held in an IRA and I did not decide which stocks to purchase?
- A. Yes. Disclose on Schedule A-1 or A-2 any stock worth \$2,000 or more in a business entity located in or doing business in your jurisdiction.

## Questions and Answers Continued

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- Q. The value of my stock changed during the reporting period. How do I report the value of the stock?
- A. You are required to report the highest value that the stock reached during the reporting period. You may use your monthly statements to determine the highest value. You may also use the entity's website to determine the highest value. You are encouraged to keep a record of where you found the reported value. Note that for an assuming office statement, you must report the value of the stock on the date you assumed office.
- Q. I am the sole owner of my business, an S-Corporation. I believe that the nature of the business is such that it cannot be said to have any "fair market value" because it has no assets. I operate the corporation under an agreement with a large insurance company. My contract does not have resale value because of its nature as a personal services contract. Must I report the fair market value for my business on Schedule A-2 of the Form 700?
- A. Yes. Even if there are no *tangible* assets, intangible assets, such as relationships with companies and clients are commonly sold to qualified professionals. The "fair market value" is often quantified for other purposes, such as marital dissolutions or estate planning. In addition, the IRS presumes that "personal services corporations" have a fair market value. A professional "book of business" and the associated goodwill that generates income are not without a determinable value. The Form 700 does not require a precise fair market value; it is only necessary to check a box indicating the broad range within which the value falls.
- Q. I own stock in IBM and must report this investment on Schedule A-1. I initially purchased this stock in the early 1990s; however, I am constantly buying and selling shares. Must I note these dates in the "Acquired" and "Disposed" fields?
- A. No. You must only report dates in the "Acquired" or "Disposed" fields when, during the reporting period, you initially purchase a reportable investment worth \$2,000 or more or when you dispose of the entire investment. You are not required to track the partial trading of an investment.
- Q. On last year's filing I reported stock in Encoe valued at \$2,000 - \$10,000. Late last year the value of this stock fell below and remains at less than \$2,000. How should this be reported on this year's statement?
- A. You are not required to report an investment if the value was less than \$2,000 during the **entire** reporting period. However, because a disposed date is not required for stocks that fall below \$2,000, you may want to report the stock and note in the "comments" section that the value fell below \$2,000. This would be for informational purposes only; it is not a requirement.
- Q. We have a Section 529 account set up to save money for our son's college education. Is this reportable?
- A. If the Section 529 account contains reportable interests (e.g., common stock valued at \$2,000 or more), those interests are reportable (not the actual Section 529 account). If the account contains solely mutual funds, then nothing is reported.

### Income Disclosure

- Q. I reported a business entity on Schedule A-2. Clients of my business are located in several states. Must I report all clients from whom my pro rata share of income is \$10,000 or more on Schedule A-2, Part 3?
- A. No, only the clients located in or doing business on a regular basis in your jurisdiction must be disclosed.
- Q. I believe I am not required to disclose the names of clients from whom my pro rata share of income is \$10,000 or more on Schedule A-2 because of their right to privacy. Is there an exception for reporting clients' names?
- A. Regulation 18740 provides a procedure for requesting an exemption to allow a client's name not to be disclosed if disclosure of the name would violate a legally recognized privilege under California or Federal law. This regulation may be obtained from our website at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov). (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14.)

## Questions and Answers Continued

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Q. I am sole owner of a private law practice that is not reportable based on my limited disclosure category. However, some of the sources of income to my law practice are from reportable sources. Do I have to disclose this income?

A. Yes, even though the law practice is not reportable, reportable sources of income to the law practice of \$10,000 or more must be disclosed. This information would be disclosed on Schedule C with a note in the "comments" section indicating that the business entity is not a reportable investment. The note would be for informational purposes only; it is not a requirement.

Q. I am the sole owner of my business. Where do I disclose my income - on Schedule A-2 or Schedule C?

A. Sources of income to a business in which you have an ownership interest of 10% or greater are disclosed on Schedule A-2. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8.)

Q. My spouse is a partner in a four-person firm where all of their business is based on their own billings and collections from various clients. How do I report my community property interest in this business and the income generated in this manner?

A. If your spouse's investment in the firm is 10% or greater, disclose 100% of your spouse's share of the business on Schedule A-2, Part 1 and 50% of your spouse's income on Schedule A-2, Parts 2 and 3. For example, a client of your spouse's must be a source of at least \$20,000 during the reporting period before the client's name is reported.

Q. How do I disclose my spouse's or registered domestic partner's salary?

A. Report the name of the employer as a source of income on Schedule C.

Q. I am a doctor. For purposes of reporting \$10,000 sources of income on Schedule A-2, Part 3, are the patients or their insurance carriers considered sources of income?

A. If your patients exercise sufficient control by selecting you instead of other doctors, then your patients, rather than their insurance carriers, are sources of income to you. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14.)

Q. I received a loan from my grandfather to purchase my home. Is this loan reportable?

A. No. Loans received from family members are not reportable.

Q. Many years ago, I loaned my parents several thousand dollars, which they paid back this year. Do I need to report this loan repayment on my Form 700?

A. No. Payments received on a loan made to a family member are not reportable.

### Real Property Disclosure

Q. During this reporting period we switched our principal place of residence into a rental. I have full disclosure and the property is located in my agency's jurisdiction, so it is now reportable. Because I have not reported this property before, do I need to show an "acquired" date?

A. No, you are not required to show an "acquired" date because you previously owned the property. However, you may want to note in the "comments" section that the property was not previously reported because it was used exclusively as your residence. This would be for informational purposes only; it is not a requirement.

Q. I am a city manager, and I own a rental property located in an adjacent city, but one mile from the city limit. Do I need to report this property interest?

A. Yes. You are required to report this property because it is located within 2 miles of the boundaries of the city you manage.

Q. Must I report a home that I own as a personal residence for my daughter?

A. You are not required to disclose a home used as a personal residence for a family member unless you receive income from it, such as rental income.

Q. I am a co-signer on a loan for a rental property owned by a friend. Since I am listed on the deed of trust, do I need to report my friend's property as an interest in real property on my Form 700?

A. No. Simply being a co-signer on a loan for property does not create a reportable interest in that real property.

## Questions and Answers Continued

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### Gift Disclosure

- Q. If I received a reportable gift of two tickets to a concert valued at \$100 each, but gave the tickets to a friend because I could not attend the concert, do I have any reporting obligations?
- A. Yes. Since you accepted the gift and exercised discretion and control of the use of the tickets, you must disclose the gift on Schedule D.
- Q. Julia and Jared Benson, a married couple, want to give a piece of artwork to a county supervisor. Is each spouse considered a separate source for purposes of the gift limit and disclosure?
- A. Yes, each spouse may make a gift valued at the gift limit during a calendar year. For example, during 2022 the gift limit was \$520, so the Bensons may have given the supervisor artwork valued at no more than \$1,040. The supervisor must identify Jared and Julia Benson as the sources of the gift.
- Q. I am a Form 700 filer with full disclosure. Our agency holds a holiday raffle to raise funds for a local charity. I bought \$10 worth of raffle tickets and won a gift basket valued at \$120. The gift basket was donated by Doug Brewer, a citizen in our city. At the same event, I bought raffle tickets for, and won a quilt valued at \$70. The quilt was donated by a coworker. Are these reportable gifts?
- A. Because the gift basket was donated by an outside source (not an agency employee), you have received a reportable gift valued at \$110 (the value of the basket less the consideration paid). The source of the gift is Doug Brewer and the agency is disclosed as the intermediary. Because the quilt was donated by an employee of your agency, it is not a reportable gift.
- Q. My agency is responsible for disbursing grants. An applicant (501(c)(3) organization) met with agency employees to present its application. At this meeting, the applicant provided food and beverages. Would the food and beverages be considered gifts to the employees? These employees are designated in our agency's conflict of interest code and the applicant is a reportable source of income under the code.
- A. Yes. If the value of the food and beverages consumed by any one filer, plus any other gifts received from the same source during the reporting period total \$50 or more, the food and beverages would be reported using the fair market value and would be subject to the gift limit.
- Q. I received free admission to an educational conference related to my official duties. Part of the conference fees included a round of golf. Is the value of the golf considered informational material?
- A. No. The value of personal benefits, such as golf, attendance at a concert, or sporting event, are gifts subject to reporting and limits.





## SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE

The below listed summary of seats, term expirations and membership information shall serve as notice of **vacancies, upcoming term expirations** and information on currently held seats, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Appointments by other bodies are listed, if available. Seat numbers listed in **bold** are open for immediate appointment. However, you are able to submit applications for all seats and your application will be maintained for one year, in the event that an unexpected vacancy or opening occurs.

### Membership and Seat Qualifications

Seat #	Appointing Authority	Seat Holder	Term Ending	Qualification
1	BOS	Dean Schmidt	4/27/24	Must be nominated by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and be an attorney, for a two-year term
2	BOS	Lila LaHood	4/27/24	Must be nominated by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and be a journalist, for a two-year term
<b>3</b>	<b>BOS</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>4/27/24</b>	Must be a member from the press or electronic media, for a two-year term
<b>4</b>	<b>BOS</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>4/27/23</b>	Must be nominated by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and be either a journalist from a racial/ethnic-minority-owned news organization, a journalist whose work focuses on issues impacting minority racial or ethnic communities, or a journalist who works with a media organization or publication whose target audience is a minority racial or ethnic community. For purposes of this subsection (a), the term "journalist" shall be interpreted broadly, including but not limited to freelance journalists, photographers, and videographers, for a two-year term

5	BOS	Jennifer Wong	4/27/24	Must be nominated by the local chapter of the League of Women Voters, for a two-year term
6	BOS	Laura Stein	4/27/24	Must have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for a two-year term
7	BOS	Matthew Yankee	4/27/24	
8	BOS	Chris Hyland	4/27/24	
9	<b>BOS</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>4/27/24</b>	
10	BOS	Thuan Thao Hill	4/27/24	
11	<b>BOS</b>	<b>Bruce Wolfe **(meets requirement below)</b>	<b>4/27/23</b>	
	COB	VACANT	Indefinite	The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, or his/her designee, and serve as a non-voting member
	Mayor	VACANT	Indefinite	The Mayor, or his/her designee, and serve as a non-voting member

**\*\*Additional Qualifications:** At all times, the Task Force shall include at least one member who shall be a member of the public who is physically handicapped. All members must have experience and/or demonstrated interest in the issues of citizen access and participation in local government.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE HERE**

- English - [https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy\\_application.pdf](https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application.pdf)
- 中文 - [https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy\\_application\\_CHI.pdf](https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_CHI.pdf)
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(For seats appointed by other Authorities please contact the Board / Commission / Committee / Task Force (see below) or the appointing authority directly.)

Pursuant to Board of Supervisors Rules of Order 2.19 (Motion No. 05-92) all applicants applying for this body must complete and submit, with their application, a copy (**not original**) of Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests. Applications will not be considered if a copy of Form 700 is not received.

**FORM 700 AVAILABLE HERE (Required)**

<https://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>

*Please Note: Depending upon the posting date, a vacancy may have already been filled. To determine if a vacancy for this Commission is still available, or if you require additional information, please call the Rules Committee Clerk at (415) 554-5184.*

Applications and other documents may be submitted to [BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org](mailto:BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org)

**Next Steps:** Applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be contacted by the Rules Committee Clerk once the Rules Committee Chair determines the date of the hearing. Members of the Rules Committee will consider the appointment(s) at the meeting and applicant(s) may be asked to state their qualifications. The appointment of the individual(s) who is recommended by the Rules Committee will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

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The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (the “Task Force”) was established to advise the Board of Supervisors and provide information to other City departments on appropriate ways in which to implement Administrative Code, Chapter 67 (The San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance of 1999) (the “Ordinance”). The Task Force shall develop goals to ensure practice and timely implementation of the Ordinance; propose amendments to the Ordinance; receive and review the annual report of the Supervisor of Public Records and may request additional reports or information; and make referrals to a municipal office with enforcement power under the Ordinance, the California Public Records Act, or the Brown Act, whenever it concludes a person has violated the provisions of the Ordinance

The Task Force consists of a total of thirteen (13) members:

Eleven (11) voting members appointed by the Board of Supervisors

- Two (2) members nominated by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists;
- One (1) shall be an attorney and
- one (1) shall be a journalist.
- One (1) member shall be a member from the press or electronic media.
- One (1) member shall be a journalist from a racial/ethnic-minority-owned news organization and nominated by New California Media.
- One (1) member nominated by the local chapter of the League of Women Voters.
- Two (2) members of the public experienced in consumer advocacy.
- Four (4) members of the public who have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government.
- One (1) member shall be the Mayor, or his/her designee, and serve as a non-voting member.

- One (1) member shall be the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, or his/her designee, and serve as a non-voting member.

At all times, the Task Force shall include at least one member who shall be a member of the public who is physically handicapped. All members must have experience and/or demonstrated interest in the issues of citizen access and participation in local government. The City Attorney's Office shall assign an attorney to the Task Force who is experienced in public-access law matters and serve as a legal advisor and advocate to the Task Force.

The term of each appointed member shall be two years unless removed by the Board of Supervisors. In the event of such removal or vacancy during the term of office of any appointive member, a successor shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the office vacated.

In addition to regular Task Force meetings, Task Force members are expected to participate in committee work.

**Reports:** The Task Force shall report annually to the Board of Supervisors on any practical or policy problems encountered in the Administration of the Ordinance. The Task Force shall, as it sees fit, issue public reports evaluating compliance with the Ordinance and related California laws by the City or any department, office or official.

**Authority:** Administrative Code, Section 67.30 (Ordinance Nos. 265-93; 118-94; 432-94; 287-96; 198-98; 387-98; and Proposition G, November 1999)

**Sunset Date:** None

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Gender Analysis  
San Francisco Commissions and Boards  
FY 2020-2021





London N. Breed  
Mayor

City and County of San Francisco  
**Department on the Status of Women**



Dear Honorable Mayor London N. Breed and Board of Supervisors:

Please find attached the 2021 Gender Analysis of Commissions and Boards Report. We are pleased to share that under Mayor Breed's leadership, representation of women, people of color, and women of color on policy bodies continues to increase. Mayoral appointments are more diverse based on gender and race compared to both supervisorial appointments and appointments in general.

Overall, policy bodies have a larger percentage of women, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and Veterans<sup>1</sup> than the general San Francisco population. The percentage of women of color and people with disabilities appointed to policy bodies is near equal to the general population. Fiscal year 2020-2021 saw the largest increase in representation of women on policy bodies since the Department on the Status of Women started collecting data in 2009. Women of color have the highest representation of appointees to date.

Black and African American women and men are notably well-represented on San Francisco policy bodies. Black women are 8 percent of appointees compared to 2.4 percent of the general San Francisco population, and Black men are 4 percent of appointees compared to 2.5 percent of the general San Francisco population. Additionally, almost 1-in-4 appointees who responded to the survey question identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Commissions that oversee the largest budgets have members of the LGBTQIA+ community, people with disabilities, and Veterans represented at higher percentages than the general population.

While San Francisco continues to make strides in diversity, there is still work to do in achieving parity of representation for Latinx and Asian groups in appointed positions overall, as well as women, people of color, and women of color on Commissions overseeing the largest budgets. The Department applauds Mayor Breed for remaining committed to diversifying policy body appointments across all diversity categories, including for positions of influence and authority.

Thank you to Department staff who worked on this report and to members of the Commission on the Status of Women for their ongoing advocacy for intersectional gender equity efforts.

Kimberly Ellis, Director of the Department on the Status of Women

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<sup>1</sup> "Veterans" refers to people who have served and/or have an immediate family member who has served in the military.





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## Executive Summary

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In 2008, San Francisco voters approved a City Charter Amendment (section 4.101) establishing as City policy for the membership of Commissions and Boards to reflect the diversity of San Francisco's population and appointing officials be urged to support the nomination, appointment, and confirmation of these candidates. Additionally, it requires the San Francisco Department on the Status of Women to conduct and publish a gender analysis of Commissions and Boards every two years.

