

Ben Bleiman

Experience

California Music & Culture Association (CMAC), San Francisco, CA 2013-Present

Board Chairman

- Lead the only trade organization to advocate for and promote responsible business practices at bars, clubs, music festivals, and music venues in San Francisco.

Key Highlights:

- Wrote petition to support London Breed's landmark 2015 legislation to protect SF venues from new developments. Petition received 4500+ signatures. Personally gathered over 100 people at City Hall to advocate during key hearings.
- Brokered groundbreaking reform of San Francisco's 10-B officer program between the Chief of Police, the SFPOA, festival organizers and Supervisors David Campos and Mark Farrell. Result is a highly transparent, much more fair process that gathers crucial data on the security of San Francisco's outdoor events.
- Co-authored legacy business legislation to protect beloved nightlife landmarks in San Francisco from precipitously rising rents.

San Francisco Bar Owner Alliance, San Francisco, CA 2012-Present

Founder, Principal

- Personally created and organized San Francisco bar owners into a highly active group.
- Recently surpassed 300 members who own bars in San Francisco.
- Led countless efforts to assist San Francisco bar owners, such as raising money to assist the Rip Tide after a devastating fire, helping bars responsibly mitigate noise complaints or navigate the bureaucratic complexities of operating a business in San Francisco.

Tonic Nightlife Group (TNG), San Francisco, CA 2008-Present

Managing Partner

- Currently own and operate six brick & mortar bar-restaurants in San Francisco (one in Berkeley) with \$10+ million in annual revenues and 150+ employees.
- Voluntarily offer full benefits to employees including healthcare and 401k.
- Current bars - Tonic, Bullitt, Soda Popinski, Dr. Teeth, Cease & Desist and Spats. Former Bars - Rebel, Wild Hare, Lightning Tavern, the Royal Tug Yacht Club.

Tonic Beverage Catering & Tonic Events, San Francisco, CA 2011-Present

Managing Partner

- Personally led the growth of a full scale beverage catering and event production company from \$0 to \$2+ million in annual revenues and 300+ events per year mostly in San Francisco.
- Produce and manage hundreds of events per year including multiple 2500+ person music festivals, corporate product launches, and experiential activities.
- Coordinate with ABC, SF Police, ISCOTT, Fire and various other San Francisco Departments to ensure responsible, safe and extraordinarily successful events.

EDUCATION

BA, English, Georgetown University, 2003