

Tim Paulson
Secretary-Treasurer

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Tim was elected the Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council on September 1, 2018 and sworn in by Mayor London Breed along with his fellow officers. The building trades council consists of 32 unions representing 20,000 San Francisco construction workers.

Prior to this election Paulson was the Executive Director of the San Francisco Labor Council where he was unanimously elected to six consecutive terms beginning on September 2004. The San Francisco Labor Council is the center of labor activity in San Francisco and is comprised of 150 local unions, representing over 100,000 working men and women in San Francisco. The mission of both the Building Trades and Labor Councils is to promote social and economic justice for all working people.

As Executive Director, Tim lead and coordinated labor's political activities, organized events and rallies, managed legislative and policy campaigns at the local, state and national levels, and supported affiliates in their bargaining and contract negotiations when necessary.

Tim has over two decades of extensive experience in the labor movement. Before joining the San Francisco Labor Council, Tim worked as the Political Director and Assistant Executive Officer of the San Mateo County Central Labor Council. At the San Mateo CLC Tim directed all political activities of the Council and coordinated a wide range of Council activities, including the staffing of the Council's Airport Labor Coalition, a monthly

convening of unions which monitors and coordinates labor activities at San Francisco International Airport.

A Journeyman Tilesetter since 1981, Tim served as a principal officer and business agent for the 45-county Bricklayers, Tilelayers, and Allied Craftworkers Local 3 and was Apprenticeship Coordinator for the Northern California Tilelayers and Tile Finishers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. Tim has been a trustee to various Taft Hartley Health and Welfare and Pension programs and served as coordinator for the Tilelayers Local 19 Work Preservation organizing program in the early 1990's that generated millions of dollars of employment during the recession. In 1997 delegates to the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council elected Tim as their Vice President.

Prior to joining the San Mateo CLC, Tim served as Organizing and Political Director for SEIU's Justice for Janitors campaigns in San Francisco, generating significant union membership growth and helping to jumpstart SEIU's campaign to organize and improve the lives of security officers.

Tim holds a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from Macalester College and lives in San Francisco. He's served on many committees and boards, including AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka's National Labor Advisory Committee on State Federations and Central Labor Councils. Tim was elected by his colleagues to serve on the California Labor Federation's Strategic Advisory Committee, which is comprised of representatives of the 15 largest international unions in California charged with coordinating political and organizing power. He also served as one of the 40 elected Vice Presidents of the California Federation of Labor which represents over 2000 California unions until he took the challenge to be Secretary Treasurer of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council.

Locally, Tim is the chair of the San Francisco State University Labor Archives Board and serves on both the San Francisco City College Labor Studies and the University of California Berkeley Institute for Labor Education and Research advisory boards. Tim is also a director of the United Way of the Bay Area and serves

on the executive board of the California Democratic Party as
elected Chair of the Labor Caucus.

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