The 2021 Gender Analysis of Commissions and Boards Report (2021 Gender Analysis Report) evaluates representation of the following groups across appointments to San Francisco policy bodies:

- Women
- People of color
- LGBTQIA+ individuals
- People with disabilities
- Veterans (or people who have immediate family members that have served)
- Various religious affiliations

The report includes policy bodies such as task forces, committees, and Advisory Bodies, in addition to Commissions and Boards.

This year, data was collected from 92 policy bodies and from a total of 349 members, mostly appointed by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. The policy bodies surveyed for the 2021 Gender Analysis Report fall under two categories designated by the San Francisco Office of the City Attorney.<sup>2</sup> The first category, referred to as "Commissions and Boards," are policy bodies with decision-making authority and whose members are required to submit financial disclosures to the Ethics Commission. The second category, referred to as "Advisory Bodies," are policy bodies with advisory function whose members do not submit financial disclosures to the Ethics Commission. The report examines policy bodies and appointees both comprehensively as a whole and separately by the two categories.

Several changes were made to the survey questions for the 2021 Gender Analysis Report. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) categories were aligned with the latest classifications used by the Office of Transgender Initiatives. The classification of Veteran Status was also expanded to include individuals with close family members that have served in the military and armed forces. This addition to Veteran Status was adopted based on feedback from previous reports.

While the overall number of policy bodies that submitted data increased compared to 2019, the total number of individual members who participated in the survey was dramatically less than the number who participated in 2019. Due to the pandemic, data collection methods

<sup>2</sup> "Sec. 3.1-103. Filing Officers." *American Legal Publishing Corporation*, [https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/san\\_francisco/latest/sf\\_campaign/0-0-0-979](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/san_francisco/latest/sf_campaign/0-0-0-979).

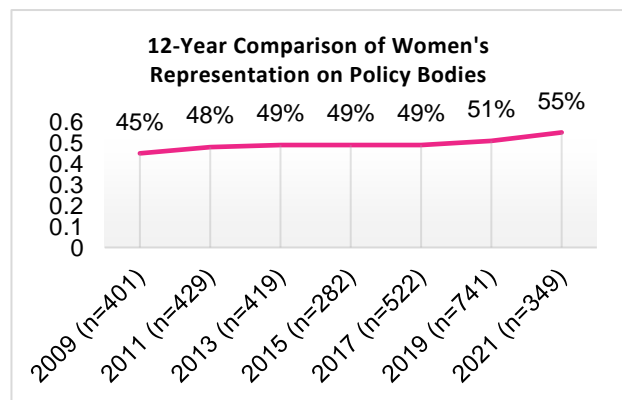
were limited compared to previous years, including the ability to conduct paper surveys and in-person meetings. Reliance on online surveying significantly reduced the level of participation, despite three to five direct contact efforts with policy bodies via phone and email. Moving forward, in addition to collecting data through paper/in-person surveys, when possible, the Department on the Status of Women recommends that all policy body appointees be required to take a training on the Gender Analysis survey process, alongside the required Ethics training, to guarantee participation.

Similarly, due to census data not being collected during COVID-19, updated demographic information on the general population of San Francisco was not available for years more recent than 2019. In this report, data on the San Francisco population references data from previous years (2015-2019) populations.

## Key Findings

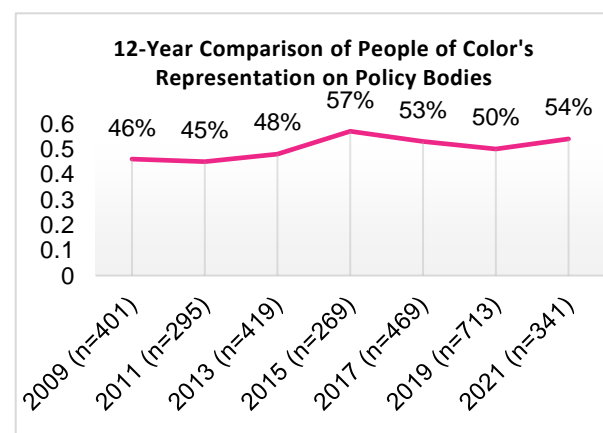
### Gender

- Women's representation on policy bodies is 55%, above parity with the San Francisco female population of 49%.
- FY 2021 oversaw the largest increase in the representation of women on San Francisco policy bodies since 2009.



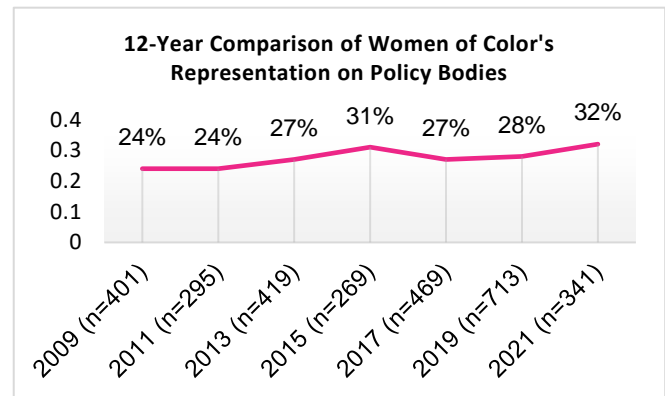
### Race and Ethnicity

- The representation of people of color on policy bodies is 54%. Comparatively, in San Francisco, 62% of the population identifies with a race other than white.
- While the overall representation of people of color has increased since the 2019 report at 50%, representation has still decreased compared to 57% in 2015.
- As found in previous reports, Latinx and Asian groups are underrepresented on San Francisco policy bodies as compared to the population. Latinx individuals are 15% of the population but make up only 9% of appointees. Asian individuals are 36% of the population but make up only 26% of appointees.



## Race and Ethnicity by Gender

- On the whole, women of color are 32% of the San Francisco population and 32% of appointees. This 4% increase is the highest representation of women of color appointees to date.
- Meanwhile, men of color are underrepresented at 21% of appointees compared to 31% of the San Francisco population.



- Both white women and men are overrepresented on San Francisco policy bodies. White women are 25% of appointees compared to 17% of the San Francisco population. White men are 21% of appointees compared to 20% of the population.
- Black and African American women and men are well-represented on San Francisco policy bodies. Black women are 8% of appointees compared to 2.4% of the population, and Black men are 4% of appointees compared to 2.5% of the population.
- Latinx women are 7% of the San Francisco population but 4% of appointees, and Latinx men are 7% of the population but 4% of appointees.
- Asian women are 17% of the San Francisco population but 15% of appointees, and Asian men are 15% of the population but 11% of appointees.

## Additional Demographics

- Out of the 74% of appointees who responded to the survey question on LGBTQIA+ identity, 23% identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, nonbinary, queer, or questioning, and 77% of appointees identify as straight/heterosexual.
- Out of the 70% of appointees who responded to the question on Disability Status, 12.6% identify as having one or more disabilities, which is just above parity of the 12% of the adult population with a Disability Status in San Francisco.
- Out of the 67% of appointees who responded to the question on Veteran Status, 22% have served in the military (or have an immediate family member who has served) compared to 3% of the San Francisco population (census data on military service does not include immediate family members who have served).

### **Proxies for Influence: Budget and Authority**

- Although women are half of all appointees, those Commissions and Boards with the largest budgets have fewer women, and especially fewer women of color. Meanwhile, representation of women on Boards and Commissions with the smallest budgets are just below parity with the San Francisco population.
- Although still underrepresented relative to the San Francisco population, there is a larger percentage of people of color on Commissions and Boards with both the largest and smallest budgets compared to overall appointees.
- The percentage of total women is greater on Advisory Bodies than Commissions and Boards. Women are 60% of appointees on Advisory Bodies and 53% of appointees on Commissions and Boards. The percentage of women of color on Advisory Bodies is also higher than on Commissions and Boards.

### **Appointing Authorities**

- Mayoral appointments include 60% women, 59% people of color, and 37% women of color, which is more diverse by gender and race compared to both Supervisorial appointments and total appointments.

### **Demographics of Appointees Compared to the San Francisco Population**

	Women	People of Color	Women of Color	LGBTQIA+	Disability Status	Veteran Status
San Francisco Population**	49%	62%	32%	6%-15%*	12%	2.7%
Total Appointees	55%	54%	32%	23%	13%	22%
10 Largest Budgeted Commissions and Boards	43%	44%	21%	16%	15%	20%
10 Smallest Budgeted Commissions and Boards	48%	43%	29%	17%	9%	12%
Commissions and Boards	53%	53%	30%	18%	11%	21%
Advisory Bodies	60%	53%	33%	31%	15%	20%

*San Francisco population estimates come from the 2017 and 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, SF DOSW Data Collection and Analysis Report, 2021.*

*\*Note: Estimates vary by source. See page 16 for a detailed breakdown.*

*\*\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, updated data is unavailable for race/ethnicity, LGBTQIA+ status, Disability Status, and Veteran Status in 2021. Therefore, the data used to represent the San Francisco population is from the 2019 Gender Analysis Report.*

## I. Introduction

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Inspired by the fourth U.N. World Conference on Women in Beijing, San Francisco became the first city in the world to adopt a local ordinance reflecting the principles of the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), an international bill of rights for women. The CEDAW Ordinance was passed unanimously by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and signed into law by Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. on April 13, 1998.<sup>3</sup> In 2002, the CEDAW Ordinance was revised to address the intersection of race and gender and incorporate reference to the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Race Discrimination. The Ordinance requires the City to take proactive steps to ensure gender equity and specifies "gender analysis" as a preventive tool to identify and address discrimination. Since 1998, the Department on the Status of Women has employed this tool to analyze the operations of 10 City Departments using a gender lens.

In 2007, the Department on the Status of Women conducted the first gender analysis to evaluate the number of women appointed to City Commissions and Boards. The findings of this analysis informed a City Charter Amendment developed by the Board of Supervisors for the June 2008 Election. This City Charter Amendment (section 4.101) was overwhelmingly approved by voters and made it City policy that:

- The membership of Commissions and Boards are to reflect the diversity of San Francisco's population,
- Appointing officials are to be urged to support the nomination, appointment, and confirmation of these candidates, and
- The Department on the Status of Women is required to conduct and publish a gender analysis of Commissions and Boards every two years.

The 2021 Gender Analysis Report examines the representation of women, people of color, LGBTQIA+ individuals, people with disabilities, Veterans, and religious affiliations of appointees on San Francisco policy bodies. As was the case for the 2019 Gender Analysis Report, this year's analysis involved increased outreach to policy bodies as compared to previous analyses that were limited to Commissions and Boards. As a result, the data collection and analysis examine a more diverse and expansive layout of City policy bodies. These policy bodies fall under two categories designated by the San Francisco Office of the City Attorney. The first category, referred to as "Commissions and Boards," are policy bodies with decision-making authority and whose members are required to submit financial disclosures to the Ethics Commission. The second category, referred to as "Advisory Bodies," are policy bodies with advisory function whose members do not submit financial disclosures to the Ethics Commission. A detailed description of methodology and limitations can be found on page 27.

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<sup>3</sup> San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 33.A.  
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## II. Findings

Many aspects of San Francisco's diversity are reflected in the overall population of appointees on San Francisco policy bodies. The analysis includes data from 92 policy bodies, of which 788 of the 979 seats are filled, leaving 20% vacant. As outlined below in Figure 1, slightly more than half of appointees are women and people of color, 32% are women of color, 23% identify as LGBTQIA+, 13% have a disability, and 22% are Veterans.

**Figure 1: Summary Data of Policy Body Demographics, 2021**

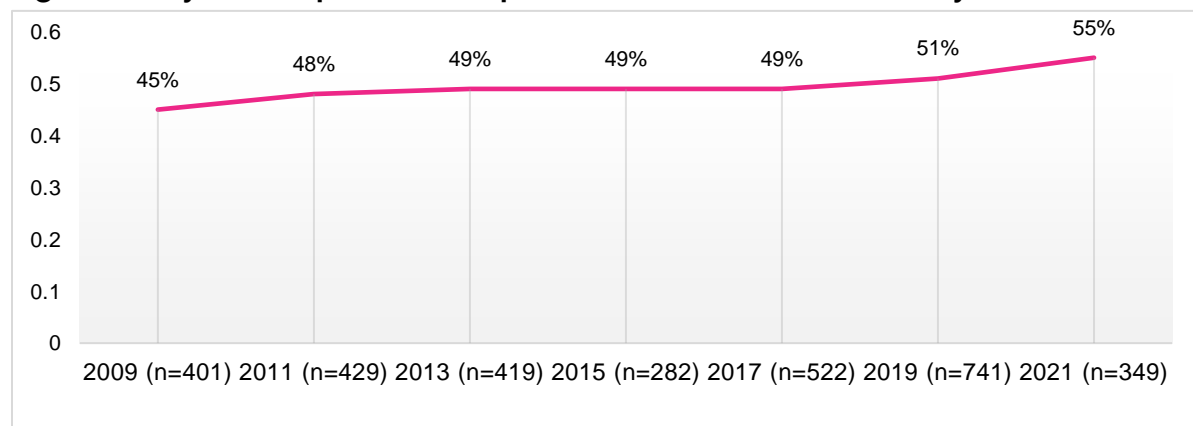
Appointee Demographics	Percentage of Appointees
Women (n=349)	55%
People of Color (n=341)	54%
Women of Color (n=341)	32%
LGBTQIA+ Identifying (n=334)	23%
People with Disabilities (n=349)	13%
Veteran Status (n=349)	22%

However, further analysis reveals underrepresentation of particular groups. Subsequent sections present comprehensive data analysis providing comparison to previous years, detailing the variables of gender, race/ethnicity, LGBTQIA+ identity, Disability Status, Veteran Status, religious affiliations, and policy body characteristics of budget size, decision-making authority, and appointment authority.

### A. Gender

On San Francisco policy bodies, 55% of appointees identify as women, which is above parity compared to the San Francisco female population of 49%. The representation of women remained stable at 49% from 2013 until 2017, with a slight increase to 51% in 2019. This increase could be partly due to the larger sample size used in the 2019 analysis compared to previous years. A 12-year comparison shows that the representation of women appointees has gradually increased since 2009 by a total of ten percentage points.

**Figure 2: 12-year Comparison of Representation of Women on Policy Bodies**





Figures 3 and 4 analyze Commissions and Boards. Figure 3 showcases the five Commissions and Boards with the highest representation of women appointees as compared to 2017 and 2019. The Commission on the Status of Women is currently comprised of all women appointees. This finding has been consistent for the Commission on the Status of Women since 2015. The Aging and Adult Services Commission, Health Commission, and Library Commission are all at 71%, respectively.

**Figure 3: Commissions and Boards with the Highest Percentages of Women, 2021 Compared to 2017 and 2019**

Policy Body	Percent of Women	Response Rate	2019 Percent	2017 Percent
Commission on the Status of Women	100%	100%	100%	100%
Arts Commission	79%	100%	67%	60%
Children and Families (First 5) Commission	75%	75%	100%	100%
Aging and Adult Services Commission	71%	86%	57%	40%
Health Commission	71%	100%	43%	29%
Library Commission	71%	100%	71%	80%

Out of the Commissions and Boards in this section, 6 have 40% or less women. The Commissions and Boards with the lowest representation of women are displayed in Figure 4. The lowest percentage is found on the Board of Examiners, which has 90% of responses from the Board, but 0 members identifying as women. Unfortunately, demographic data is unavailable for the Board of Examiners for 2017, however there was 0% of female representation in 2019 as well. The Police Commission, Human Services Commission, and Access Appeals Commission all have entirely completed the demographics survey at 100%, yet still have some of the lowest percentages of women at 20%. It should be noted that policy bodies with a small number of members, such as the Residential Users Appeal Board (which currently has two members), means that minimal changes in its demographic composition greatly impacts percentages. Additionally, several policy bodies had low response rates to the demographics survey, ultimately impacting the representation for their respective policy body accordingly.

**Figure 4: Commissions and Boards with Lowest Percentage of Women, 2021 Compared to 2017 and 2019**

Policy Body	Percent of Women	Response Rate	2019 Percent	2017 Percent
Residential Users Appeal Board	0%	50%	0%	N/A
Board of Examiners	0%	90%	0%	N/A
Assessment Appeals Board No. 3	0%	67%	50%	N/A
Assessment Appeals Board No. 2	0%	100%	50%	N/A
Rent Board Commission	10%	60%	44%	30%
Small Business Commission	14%	43%	43%	43%
Retirement System Board	14%	57%	43%	43%
Health Service Board	14%	43%	33%	29%
Children, Youth, and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee	14%	14%	50%	N/A
Treasure Island Development Authority	17%	50%	50%	43%
Public Utilities Commission	20%	60%	67%	40%
Police Commission	20%	100%	43%	29%

**Figure 4: Commissions and Boards with Lowest Percentage of Women, 2021 Compared to 2017 and 2019, Continued**

Policy Body	Percent of Women	Response Rate	2019 Percent	2017 Percent
Human Services Commission	20%	100%	40%	20%
Access Appeals Commission	20%	100%	N/A	N/A
Public Utilities Rate Fairness Board	25%	75%	33%	33%
Ethics Commission	25%	25%	100%	33%

*\*Commission and Boards with 70% response rates or higher are highlighted in grey.*

In addition to Commissions and Boards, Advisory Bodies were examined for the highest and lowest percentages of women. This is the second year such bodies have been included, thus comparison to previous years before 2019 is unavailable. Figure 5 below displays the five Advisory Bodies with the highest representations of women. Due to a lack of survey responses from several Advisory Bodies, analysis on the five lowest representations of women is unavailable. The Office of Early Care and Education Citizens' Advisory Committee has the greatest representation of women at 67%, followed closely by the Citizen's Committee on Community Development at 63%.

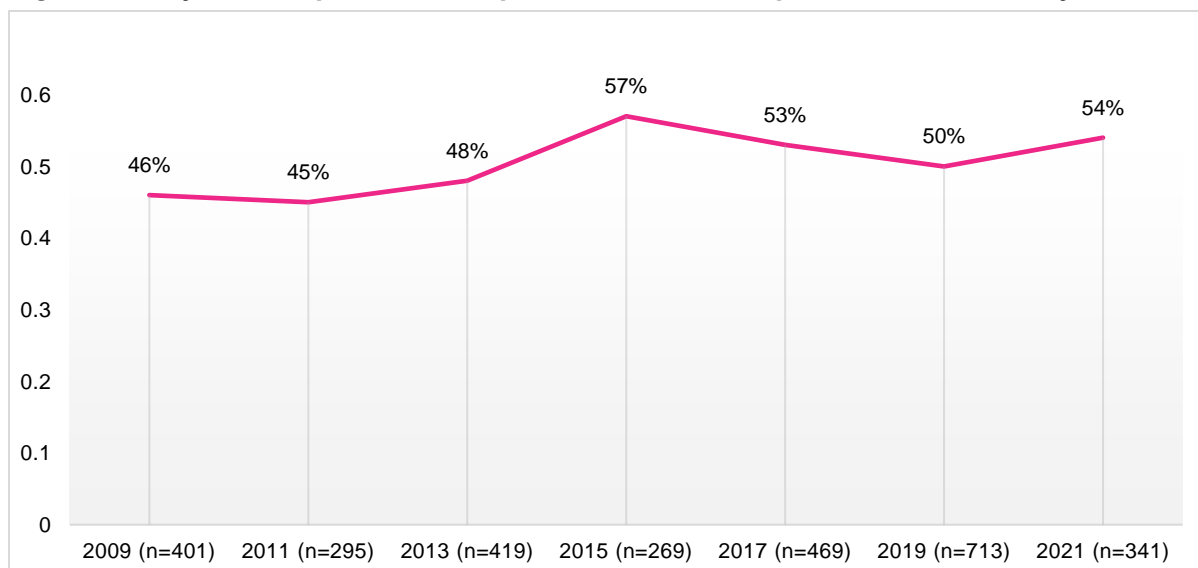
**Figure 5: Advisory Bodies with the Highest Percentage of Women, 2021**

Policy Body	Percent of Women	Response Rate	2019 Percent
Office of Early Care and Education Citizens' Advisory Committee	67%	78%	89%
Citizens' Committee on Community Development	63%	63%	75%
Ballot Simplification Committee	50%	75%	75%
Immigrant Rights Commission	43%	57%	54%
Municipal Green Building Task Force	43%	67%	50%

## B. Race and Ethnicity

Data on racial and ethnic identity was collected from 341 participants, or 98% of the surveyed appointees. Although half of appointees identify as a race or ethnicity other than white or Caucasian, people of color are still underrepresented compared to the San Francisco population of 62%. The representation of people of color has increased since 2009 but has decreased following 2015. The number of appointees analyzed increased substantially in 2017 and 2019, as compared to 2015. These larger data samples have coincided with smaller percentages of people of color.

**Figure 6: 12-year Comparison of Representation of People of Color on Policy Bodies**



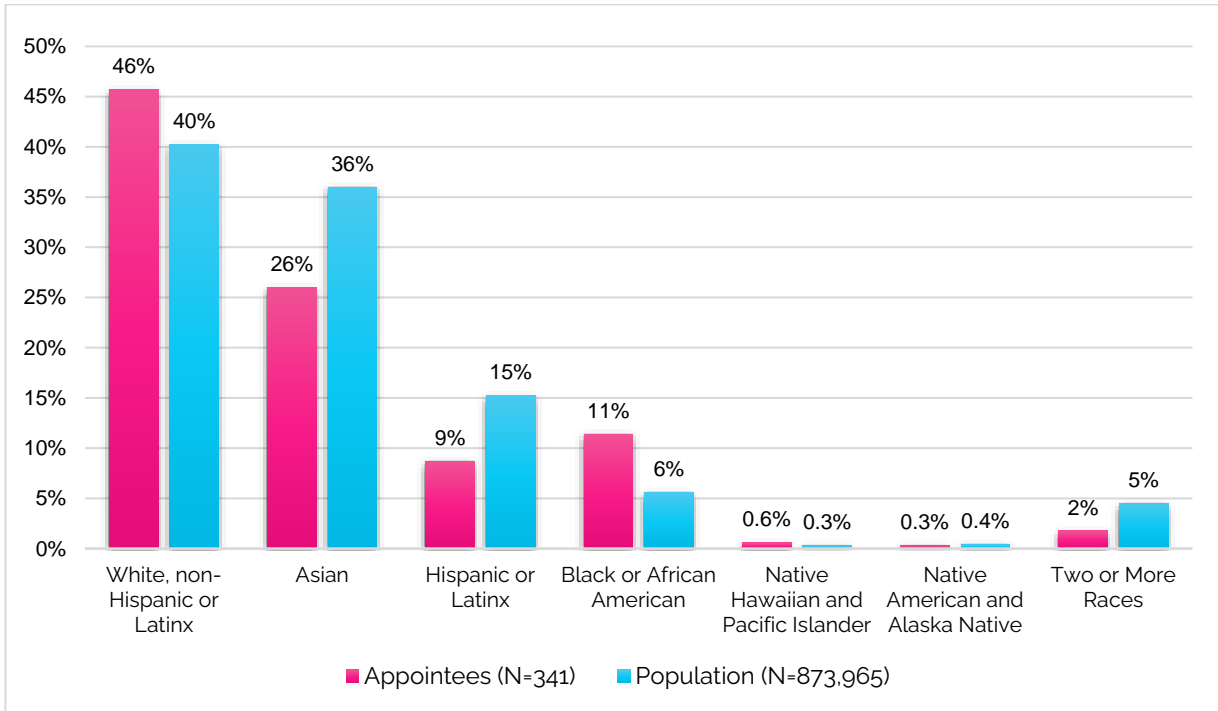
The racial and ethnic breakdown of policy body members compared to the San Francisco population is shown in Figure 7. This analysis reveals underrepresentation and overrepresentation in San Francisco policy bodies for certain racial and ethnic groups. Nearly half of all appointees are white, an overrepresentation by 6 percentage points. The Black community is represented on appointed policy bodies at 11% compared to 6% of the population of San Francisco.<sup>4</sup> This is a decrease of representation compared to the 14% representation in 2019. Characterizing these as overrepresentations is inaccurate given the representation of Black or African American people on policy bodies has been consistent over the years, while the San Francisco population has declined over the same period.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>4</sup> US Census Bureau, 2018. Retrieved from <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045218>.

<sup>5</sup> Samir Gambhir and Stephen Menendian, "Racial Segregation in the Bay Area, Part 2," Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society (2018).

Considerably underrepresented racial and ethnic groups on San Francisco policy bodies compared to the San Francisco population are individuals who identify as Asian or Latinx. While the Asian population is 36% of the San Francisco population, they make up 26% of appointees. While the Latinx population of San Francisco is 15%, 9% of appointees are Latinx. Although there is a small population of Native Americans and Alaska Natives in San Francisco of 0.4%, only one (0.3%) surveyed appointee identified themselves as such. The San Francisco population of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders is 0.3%, which slightly less than the 0.6% of identifying appointees.

**Figure 7: Race and Ethnicity of Appointees Compared to San Francisco Population, 2021**



*Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, updated data is unavailable for race/ethnicity in 2021. Therefore, the data used to represent the San Francisco population is from the 2019 Gender Analysis Report.*

The next two figures illustrate Commissions and Boards with the highest and lowest percentages of people of color. As shown in Figure 8, the Commission on the Status of Women holds the highest representation of people of color at 86%, with a 100% response rate. Both the Health Commission and Juvenile Probation Commission have decreased their percentages of people of color since 2019 and 2017.

**Figure 8: Commission and Boards with Highest Percentage of People of Color, 2021 Compared to 2019 and 2017**

Policy Body	Percent of POC	Response Rate	2019 Percent	2017 Percent
Commission on the Status of Women	86%	100%	71%	71%
Police Commission	80%	100%	71%	71%
Arts Commission	71%	100%	60%	53%
Health Commission	71%	100%	86%	86%
Library Commission	71%	100%	57%	60%
Juvenile Probation Commission	67%	83%	100%	86%
Board of Appeals	60%	100%	40%	40%
Fire Commission	60%	100%	40%	60%
Human Services Commission	60%	100%	40%	60%
Asian Art Commission	54%	81%	59%	59%
Assessment Appeals Board No.2	50%	100%	63%	N/A
Children and Families (First 5) Commission	50%	75%	75%	63%

There are 28 Commissions and Boards that have 40% or less appointees who identified a racial and ethnic category other than white. None of the current appointees of the Access Appeals Commission identified as people of color. Additionally, the Historic Preservation Commission remains at 14% representation since 2019. The Citizens General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee and Assessment Appeals Board No.1 are both at 17% representation for people of color. Lastly, the Public Utilities Rate Fairness Board had a large drop in representation of people of color going from 67% in 2019 to 25% this year.

**Figure 9: Commissions and Boards with Lowest Percentage of People of Color, 2021 Compared to 2019 and 2017**

Policy Body	Percent of POC	Response Rate*	2019 Percent	2017 Percent
Residential Users Appeal Board	0%	50%	50%	N/A
Children, Youth, and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee	0%	14%	75%	N/A
Building Inspection Commission	0%	50%	14%	14%
Access Appeals Commission	0%	100%	N/A	N/A
Small Business Commission	14%	43%	43%	50%
Historic Preservation Commission	14%	71%	14%	17%
Health Service Board	14%	43%	50%	29%
Citizens General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee	17%	100%	N/A	N/A
Assessment Appeals Board No.1	17%	100%	20%	N/A
War Memorial Board of Trustees	18%	45%	18%	18%
Public Utilities Commission	20%	60%	0%	33%
Public Utilities Rate Fairness Board	25%	75%	67%	67%

**Figure 9: Commissions and Boards with Lowest Percentage of People of Color, 2021 Compared to 2019 and 2017, Continued**

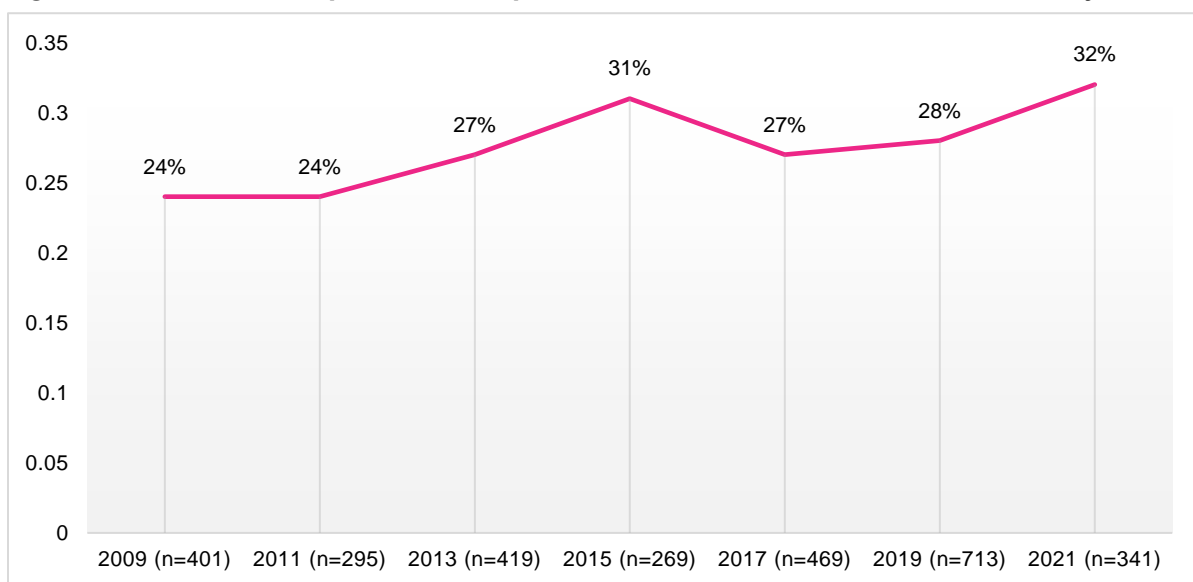
Policy Body	Percent of POC	Response Rate*	2019 Percent	2017 Percent
Ethics Commission	25%	25%	50%	67%
Retirement System Board	29%	57%	29%	29%
Recreation and Park Commission	29%	43%	43%	43%
Rent Board Commission	30%	60%	33%	50%

*Commission and Boards with 70% response rates or higher are highlighted in grey.*

### C. Race and Ethnicity by Gender

Both white men and women are overrepresented on San Francisco policy bodies, while Asian and Latinx men and women are underrepresented. The representation of women of color at 32% is equal to the San Francisco population of 32%, which is a notable increase compared to the 2019 percentage of 28%. Meanwhile, men of color are 21% of appointees compared to 31% of the San Francisco population.

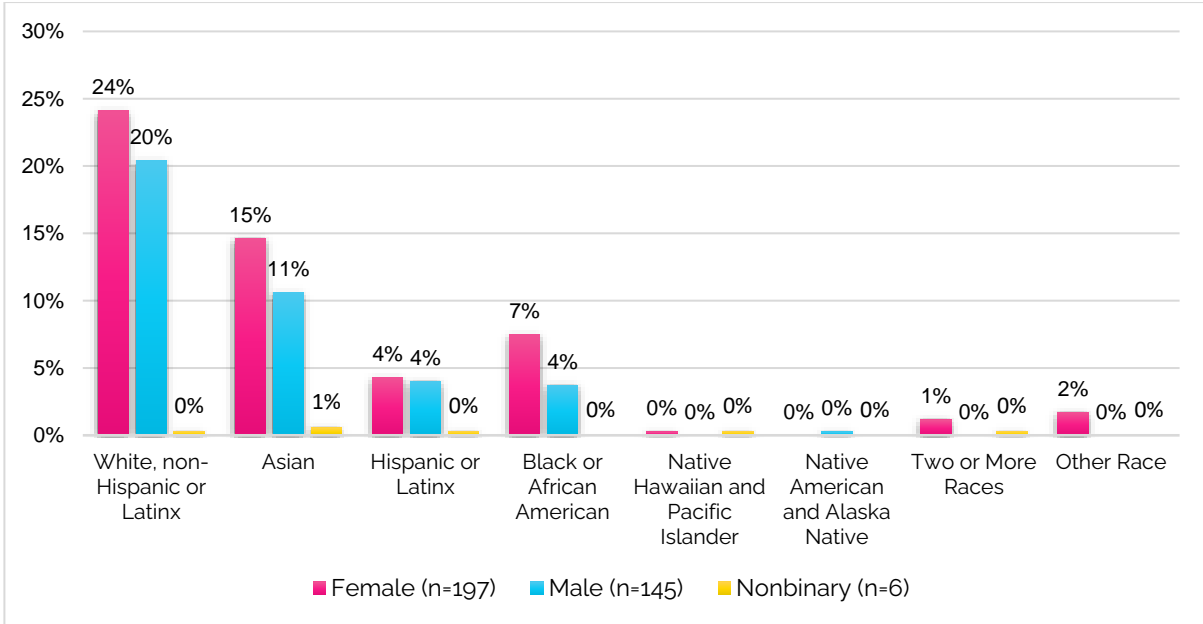
**Figure 10: 12-Year Comparison of Representation of Women of Color on Policy Bodies**



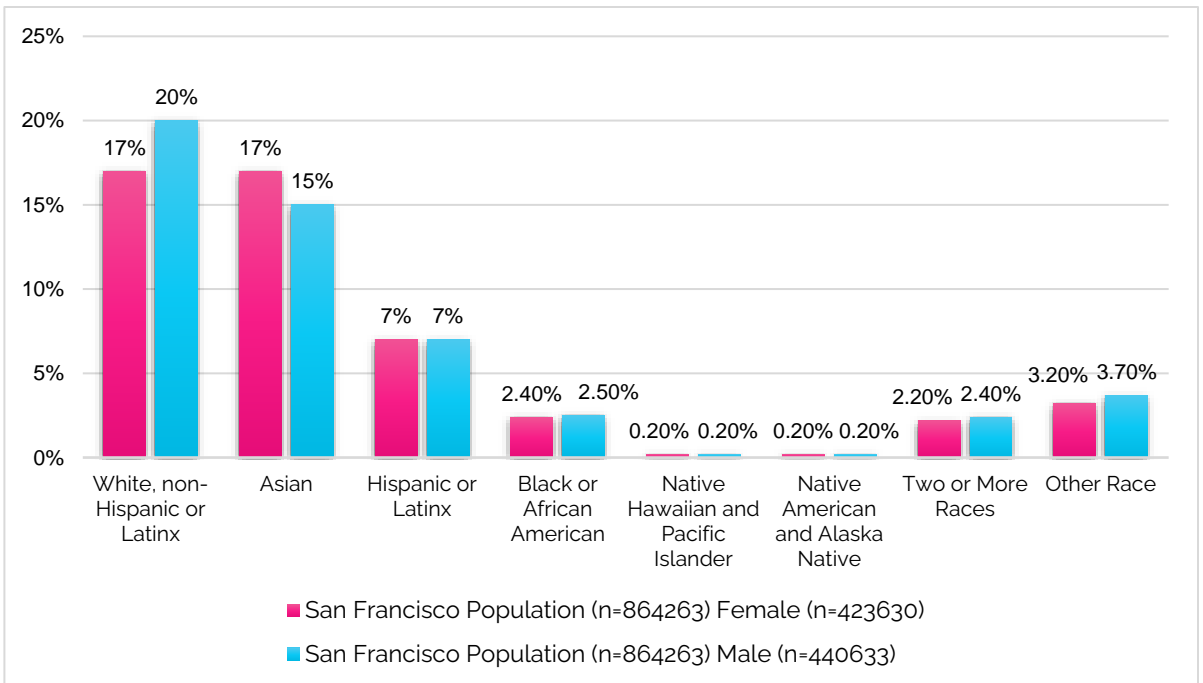
The following figures present the breakdown for appointees and the San Francisco population by race, ethnicity, and gender. Both white men and women are overrepresented, holding 24% and 20% of appointments, respectively, compared to 20% and 17% of the population. Asian men and women are slightly underrepresented with Asian women making up 15% of appointees compared to 17% of the population, while Asian men comprise 11% of appointees and 15% of the population. Latinx men and women are also slightly underrepresented, with Latinx men and women comprising 4% of appointees each and 7% of the population each. Black men and women are well-represented with Black women comprising 8% of appointees, compared to 2.4% of the general San Francisco population, and Black men comprising 4% of appointees,

compared to 2.5% of the general San Francisco population. Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander men and women, and multiracial women are below parity with the population. Similarly, although Native American and Alaska Native men and women make up only 0.4% of San Francisco's population, only one (0.3%) of the surveyed appointees identified as such.

**Figure 11: Appointees by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, 2021**



**Figure 12: San Francisco Population by Race/Ethnicity**

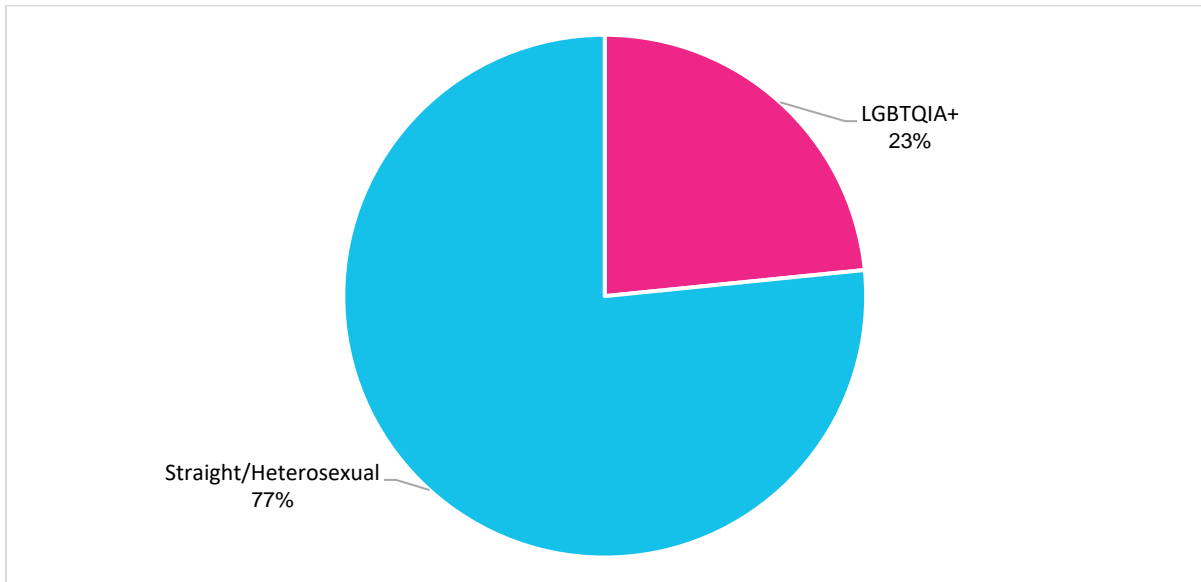


#### D. LGBTQIA+ Identity

LGBTQIA+ identity data was collected from 334 participants, or 96% of the surveyed appointees. This is a notable increase in data on LGBTQIA+ identity compared to previous reports. Due to limited and outdated information on the population of the LGBTQIA+ community in San Francisco, it is difficult to adequately assess the representation of the LGBTQIA+ community. However, compared to available San Francisco, greater Bay Area, and national data, the LGBTQIA+ community is well represented on San Francisco policy bodies. Recent research estimates the California LGBTQIA+ population is 5.3%<sup>6</sup>. The LGBTQIA+ population of the San Francisco and greater Bay Area is estimated to rank the highest of U.S. cities at 6.2%,<sup>7</sup> while a 2006 survey found that 15.4% of adults in San Francisco identify as LGBTQIA+<sup>8</sup>.

Of the appointees who responded to this question, 23% identify as LGBTQIA+ and 77% identify as straight or heterosexual. Of the LGBTQIA+ appointees, 56% identify as gay/lesbian, 20% as bisexual, 9% as queer, 9% as transgender, 2% as questioning, and 4% as other LGBTQIA+ identities. Data on LGBTQIA+ identity by race was not captured. Efforts to capture data on LGBTQIA+ identity by race for future reports would enable more intersectional analysis.

**Figure 13: LGBTQIA+ Identity of Appointees, 2021**



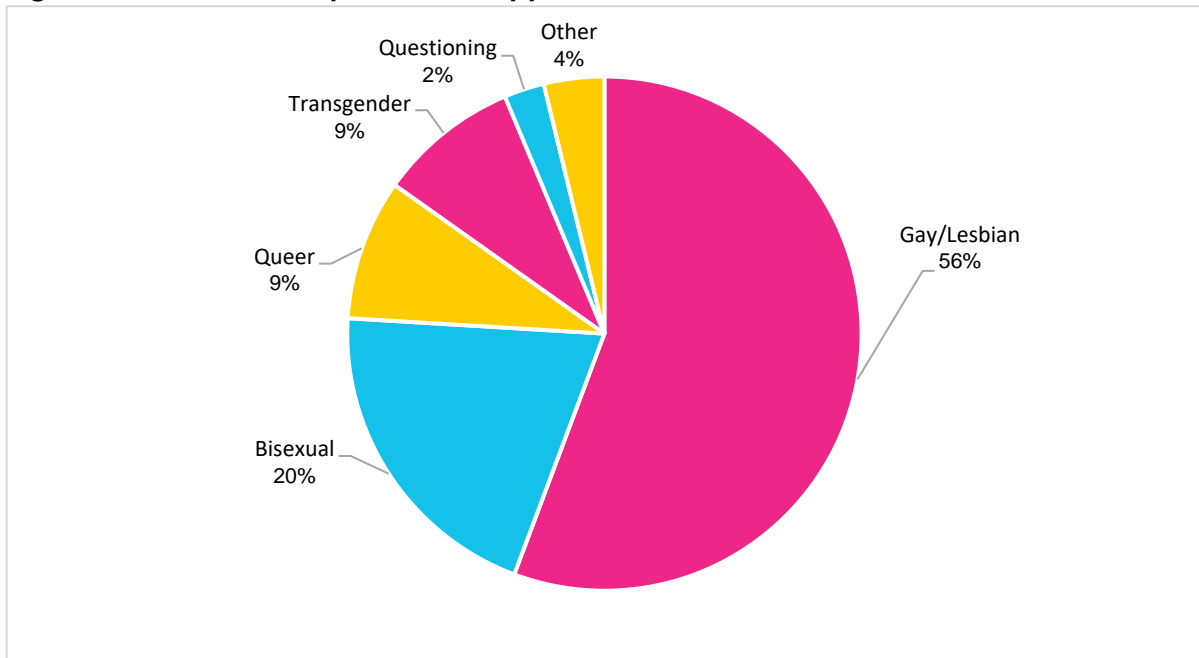
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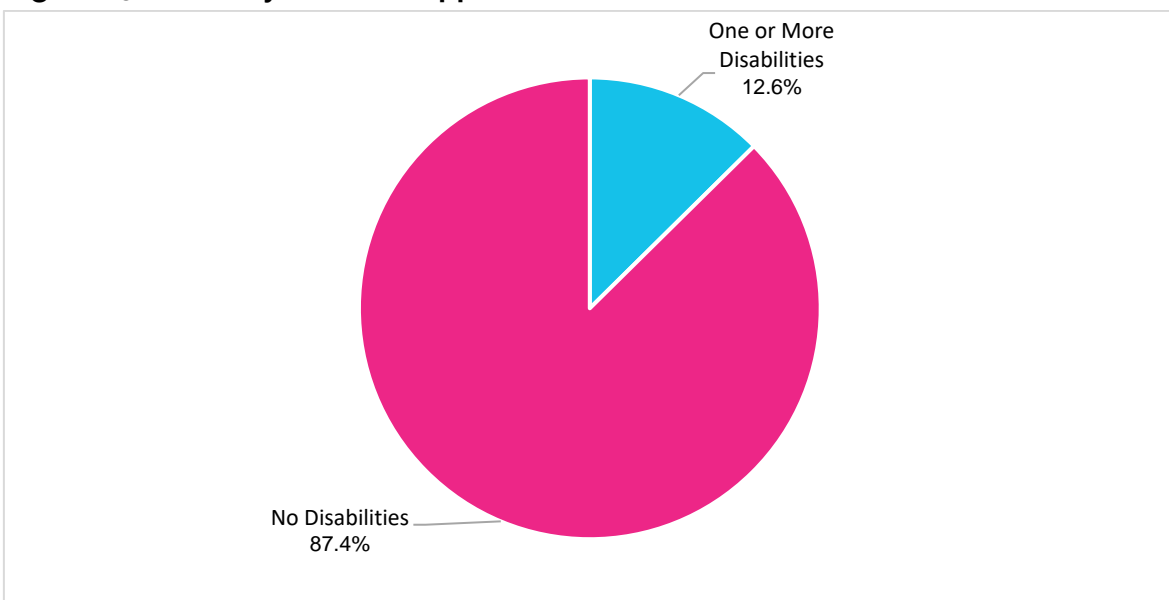
**Figure 14: LGBTQIA+ Population of Appointees, 2021**



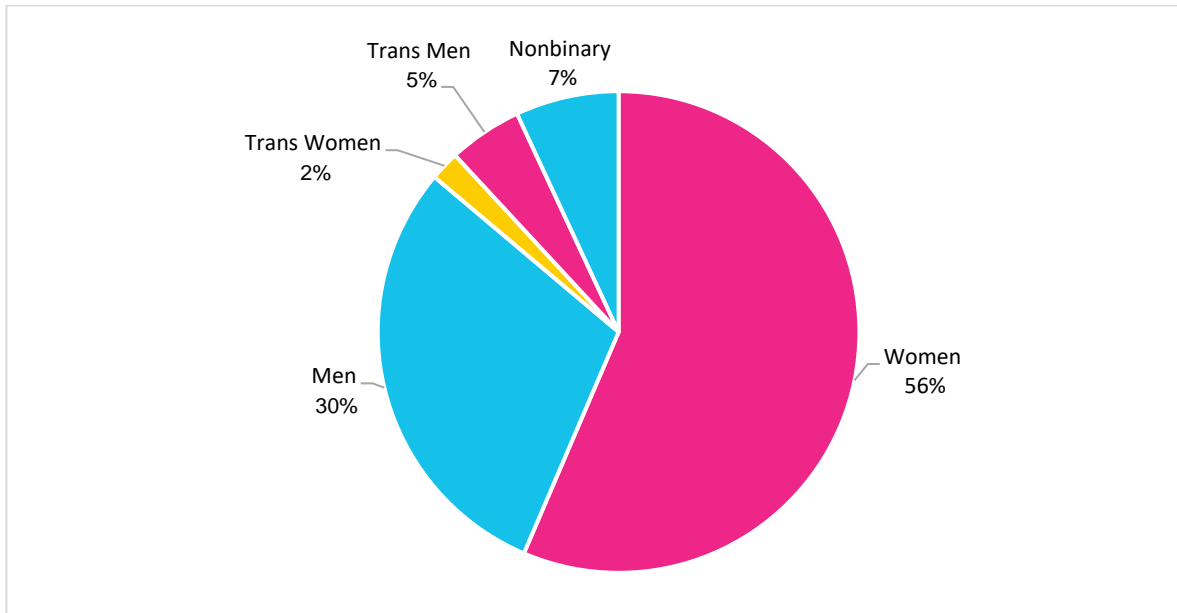
**E. Disability Status**

Overall, more than one in twenty adults in San Francisco live with one or more disabilities. Data on Disability Status was obtained from nearly 100% of the appointees who participated in the survey. 12.6% of participating appointees reported to have one or more disabilities. Of these appointees with one or more disabilities, 56% are women, 30% are men, 2% are trans women, 5% are trans men, and 7% are nonbinary individuals.

**Figure 15: Disability Status of Appointees, 2021**



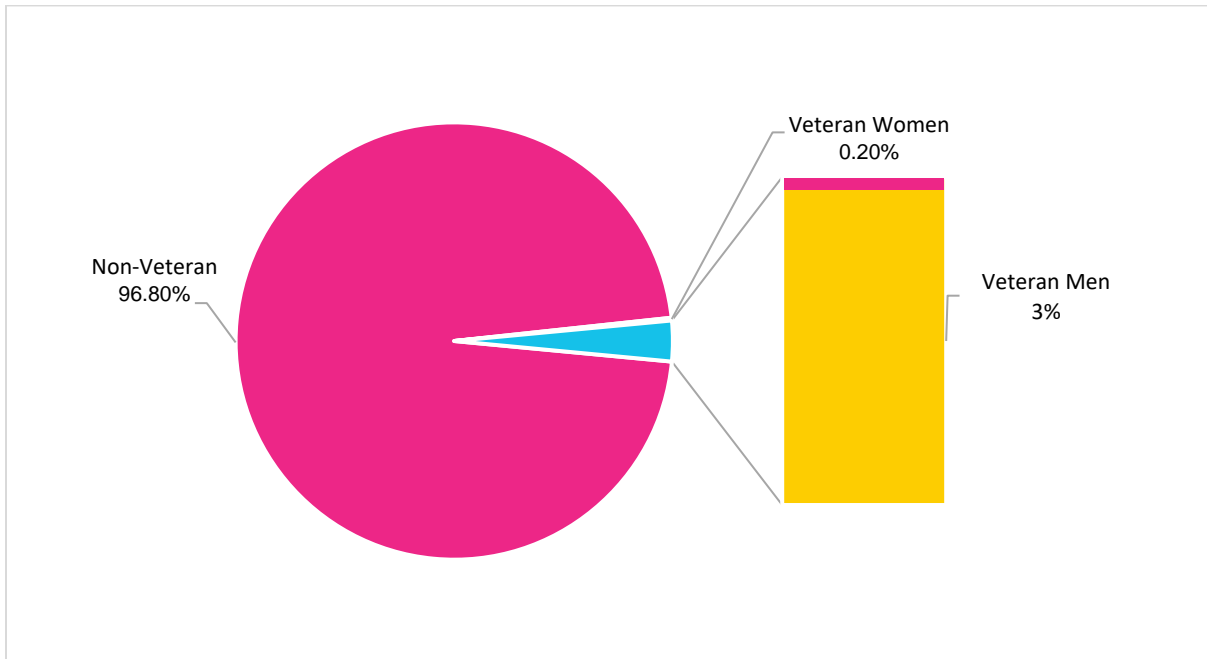
**Figure 16: Appointees with One or More Disabilities by Gender Identity, 2021**



#### **F. Veteran Status**

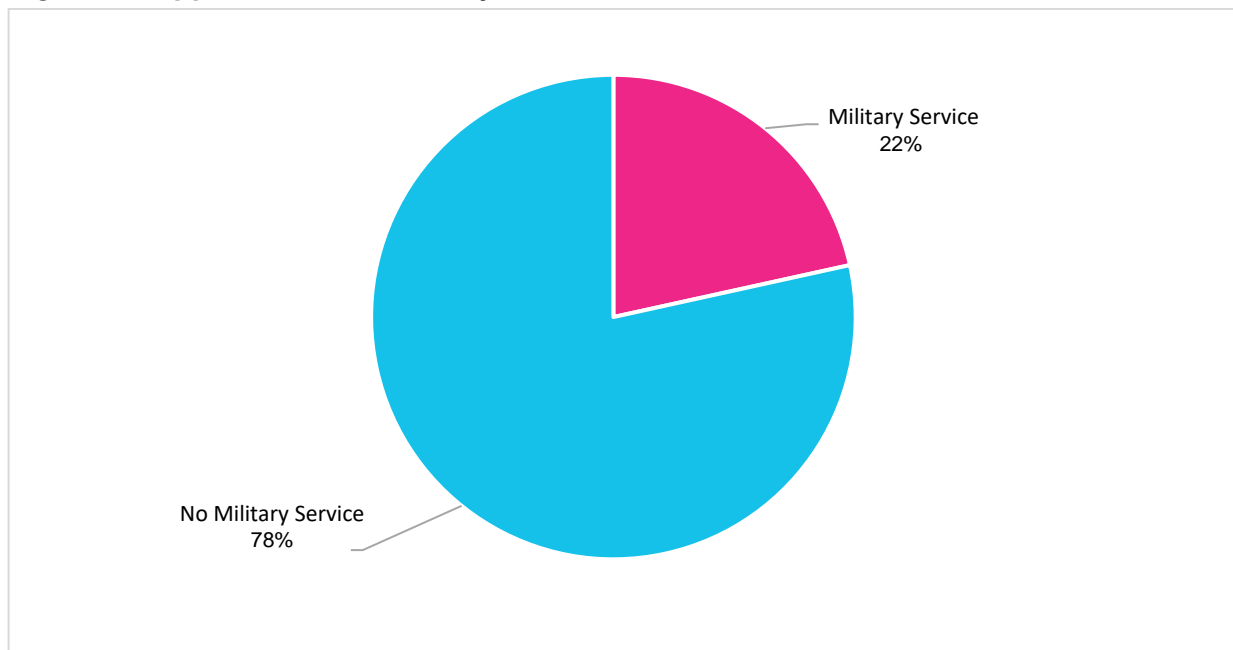
Overall, 2.7% of the adult population in San Francisco have served in the military. Data on Veteran status was obtained from 334 appointees who participated in the survey. Of the 334 appointees who responded to this question, 22% served in the military. Men comprise 47.2% and women make up 51.4% of the total number of Veteran appointees. Of participating appointees, 1.4% are nonbinary individuals. Veteran status data on transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals in San Francisco is currently unavailable. The vast increase of appointees with military service compared to 2019's 7.1% of appointees is likely due to the change in wording in the 2021 Gender Analysis Report from previous years, which defines an appointee with Veteran status as someone with a spouse or direct family member who has served, as opposed to only oneself or their spouse. This change was implemented based on feedback from prior reports. Future analyses may want to ask separate questions regarding one's personal experience with military service and one's familial ties to military service, in order to distinguish the most accurate and aggregated data results.

**Figure 17: San Francisco Adult Population with Military Service by Gender\***

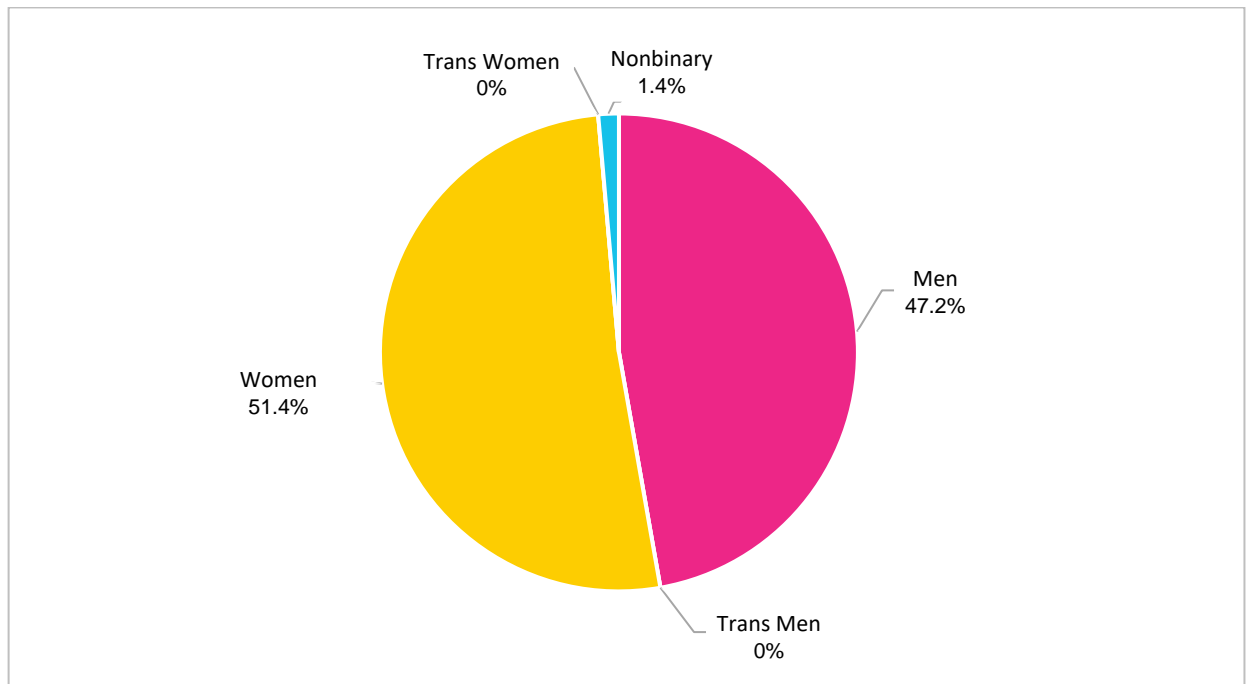


*\*This graph is from the 2019 Gender Analysis Report. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, updated data on the gendered population of Veterans in San Francisco is unavailable. This graph fails to identify nonbinary individuals with military experience. However, this graph highlights the gender disparity amongst male and female Veterans, with only 0.2% identifying as women.*

**Figure 18: Appointees with Military Service, 2021**



**Figure 19: Appointees with Military Service by Gender, 2021**



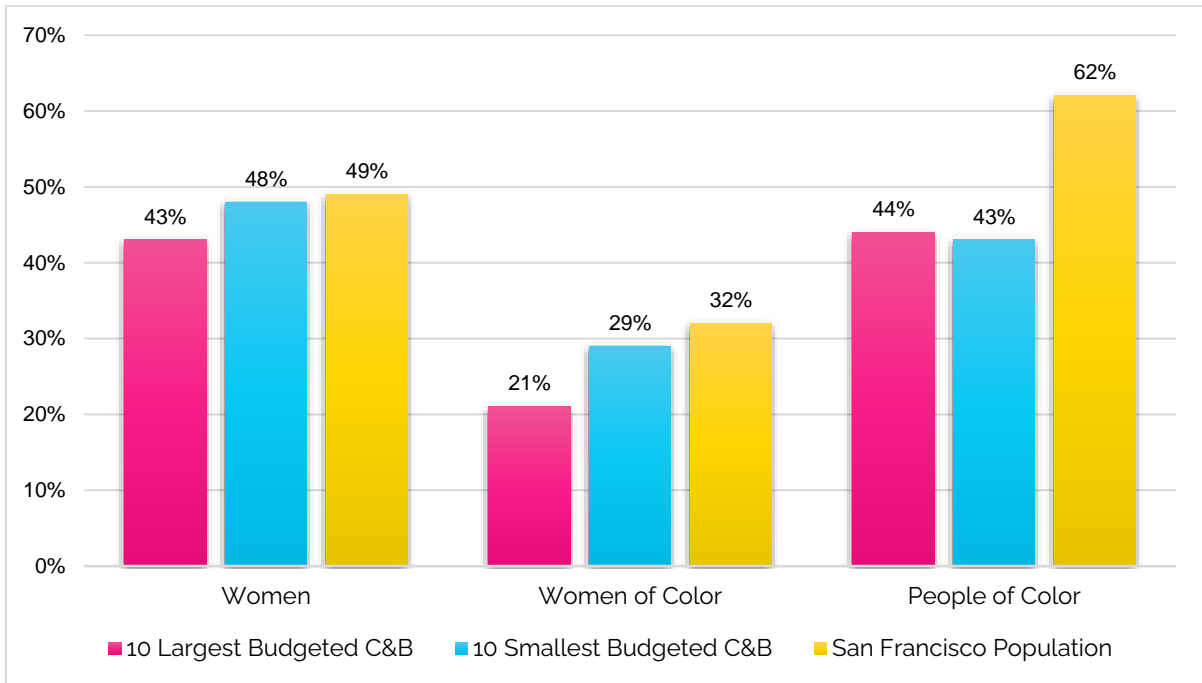
### **G. Policy Bodies by Budget**

This 2021 Gender Analysis Report examines the demographic representativeness of policy bodies by budget size. Budget size is used as a proxy for influence. Although this report has expanded the scope of analysis to include more policy bodies compared to previous reports, this section of analysis was limited to Commissions and Boards with decision-making authority and whose members file financial disclosures with the Ethics Commission.

Overall, appointees from the 10 **largest** budgeted Commissions and Boards are 44% people of color, 43% women, and 21% women of color. Appointees from the 10 **smallest** budgeted Commissions and Boards are 43% people of color, 48% women, and 29% women of color.

Representation for women, women of color, and overall people of color is below parity with the population on both the 10 smallest and 10 largest budgeted bodies. The representation of women and women of color is greater on smaller budgeted policy bodies by 5% and 8%, respectively. The representation of people of color is 1% higher on Commissions and Boards with the largest budgets.

**Figure 20: Percent of Women, Women of Color, and People of Color on Commissions and Boards with Largest and Smallest Budgets in Fiscal Year 2020-2021**



**Figure 21: Demographics of Commissions and Boards with Largest Budgets, 2021**

Policy Body	FY20-21 Budget	Total Seats	Filled Seats	Response Rate	Women	Women of Color	People of Color
Health Commission	\$2.7B	7	7	100%	71%	43%	71%
Public Utilities Commission	\$1.43B	5	5	60%	20%	20%	20%
Airport Commission	\$1.37B	5	5	100%	40%	0%	40%
MTA Board of Directors and Parking Authority Commission	\$1.26B	7	6	50%	33%	33%	50%
Human Services Commission	\$604M	5	5	100%	20%	0%	60%
Aging and Adult Services Commission	\$435M	7	7	86%	71%	29%	43%
Fire Commission	\$414M	5	5	100%	40%	20%	60%
Library Commission	\$341B	7	7	100%	71%	43%	71%
Recreation and Park Commission	\$231.6M	7	7	43%	29%	14%	29%
Children, Youth, and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee	\$171.5M	11	7	14%	14%	0%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8.9B</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>60%</b>

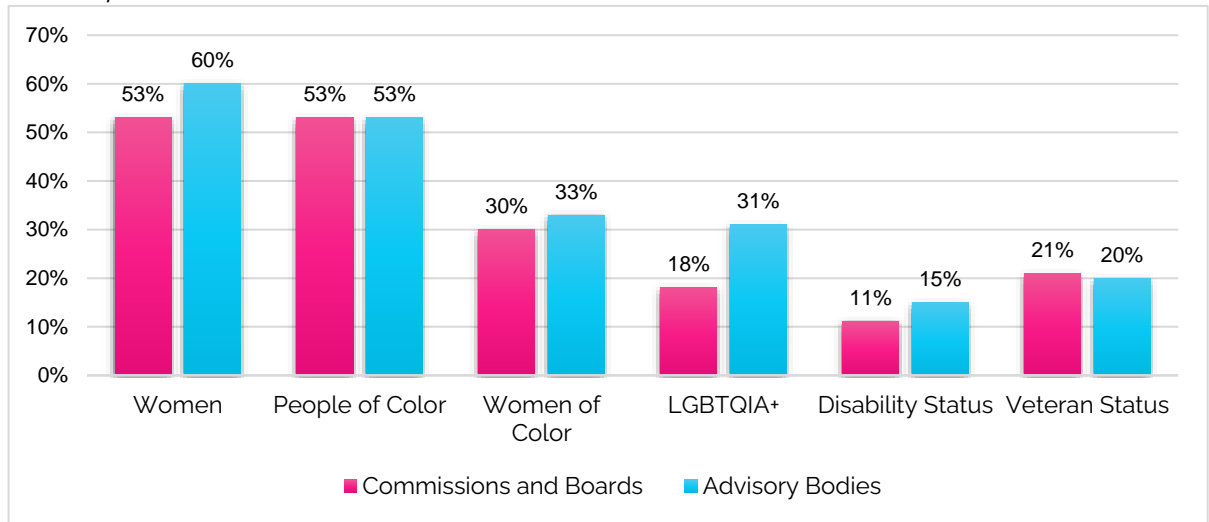
**Figure 22: Demographics of Commissions and Boards with Smallest Budgets, 2021**

Policy Body	FY20-21 Budget	Total Seats	Filled Seats	Response Rate	Women	Women of Color	People of Color
Commission on the Status of Women	\$9M	7	7	100%	100%	86%	86%
Ethics Commission	\$6.5M	5	4	25%	25%	25%	25%
Small Business Commission	\$3.5M	7	7	43%	14%	0%	14%
Film Commission	\$1.5M	11	11	100%	45%	27%	45%
Civil Service Commission	\$1.3M	5	5	100%	60%	20%	40%
Entertainment Commission	\$1.2M	7	7	100%	29%	14%	43%
Board of Appeals	\$1.2M	5	5	100%	40%	20%	60%
Assessment Appeals Board No.1	\$701,348	8	6	100%	50%	0%	17%
Local Agency Formation Commission	\$427,685	7	4	50%	50%	50%	50%
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force	\$172,373	11	9	89%	56%	44%	44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25.5M</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>51%</b>

#### H. Comparison of Advisory Body and Commission and Board Demographics

The comparison of the two policy body categories in this section provides another proxy for influence. Commissions and Boards whose members file disclosures of economic interest have greater decision-making authority in San Francisco than Advisory Bodies whose members do not file economic interest disclosures. The percentages of total women, LGBTQIA+ people, people with disabilities, and women of color are larger for total appointees on Advisory Bodies. However, the percentages of Veterans on Commissions and Boards slightly exceeds the percentage on Advisory Bodies, and both Commissions and Boards and Advisory Bodies have 53% people of color.

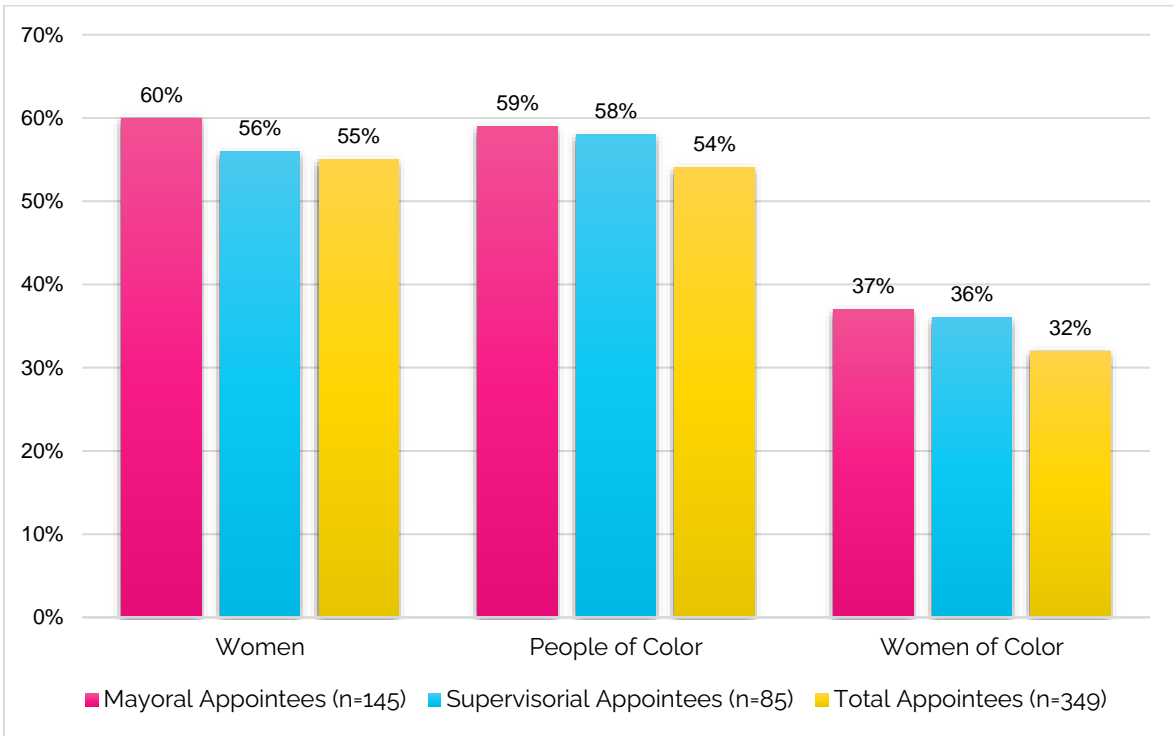
**Figure 23: Demographics of Appointees on Commission and Boards and Advisory Bodies, 2021**



**I. Demographics of Mayoral, Supervisorial, and Total Appointees**

Figure 24 compares the representation of women, women of color, and people of color for appointments made by the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and by the total of all approving authorities combined. Mayoral appointments are more diverse, and consist of more women, women of color, and people of color compared to Supervisorial appointments. Mayoral appointments include 60% women, 37% women of color, and 59% people of color, while Supervisorial appointments are 56% women, 36% women of color, and 58% people of color. The total of all approving authorities combined average out at 55% women, 32% women of color, and 54% people of color. This disparity in diversity between Mayoral and Supervisorial appointments may be due in part to the appointment selection process for each authority. The 11-member Board of Supervisors only sees applicants for specific bodies through the 3- member Rules Committee or by designees, stipulated in legislation (e.g., "renter," "landlord," "consumer advocate"), whereas the Mayor typically has the ability to take total appointments into account during selections, and can therefore better address gaps in diversity.

**Figure 24: Demographics of Mayoral, Supervisorial, and Total Appointees, 2021**

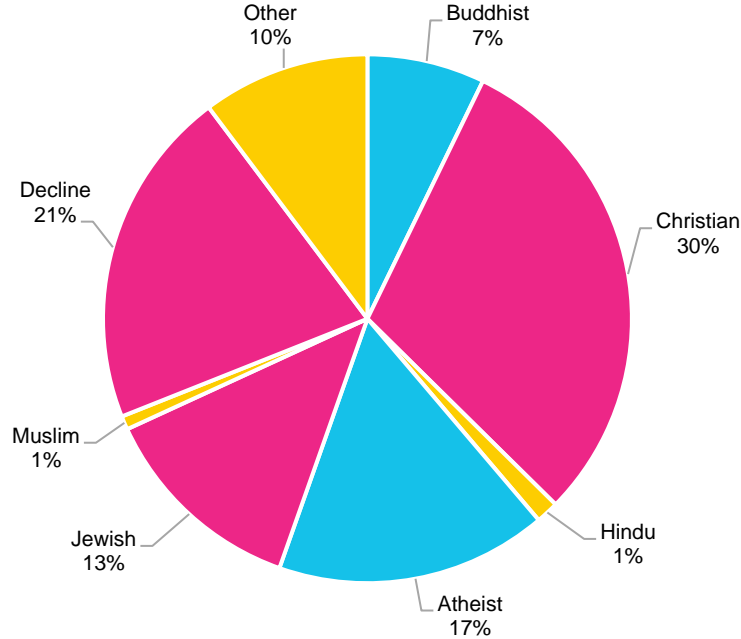


**J. Religious Affiliations**

The 2021 Gender Analysis Report collected data on religious affiliations to fully examine the demographics and representation of appointees. This is the first-year religious affiliations have been examined. Figure 25 illustrates the religious demographics of appointees, with the largest number of appointees identifying as Christian (30%), and the smallest number of appointees identifying as Hindu (1%) or Muslim (1%).



**Figure 25: Religious Affiliations of Appointees, 2021**



### III. Methodology and Limitations

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This report focuses on City and County of San Francisco Commissions, Boards, task forces, councils, and committees that have the majority of members appointed by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors and have jurisdiction limited to the City. The 2021 Gender Analysis Report reflects data from the policy bodies that provided information to the Department on the Status of Women through digital survey. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the normal outreach method of paper surveys and in-person meetings was unavailable, ultimately leaving all survey outreach and correspondence to be conducted online. Unfortunately, obtaining the data strictly online had a significant negative impact on participation rates. Following initial email outreach, policy bodies were contacted three to five times via email and phone, including two emails to Department Heads from Department on the Status of Women Director, Kimberly Ellis. All possible measures were taken to obtain accurate and complete data. While participation rates are lower than the 2019 Gender Analysis Report, this report features the most diverse individual responses, as well as participation of the largest number of Commission and Boards and Advisory Bodies to date.

Data was requested from 109 policy bodies and acquired from 92 of those bodies, a total of 349 appointees. Comparatively, the 2019 Gender Analysis Report received data from 84 policy bodies (380 Commission and Boards and 389 Advisory Bodies), a total of 741 total appointees. A Commissioner or Board member's gender identity, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, Disability Status, Veteran Status, or religious affiliations were among data elements collected on a *voluntary* basis. Therefore, responses were incomplete or unavailable for some appointees but are included to the extent possible.

As the fundamental objective of this report is to surface patterns of underrepresentation, every attempt has been made to reflect accurate and complete information in this report. Data for some policy bodies was incomplete, and all appointees who responded were included in the total demographic categories. Only policy bodies with full data on gender and race for all appointees were included in sections comparing demographics of individual bodies. It should be noted that for policy bodies with a small number of members, the change of a single individual greatly impacts the percentages of demographic categories. This should be kept in mind when interpreting these percentages.

Several changes were made to the survey questions since the 2019 Gender Analysis Report with the goal of distinguishing all possible areas of underrepresentation. In addition to updating SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) categories to align with the latest classifications used by the Office of Transgender Initiatives, the 2021 Gender Analysis Report expanded its classification of Veteran Status to include individuals with close family members that have served, as opposed to only oneself or their spouse. This addition to Veteran Status was adopted based on feedback from previous reports.

As acquiring data was the biggest limitation of this report, ensuring participation from all policy bodies could significantly improve or further efforts to address underrepresentation. Some methods of guaranteeing participation include surveying all appointees during their initial onboarding training with the City, as well as relying on paper/in-person survey outreach for future reports.

The surveyed policy bodies fall under two categories designated by the San Francisco Office of the City Attorney document entitled List of City Boards, Commissions, and Advisory Bodies Created by Charter, Ordinance, or Statute.<sup>9</sup> This document separates San Francisco policy bodies into two different categories. The first category includes Commissions and Boards with decision-making authority and whose members are required to submit financial disclosures with the Ethics Commission. The second category encompasses Advisory Bodies whose members do not submit financial disclosures with the Ethics Commission. Depending on the analysis criteria in each section of this report, the surveyed policy bodies and appointees are either examined comprehensively as a whole or examined separately in the two categories designated by the Office of the City Attorney.

Data from the U.S. Census American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates provides a comparison to the San Francisco population. Due to census data not being collected during COVID-19, updated demographic information on the general population of San Francisco was not available for years more recent than 2019. Comparisons of 2021 demographic data to data on the San Francisco population reference population data from previous years (2015-2019) and will be noted as such. Figures 26 and 27 in the Appendix display these population estimates by race/ethnicity and gender.

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<sup>9</sup>"List of City Boards, Commissions, and Advisory Bodies Created by Charter, Ordinance, or Statute," Office of the City Attorney, <https://www.sfcityattorney.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Commission-List-08252017.pdf>, (August 25, 2017).

## IV. Conclusion

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Since the first Gender Analysis of Commissions and Boards in 2007, the representation of women appointees on San Francisco policy bodies has gradually increased. The 2021 Gender Analysis Report finds the percentage of women appointees is 55%, which exceeds the population of women in San Francisco.

When appointee demographics are analyzed by gender and race, the representation of women of color has increased to 32%, which is 4% higher than 2019 representation, matching the San Francisco population. Most notably, underrepresented are individuals identifying as Asian, making up 36% of the San Francisco population but only 26% of appointees, and Latinx-identifying individuals who make up 15% of the population but only 9% of appointees. Additionally, men of color are underrepresented at 21% of appointees relative to their San Francisco population, 31%.

Furthermore, when analyzing the demographic composition of larger and smaller budgeted Commissions and Boards, women of color are underrepresented on Commission and Boards with both the largest and smallest budgets. Women comprise 43% of total appointees on the largest budgeted policy bodies compared to the population of 49%, and women of color comprise 21% of total appointees on the largest budgeted policy bodies, with the San Francisco population at 32%. Comparatively, women are 48% of total appointees on the smallest budgeted policy bodies, and women of color are 29% of appointees. However, the representation of people of color is higher on larger budgeted policy bodies by 1%. People of color make up 44% of appointees on the largest budgeted policy bodies and 43% of appointees on the smallest budgeted policy bodies compared to 54% of total appointees. The San Francisco population of people of color exceeds these percentages at 62%.

In addition to using budget size as a proxy for influence, this report analyzed demographic characteristics of appointees on Commissions and Boards who file disclosures of economic interest and have decision-making authority and appointees on Advisory Bodies who do not file economic interest disclosures. Over half (60%) of appointees on Advisory Bodies are women, while 53% of appointees on Commissions and Boards are women. Ultimately, women comprise a higher percentage of appointees on Advisory Bodies compared to Commissions and Boards.

The 2021 Gender Analysis Report found a relatively high representation of LGBTQIA+ individuals on San Francisco policy bodies. For the appointees that provided LGBTQIA+ identity information, 23% identify as LGBTQIA+ with the largest subset identifying as gay or lesbian (56%), 16% of appointees from the largest budgeted policy bodies identify as LGBTQIA+, and 17% from the smallest budgeted bodies. However, there is a significant difference of LGBTQIA+ representation when comparing Commissions and Boards (18%) and Advisory Bodies (31%). The representation of appointees with disabilities is 13%, slightly exceeding the 12% population. Veterans are highly represented on San Francisco policy bodies at 22% compared to the Veteran population of 2.7%, which could be due to differences in each source's classification of Veteran Status.

Additionally, this report evaluates and compares the representation of women, women of color, and people of color appointees by the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and by the total of

all approving authorities combined. Mayoral appointees include 60% women, 37% women of color, and 59% people of color, which overall is more diverse by gender and race compared to both Supervisorial appointees and total appointees.

This report is intended to advise the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and other appointing authorities, as they select appointments to policy bodies for the City and County of San Francisco. In the spirit of the 2008 City Charter Amendment that establishes this biennial Gender Analysis Report requirement and the importance of diversity on San Francisco policy bodies, efforts to address gaps in diversity and inclusion should remain at the forefront when making appointments, in order to accurately reflect the population of San Francisco.

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## Appendix

**Figure 26: Policy Body Demographics, 2021**

Policy Body*	Total Seats	Filled Seats	FY20-21 Budget	Women	Women of Color	People of Color	Survey Response Rate
<b>Access Appeals Commission</b>	5	5	\$0	20%	0%	0%	100%
Advisory Committee of Street Artists and Craft Examiners	5	5	\$0	20%	20%	20%	20%
African American Reparations Committee	15	15	\$0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Aging and Adult Services Commission</b>	7	7	\$ 435,011,663	71%	29%	43%	86%
<b>Airport Commission</b>	5	5	\$ 1,370,000,000	40%	0%	40%	100%
Animal Control and Welfare Commission	7	7	\$0	29%	14%	29%	43%
<b>Arts Commission</b>	15	14	\$ 23,762,015	79%	57%	71%	100%
<b>Asian Art Commission</b>	27	26	\$ 10,200,000	50%	35%	54%	81%
<b>Assessment Appeals Board No.1</b>	8	6	\$ -	50%	0%	17%	100%
<b>Assessment Appeals Board No.2</b>	8	4	\$ -	0%	0%	50%	100%
<b>Assessment Appeals Board No.3</b>	8	3	\$ -	0%	0%	33%	67%
Ballot Simplification Committee	5	4	\$0	50%	0%	0%	75%
Bayview Hunters Point Citizens Advisory Committee	12	8	\$0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Board of Appeals</b>	5	5	\$ 1,177,452	40%	20%	60%	100%
<b>Board Of Examiners</b>	13	10	\$0	0%	0%	40%	90%
<b>Building Inspection Commission</b>	7	6	\$ 89,600,000	33%	0%	0%	50%
Cannabis Oversight Committee	16	16	\$0	19%	31%	38%	25%

**Figure 26: Policy Body Demographics, 2021, Continued**

<b>Policy Body*</b>	<b>Total Seats</b>	<b>Filled Seats</b>	<b>FY20-21 Budget</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Women of Color</b>	<b>People of Color</b>	<b>Survey Response Rate</b>
Central Subway Community Advisory Group	21	14	\$0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Children and Families Commission (First 5)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$ 31,019,003</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Children, Youth, and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$ 171,481,507</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>14%</b>
Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Central Market Street and Tenderloin Area	9	8	\$0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Citizen's Committee on Community Development	9	8	\$ 27,755,465	63%	50%	50%	63%
<b>Citizens General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>100%</b>
City Hall Preservation Advisory Commission	5	5	\$0	0%	0%	0%	20%
<b>Civil Service Commission</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$ 1,286,033</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure	7	6	\$0	17%	17%	33%	50%
Commission on the Aging Advisory Council	22	14	\$0	21%	0%	0%	21%
<b>Commission on the Environment</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>Commission on the Status of Women</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$ 9,089,928</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Committee on Information Technology	17	17	\$ 22,934,703	12%	0%	6%	18%

**Figure 26: Policy Body Demographics, 2021, Continued**

<b>Policy Body*</b>	<b>Total Seats</b>	<b>Filled Seats</b>	<b>FY20-21 Budget</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Women of Color</b>	<b>People of Color</b>	<b>Survey Response Rate</b>
<b>Elections Commission</b>	7	5	\$ 69,000	60%	20%	40%	100%
<b>Entertainment Commission</b>	7	7	\$0	29%	14%	43%	100%
<b>Ethics Commission</b>	5	4	\$ 6,500,000	25%	25%	25%	25%
<b>Film Commission</b>	11	11	\$0	45%	27%	45%	100%
<b>Fire Commission</b>	5	5	\$ 414,360,096	40%	20%	60%	100%
<b>Health Commission</b>	7	7	\$ 2,700,000,000	71%	43%	71%	100%
<b>Health Service Board</b>	7	7	\$ 16,500,000	14%	14%	14%	43%
<b>Historic Preservation Commission</b>	7	7	\$0	29%	14%	14%	71%
Historic Preservation Fund Committee	7	7	\$0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Housing Authority Commission	7	5	\$ 55,800,000	20%	20%	20%	20%
<b>Human Rights Commission</b>	11	9	\$ 13,618,732	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Human Services Commission</b>	5	5	\$ 604,412,630	20%	0%	60%	100%
Immigrant Rights Commission	15	14	\$0	43%	36%	50%	57%
<b>Juvenile Probation Commission</b>	7	6	\$0	50%	33%	67%	83%
<b>Library Commission</b>	7	7	\$ 341,000,000	71%	43%	71%	100%
<b>Local Agency Formation Commission</b>	7	4	\$ 427,685	50%	50%	50%	50%
Local Homeless Coordinating Board	9	7	\$ 54,000,000	0%	0%	0%	0%
Long Term Care Coordinating Council	40	35	\$0	9%	3%	6%	14%
Mental Health Board	17	9	\$0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>MTA Board of Directors and Parking Authority Commission</b>	7	6	\$ 1,258,700,000	33%	33%	50%	50%

**Figure 26: Policy Body Demographics, 2021, Continued**

Policy Body*	Total Seats	Filled Seats	FY20-21 Budget	Women	Women of Color	People of Color	Survey Response Rate
Municipal Green Building Task Force	21	21	\$0	43%	24%	29%	67%
Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens' Advisory Council	15	13	\$0	15%	8%	8%	15%
Office of Early Care and Education Citizens' Advisory Committee	9	9	\$0	67%	33%	44%	78%
Paratransit Coordinating Council	40	25	\$0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Park, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee	23	19	\$0	26%	11%	11%	53%
<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$ 62,194,821</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>71%</b>
<b>Police Commission</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Port Commission</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$ 125,700,000</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>60%</b>
Public Utilities Citizen's Advisory Committee	17	14	\$0	21%	0%	14%	43%
<b>Public Utilities Commission</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$ 1,433,954,907</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Public Utilities Rate Fairness Board</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Recreation and Park Commission</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$ 231,600,000</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>43%</b>
Reentry Council	7	5	\$0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Rent Board Commission</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$ 9,381,302</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Residential Users Appeal Board</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Retire Health Care Trust Fund Board</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$ 70,000</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Retirement System Board</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$ 90,000,000</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>Small Business Commission</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$ 3,505,244</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>43%</b>
SoMa Community Planning Advisory Committee	11	7	\$0	0%	0%	0%	0%



**Figure 26: Policy Body Demographics, 2021, Continued**

<b>Policy Body*</b>	<b>Total Seats</b>	<b>Filled Seats</b>	<b>FY20-21 Budget</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Women of Color</b>	<b>People of Color</b>	<b>Survey Response Rate</b>
SoMa Community Stabilization Fund Community Advisory Committee	14	10	\$0	0%	0%	10%	10%
Southeast Community Facility Commission	7	7	\$0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Sunshine Ordinance Task Force</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>89%</b>
Sweatfree Procurement Advisory Group	11	6	\$0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Transgender Advisory Committee	14	14	\$0	0%	0%	21%	36%
<b>Treasure Island Development Authority</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>50%</b>
Urban Forestry Council	15	14	\$0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Veterans Affairs Commission	17	16	\$ 150,000	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>War Memorial Board of Trustees</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$ 18,500,000</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Workforce Investment Board</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
Youth Commission	17	17	\$0	41%	35%	71%	88%

*\*Policy Bodies in bold are Commission and Boards, while unbolded bodies are Advisory Bodies.*

**Figure 27: San Francisco Population Estimates by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, 2017\***

Race/Ethnicity	Total		Female		Male	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
San Francisco County, California	864,263	-	423,630	49%	440,633	51%
White, non-Hispanic or Latino	353,000	38%	161,381	17%	191,619	20%
Asian	295,347	31%	158,762	17%	136,585	15%
Hispanic or Latinx	131,949	14%	62,646	7%	69,303	7%
Some Other Race	64,800	7%	30,174	3%	34,626	4%
Black or African American	45,654	5%	22,311	2.4%	23,343	2.5%
Two or More Races	43,664	5%	21,110	2.2%	22,554	2.4%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	3,226	0.3%	1,576	0.2%	1,650	0.2%
Native American and Alaska Native	3,306	0.4%	1,589	0.2%	1,717	0.2%

*San Francisco Population estimates come from the 2017 and 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.*

*\*Due to unavailable updated data on San Francisco population, the data used to represent the San Francisco population is from the 2019 Gender Analysis Report.*



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July 24, 2023

San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee  
The Honorable Matt Dorsey, Chair, Rules Committee  
The Honorable Shamann Walton, Member, Rules Committee  
The Honorable Ahsha Safai, Member, Rules Committee  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: **Agenda Item #2, Board file 230538: Opposition to Re-Appointment of David Pilpel to Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF)**

Dear Chair Dorsey and Rules Committee Members,

I am again submitting testimony strongly opposing re-appointment of David Pilpel to the SOTF.

Because you have another candidate for SOTF Seat #9 — Ruth Ellenberg Ferguson — I strongly recommend that you appoint Ms. Ferguson to that Seat, and not Mr. Pilpel, for the reasons outlined below.

- Claire Zvanski's Opposition** Please see the thoughtful testimony submitted by Ms. Claire Zvanski on the last page of this testimony. Zvanski's thoughtful testimony, written on April 16, 2016 in opposition to Mr. Pilpel's application for re-appointment to the SOTF in 2016 contains compelling testimony about why Pilpel is unfit to serve on the Sunshine Task Force. As a long-time respected member of San Francisco's Health Services System, her insights are especially relevant, and widely respected.
- Re-appointment Rejected by Board of Supervisors at Least Three Times** Importantly, previous members of this Rules Committee and previous members of the full Board of Supervisors have consistently rejected re-appointing Mr. Pilpel on numerous occasions. Pilpel's application before you today claims he has served on the SOTF for 12-½ of the past 30 years (actually that's only been during the past 27 years, not 30).

More significantly, Pilpel is now in a seven-year — going on eight-year — gap of not having been on the SOTF, since he was *not* re-appointed to the Task Force in 2016 at the end of his last term. He also had another two, four-year gaps before that (between 2000 and 2004 and between 2008 and 2012). So, he has spent more years **NOT** on SOTF (16 years) than he did serve (for 12 years).

In addition to having been rejected for re-appointment in 2016, although Pilpel has applied at least twice since 2016 — submitting applications in January 2021 and April; 2022 — the Rules Committee and full Board of Supervisors refused both times to appoint him to previous vacancies. That means **Pilpel has struck out at bat at least three times** of not gaining re-appointment to the SOTF, beginning with failing to be re-appointed in 2016. He struck out all three times for good cause.

- History of Disruption on SOTF, and Other City Advisory Bodies** Pilpel's disruptiveness on the PUC's CAC, the SFMTA's CAC, and on the Redistricting Task Force clearly contributed to his not being re-appointed to any of those bodies and not re-appointed to SOTF in 2016. Here's a summary of previous testimony I have submitted to the Rules Committee and the full Board of Supervisors:

During the initial January 11, 2021 Rules Committee hearing considering applicants for appointment to the SOTF, Mr. Pilpel's comments regarding his qualifications to serve were very disturbing, for the following reasons, including his:

- Deceptiveness regarding backlog of Sunshine complaints,

- Brazen suggestion to eliminate anonymous complaints,
- Brazen suggestion to accept only “important” complaints and reject “unimportant” complaints,
- Brazen suggestion to limit complainants to only one new complaint every 30 days,
- Misguided recommendation to “focus less on complaints” in favor of focusing on outreach, education, and training, and his
- Promise to be “less verbose.”

In my testimony to the Board of Supervisors May 10, 2016 meeting, I opposed Pilpel’s application for re-appointment to the SOTF (Agenda item 32, Board File # 160407). My written testimony addresses several areas of concern regarding Pilpel’s unfitness. I testified, in part:

- ***Pilpel’s Poor Attendance Record*** Between October 2, 2013 and August 24, 2014 the SOTF held 15 meetings. Pilpel was absent four times — 26.7% — of those 14 meetings.
- ***Pilpel’s Refusal to Recuse Himself vs. Recusal From Hearing Complaints*** During a May 5, 2015 Sunshine complaint filed by Brian Browne against the SF PUC was calendared for a hearing before the Sunshine Task Force, Pilpel refused to recuse himself, given that he was serving concurrently as a member of the PUC’s CA. Browne had requested that Pilpel recuse himself from hearing Browne’s complaint due to a potential conflict of interest. Then on April 6, 2016 Pilpel suddenly requested being recused from hearing a complaint filed by Ray Hartz, Jr. involving the Ethics Commission. There doesn’t seem to be much rhyme or reason as to when Pilpel decides whether or not to request being recused from hearing complaints on the SOTF’s meeting agendas.
- ***Pilpel’s Ex Parte Communications*** Following a May 5, 2015 hearing on Brian Browne’s Sunshine complaint about the SF PUC Pilpel began speaking with the PUC rep. Browne reportedly questioned whether Pilpel was talking to a PUC representative about Browne’s case. It’s one of many examples — not an isolated occurrence — of Pilpel having sidebar — *ex parte* — conversations with respondents regarding Sunshine complaints prior to hearing the merits of a complainant’s formal complaint.
- ***Pilpel’s Undermining of Sunshine Complainants*** Also in 2015, Pilpel submitted a letter to the Ethics Commission prior to an Ethics Commission hearing involving a Sunshine complaint Paula Datesch had filed against the Art Commission that the Task Force had referred to the Ethics for enforcement. Pilpel intentionally interfered with the Ethics Commission’s deliberations by offering his so-called “personal opinion” on a matter that the Task Force had already ruled on and had concluded.

It is thought Pilpel has interfered with other concluded Orders of Determination issued by the Task Force after-the-fact, and this was not an isolated incident.

- ***Pilpel Withheld Key Information from the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee in May 2014*** To the extent that Pilpel sought to sway the Rules Committee into re-appointing him to the Sunshine Task Force on May 15, 2014 by blabbing his wild assertion that members of the SOTF didn’t understand where “*due process attaches*,” he may have gamed re-appointment to the Task Force by withholding informing Supervisors Yee and Tang on May 15 that just 17 days earlier when Pilpel had raised the “*due process*” issue during the Sunshine complaint hearing involving Phil Ginsburg before the Ethics Commission, Deputy City Attorney Josh White who advises the Ethics Commission, had to interrupt Pilpel’s monologue, to interject and inform Ethics Commissioners that “*due process*” didn’t apply. It was completely egregious that Pilpel withheld DCA White’s advice from Tang and Yee in 2014, and repeated the “*due process*” ***misinformation*** that White had shot down, during his testimony seeking re-appointment to the Task Force.

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- ***Pilpel's Potential Abuse of His Duties as Task Force Member*** The MP3 audio of the Sunshine Task Force's April 6, 2016 meeting recorded that then Task Force Member Mark Rumold — a lawyer who held a Task Force seat reserved for nominations from the Society of Professional Journalists — had noted that the Task Force may want to potentially have a discussion about whether Pilpel had often abused his duties as a member of the Task Force, and that, if so, the Task Force could take some action later.

For your convenience, I am attaching the written testimony I previously submitted in April 2022 and April 2016 opposing Pilpel's previous applications for appointment to the SOTF.

For the reasons above, I am **strongly Opposing** Pilpel's application for appointment to the SOTF before you today for the reasons above. Nothing has changed since April 2016 (when then-Supervisor Katy Tang blocked Pilpel's re-appointment) or since January 2021; Pilpel is still not qualified. I urge you to once again reject Pilpel's application, and appoint Ms. Ellenberg Ferguson to Seat #9, instead.

Respectfully submitted,

**Patrick Monette-Shaw**

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April 14, 2022

San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee  
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: **Agenda Item #2: Opposition to Re-Appointment of David Pilpel to Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF)**

Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

I am again submitting testimony opposing re-appointment of David Pilpel to the SOTF.

I am re-submitting verbatim written testimony (below) that I submitted back on January 11, 2021 and April 27, 2016 opposing Pilpel's application for appointment to the Task Force. Nothing has changed since April 2016 (when then-Supervisor Katy Tang blocked Pilpel's re-appointment) or since January 2021; Pilpel is still not qualified. I urge you to once again reject Pilpel's application.

A reminder: **Pilpel's verbosity and disruptiveness on the PUC's CAC, the SFMTA's CAC, and on the Redistricting Task Force clearly contributed to his not being re-appointed to any of those bodies** and not re-appointed to SOTF in 2016.

During the initial January 11, 2021 Rules Committee hearing considering applicants for appointment to the SOTF, Mr. Pilpel's comments regarding his qualifications to serve on this important body were very disturbing, for the following reasons:

**Deceptiveness Regarding Backlog of 100 Sunshine Complaints:** Pilpel opened his remarks on January 11 by saying that the Sunshine Task Force has over 100 open Sunshine complaints that is "*totally unacceptable*." He implied the Task Force had been irresponsible allowing the backlog of complaints to accumulate and further implied that by re-appointing him to a seat on the Task Force he would help solve the backlog.

What Pilpel deceptively did *not* mention was that the Task Force was not allowed to meet for six months between March and September 2020, which in large part caused the backlog of cases to occur. After Mayor Breed essentially closed City offices to members of the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic in March and curtailed public meetings of policy bodies, the Task Force was not allowed to hold remote meetings and resume hearing Sunshine complaints until September. That Pilpel decided to elide that information during his January 11 remarks speaks to his deceptiveness.

**Brazen Suggestion to Eliminate Anonymous Complaints:** Anonymous complaints and anonymous whistleblowers are part and parcel of the bedrock of holding public officials accountable. Nothing in the law precludes or prohibits anonymous requests for public records. As a corollary, nothing in the law precludes anonymous complaints from individuals who have encountered problems accessing public records that must be disclosed.

Pilpel's suggestion to eliminate anonymous complaints would require changing state law to preclude anonymous requests for public records. Pilpel's suggestion is, therefore, completely antithetical to open government laws, which should disqualify him from further consideration for appointment to the SOTF.

**Brazen Suggestion to Accept Only "Important" Complaints and Reject "Unimportant" Complaints:** Pilpel's inference that the SOTF be allowed to prejudge which complaints are "important" vs. complaints that could be (wrongly) considered to be "unimportant" signals his utter disregard for due process. This, too, should also disqualify Pilpel from further consideration for appointment to the SOTF. Each complainant deserves to have an impartial SOTF subcommittee initially consider and evaluate the merits of each complaint to determine whether the Task Force has jurisdiction and whether to refer it to the full Task Force for a fair hearing.

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Pilpel is not the arbiter of what is important vs. unimportant — that should not be pre-judged. It's another example of his brazen hubris that should disqualify him from appointment to the SOTF.

**Brazen Suggestion to Limit Complainants to Only One New Complaint Every 30 Days:** While the Rule of Reason is embedded in open government laws, the CPRA, and our Sunshine Ordinance to prevent overly broad records requests that would unreasonably burden public agencies and take employees away from performing their public servant job duties taxpayers pay them to perform, the Rule of Reason should not be twisted like a pretzel into restricting complainants from filing multiple Sunshine complaints during an arbitrary time period.

Pilpel's suggestion to limit the number of complaints an individual may file in a 30-day period demonstrates his utter disregard and disrespect of complainants, which again, should disqualify him from appointment.

**Misguided Recommendation to “Focus Less on Complaints” in Favor of Focusing on Outreach, Education, and Training:** Pilpel's recommendation to focus less on actual Sunshine complaints may be the most egregious of his comments during presentation of his ostensible qualifications to serve on the SOTF. When the drafters of the Sunshine Ordinance first wrote stronger local protections for access to public records and public meeting access in San Francisco, they were not as concerned with outreach, education and training as they were concerned about providing an avenue to file complaints for the failure of local government officials to provide San Franciscans with increased transparency and accountability involving conduct of the people's business.

Section 67.21 of the Sunshine Ordinance provides an administrative appeals process and recourse for records requestors who are denied access to public records and public meetings. Section 67.30 of the Ordinance addresses referrals to a municipal office with enforcement powers whenever the Task Force concludes that any person has violated provisions of the Ordinance. The clear language of the Ordinance — which may have escaped Pilpel — all but mandates that the Task Force focus on complaints. While the Task Force may have created an Outreach, Education, and Training sub-committee to assist with its enforcement efforts, the Task Force's principal duty is to assist citizens with access to public records and public meetings. That Pilpel recommends focusing less on Sunshine complaints speaks to his disregard for Sections 67.21 and 67.30 of the Ordinance. Therefore, he should be disqualified from re-appointment to the Task Force.

**Pilpel's Promise to Be “Less Verbose”:** During his remarks on January 11, Pilpel said “... *about me being too verbose at meetings. I intend to be more concise, period.*” Nobody believes his hollow promise and dubious “intentions,” since as I've previously testified leopards rarely change their spots, tigers rarely change their stripes, and both animals rarely change their behaviors. Pilpel's well-known verbosity was clearly an impediment to the Task Force's “efficiency” conducting its meetings and damaged the Task Force's credibility when he previously served as a Task Force member. His verbosity and disruptiveness on the PUC's CAC, the SFMTA's CAC, and on the Redistricting Task Force clearly contributed to his not being re-appointed to any of those bodies and not being re-appointed to the SOTF in 2016.

Pilpel's suggestions and recommendations will not rebuild credibility of the Task Force as he mistakenly may believe. It's time to stop considering him for appointment to any Board or Commission in City government, since he's far too disruptive to transparency and accountability.

This current Rules Committee must not make the same mistake of forwarding Pilpel's name to the full Board of Supervisors for consideration of re-appointment to the SOTF.

On April 18, 2022, the Rules Committee should again vote to specifically decline submitting his name for further consideration and should instead forward an explicit recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors clearly rejecting Mr. Pilpel from further consideration permanently.

Maybe then he'll stop wasting your time and go quietly into the night — where he belongs.

Respectfully submitted,

**Patrick Monette-Shaw**



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April 27, 2016

Rules Committee

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Re: **Opposition to Re-Appointment of David Pilpel to Sunshine Ordinance Task Force**

Dear Rules Committee Members,

Please do not approve recommending applicant David Pilpel to another term on the SOTF for the following reasons.

### **Prior Disruptive Behavior Prevented His Re-Appointment to Two CAC's**

Mr. Pilpel's behavior as a member of other policy bodies has been totally disruptive.

Despite Pilpel's claim on his application that he has served on the SF MTA CAC, SF PUC CAC, and on the Redistricting Task Force, he was not re-appointed to the MTA CAC in 2009 or earlier, reportedly due to his disruptive behavior and badgering of MTA CAC members and MTA staff. Similarly, within approximately the past year Pilpel was not re-appointed to the PUC CAC for the largely the same reason, as Supervisor Tang must be aware. And by report, Pilpel was extremely disruptive when he served on the Redistricting Task Force.

### **Poor Attendance Record**

Between October 2, 2013 and August 24, 2014, the SOTF held 15 meetings. Pilpel was absent four times — 26.7% — of those 14 meetings.

### **Refusal to Recuse Himself vs. Recusal From Hearing Complaints**

- On May 5, 2015, a Sunshine complaint filed by Brian Browne against the SF PUC was calendared for a hearing before the Sunshine Task Force. Browne — aware that Pilpel was then serving on the PUC's CAC — requested that Pilpel recuse himself from hearing Browne's complaint due to a potential conflict of interest. Pilpel refused, and announced that although he was a member of the PUC's CAC, he should NOT have to recuse himself. Browne's complaint was continued to a future meeting of the Task Force.
- On April 6, 2016, an hour-and-a-half into the Sunshine Task Force's meeting, Pilpel suddenly requested being recused from hearing a complaint filed by Ray Hartz, Jr. involving the Ethics Commission. Pilpel admitted he had attended the Ethics Commission's January 25 meeting and had testified several times that the Commission was making a mistake because he felt an item on the Ethics Commission's agenda "was not framed properly for public discussion." Pilpel felt the Ethics Commission was not conducting themselves appropriately. Subsequently Hartz filed a Sunshine complaint concerning the Ethics Commission's January 25 meeting.

Pilpel claimed he had been speaking as a "private citizen" but it was obvious he was providing advice to the Ethics Commission in his role as a member of the Sunshine Task Force.

Hartz's complaint that was supposed to be heard on April 6 involved the new Executive Director of Ethics, LeeAnn Pelham. The draft minutes of the Task Force's April 6 minutes only reported that Pilpel wanted to avoid the appearance of bias.

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Pilpel requested to be recused from hearing the matter. The MP3 audio file of the April 6 Task Force meeting shows that Pilpel stated during the meeting that “my view is that I have either bias, or the appearance thereof” [for having spoken during the Ethics Commission’s meeting on January 25]. But there should have been no need for him to recuse himself if he had, in fact, been speaking as a private citizen. And there should have been no question about whether Pilpel was engaging in “bias” if he had been speaking as a member of the public.

The MP3 audio also shows that Task Force Member Mark Rumold — a lawyer who holds a Task Force seat reserved for nominations from the Society of Professional Journalists — noted that potentially the Task Force may want to eventually discuss whether Pilpel has abused his duties as a member of the Task Force often, and that, if so, the Task Force we could take some action later.

There doesn’t seem to be much rhyme or reason as to when Pilpel decides whether or not to request being recused from hearing items on the agenda.

### **Ex Parte Communications**

On May 5, 2015 following the hearing on Brian Browne’s Sunshine complainant, Pilpel raced up to the SFPUC representative who had attended the hearing and who was enroute to the elevator, and began speaking with the PUC rep. Browne reportedly said “Mr. Pilpel, I hope you are not talking to her about my case.” It’s one of many examples — not an isolated occurrence — of Pilpel having sidebar — *ex parte* — conversations with respondents regarding Sunshine complaints prior to hearing the merits of a complainant’s formal complaint.

### **Undermining Sunshine Complainants**

Also in 2015, Pilpel submitted a letter to the Ethics Commission prior to an Ethics Commission hearing involving a Sunshine complaint Paula Datesch had filed against the Art Commission that the Task Force had referred to the Ethics for enforcement. Pilpel intentionally interfered with the Ethics Commission’s deliberations by offering his so-called “personal opinion” on a matter that the Task Force had already ruled on and had concluded. Pilpel has no compulsion about trying to overturn Sunshine Task Force decisions that he doesn’t agree with, and is brazen enough to show up at Ethics hearings to intentionally undercut official Orders of Determination the Task Force had issued.

It is thought Pilpel has interfered with other concluded Orders of Determination issued by the Task Force after-the-fact, and this is not an isolated incident.

### **Two Ethics Complaints Involving Violations of the Statement of Incompatible Activities Applicable to the Board of Supervisors and SOTF Members**

In 2014 I filed two Ethics complaints against Mr. Pilpel alleging that he had violated the SIA applicable to SOTF members. In the first Ethics complaint, I noted Pilpel had identified himself during public comment at a meeting of the Ethics Commission as “David Pilpel, Member of SOTF,” rather than as a member of the public, as if he were authorized to speak on behalf of the full Task Force.

After I filed my complaints, Pilpel became somewhat more careful to claim he addresses policy bodies as a member of the public, although he has been reported by other observers as having continued to identify himself as a member of SOTF when addressing other policy bodies.

Mr. Pilpel had *not* sought an Advance Written Determination that testifying to the Ethics Commission about a Sunshine Complaint adjudicated and finalized by the full Task Force is *not* incompatible with his official duties.

In my second Ethics complaint, the underlying issue was not whether Mr. Pilpel is permitted to speak before other policy bodies on issues *outside* the scope of his duties as a member of the Sunshine Task Force (for example speaking during a meeting of a Commission considering a land use matter that might affect Mr. Pilpel’s neighborhood). Instead, the underlying issue was whether Pilpel is permitted to speak to another policy body on issues that are *inside* the scope of his duties as a Sunshine Task Force member (i.e., speaking about a matter inside the scope of his duties, *after* the full Task Force had concluded the matter and referred it to the Ethics Commission for enforcement).

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When Mr. Pilpel voluntarily became a member of the Task Force, he was automatically bound under the governing SIA to restrict his testimony on matters falling *inside* the scope of his duties before other bodies. As a member of the Task Force, he has a duty to support and abide by decisions reached by a majority of Task Force members.

Pilpel's *ex parte* communications with other Policy Bodies and his testimony during other Policy Body meetings are a ruse when he claims to be speaking as a private citizen. His claims are a sham, when not a pretense or pretext, since it is clear he is trying to provide testimony in his role as a member of the Task Force, not so much as a member of the public.

His ruse needs to stop, and the Rules Committee can do so by refusing to advance him for consideration for re-appointment to the Task Force. Please refuse to support him application; it's long overdue that you dump him off of SOTF.

**Pilpel Withheld Key Information from Rules Committee in May 2014**

To the extent that Pilpel sought to sway the Rules Committee into re-appointing him to the Sunshine Task Force on May 15, 2014 by blabbing his wild assertion that members of the SOTF didn't understand where "due process attaches," he may have gamed re-appointment to the Task Force by withholding informing Supervisors Yee and Tang on May 15 that just 17 days earlier when Pilpel had raised the "due process" issue during the Sunshine complaint hearing involving Phil Ginsburg before the Ethics Commission, Deputy City Attorney Josh White who advises the Ethics Commission, had to interject and inform Ethics Commissioners that "due process" didn't apply.

It is completely egregious that Pilpel — who must have fully understood DCA White's clear City Attorney advice — withheld DCA White's advice from Tang and Yee in 2014, and repeated the "due process" misinformation that White had shot down, during his testimony seeking re-appointment to the Task Force. Indeed, it could be argued that by ignoring DCA White's "City Attorney opinion," and repeating due process misinformation, Pilpel had failed Katy Tang's "litmus test" of undying fealty to City Attorney "advice" as a condition of appointment to the Task Force.

**Conclusion**

The Rules Committee should not make the same mistake twice by referring Mr. Pilpel for re-appointment to the Task Force again, after he duped you in May 2014.

After all, leopards rarely change their spots, and tigers rarely change their stripes. Both animals rarely change their behavior. So, too, with David Pilpel. It's time to get rid of him as being too disruptive.

Respectfully submitted,

**Patrick Monette-Shaw**

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Below is the testimony Claire Zvanski submitted on April 26, 2016 opposing the appointment of David Pilpel to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. Zvanski's letter is a public record that was posted on-line to the Rules Committee in April 2016.

**Evans, Derek**

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Dear Supervisors:

It is my understanding that the Rules Committee will be considering appointments to the Sunshine Task Force this Thursday, April 28. It is also my understanding that David Pilpel has submitted his application for reappointment to that task force.

I have known David for more than 25 years. He was a teenager when I used to have to physically extract him from offices at MUNI headquarters (on Presidio at Geary in those days). He was regularly rifling through desks of managers and other employees and also going through our file cabinets for "information" on various projects and issues. He would often come in after hours when those managers would have gone home for the day. This was not a once or twice occurrence. It was a regular practice for a very long time. He was reported, but he continued to do this as long as the doors of the building were not locked. Later, security measures were taken and he could not easily access our building after hours. So, he would come in and "visit" with various managers at the end of the day but not leave the building at closing.

Mr. Pilpel has continued to probe/snoop into City business and City offices over the years. As a retired City employee with nearly 40 years of service behind me, I found and continue to find Mr. Pilpel's methods despicable and his motives questionable. While I support transparency and the public's right to know, I also understand the need for files and work products to remain protected. There is a time and place for everything.

All this is to say that I don't believe Mr. Pilpel is appropriate for reappointment to the Sunshine Task Force. Colleagues of mine have told me of his ongoing unorthodox methods in seeking information and also his harassment of both City employees and elected/appointed individuals. These are unprofessional methods and behaviors that should not be rewarded by appointment to an official City body, especially the Sunshine Task Force.

Please reject the reappointment of David Pilpel to the Sunshine Task Force.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Claire Zvanski

(37.5 years retired career public service with CCSF; 26 years on HSS board)

July 20, 2023

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to recommend Saul Sugarman for a seat on San Francisco's Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

I had the opportunity to work with him and found him to be a thoughtful, articulate, passionate and resolute San Franciscan who not only really cares about the state of the city and its residents, but takes active measures toward improving the city.

I formerly worked as an editor at the San Francisco Examiner and had the pleasure of editing a biweekly column he wrote. He was an "easy edit." I rarely made changes because his commentary was well-reasoned, clear and always submitted in a timely fashion.

With a background that also includes daily news, investigative and legal reporting (which we discussed during fun and informative talks we enjoyed when we worked together), Saul is quite familiar with how government works – another asset that makes him an ideal candidate for the Sunshine Force.

I firmly believe Saul would be a welcome addition to the group.

If you need any more information, I can be reached at (415) 571-6171 or [mizkatz2001@yahoo.com](mailto:mizkatz2001@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,

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