

## Ben Bleiman

### EXPERIENCE

#### **Managing Partner, Tonic Nightlife Group**

**September 2008 – Present**

- Personally grew business from a single bar to eleven bar/restaurants with gross revenues of \$13mm
- Oversees all operations and daily tasks from inventory to HR to direct customer service
- Currently own and operate Tonic, Bullitt, Dr. Teeth, and Soda Popinski
- Awarded Small Business Award by Mayor's Office
- Businesses have helped raise almost \$1mm for local charities through "guest bartending" program

#### **President, SF Entertainment Commission**

**May 2017 – Present**

- Work closely with Entertainment Commission staff to regulate and promote safe, robust nightlife in San Francisco
- Assist staff in fulfilling Mayor's Office priorities such as the new venue stabilization matching grant fund

#### **Board Chairman, California Music & Culture Association**

**March 2014 – Present**

- Manage the trade organization representing music venues, clubs, bars and music festivals in San Francisco
- Educate the public on issues that are most pressing to nightlife such as affordability and venue displacement
- Work closely with city officials to implement measures to strengthen nightlife community and the business of nightlife in SF

#### **Founder, San Francisco Bar Owner Alliance**

**July 2013 – Present**

- Founded and grew a group exclusively of bar owners in San Francisco from a handful to over 350 members today
- Maintain robust conversations in person and in private Facebook group on issues both small and large that affect bar owners in SF

#### **Board Chairman, Aquarium of the Bay (Bay.org)**

- Manage board of 14 members who oversee the largest environmental nonprofit to focus on the health of SF Bay and its watershed
- Spearhead ambitious remodel/reenvisioning of the Aquarium of the Bay into the world's first living museum dedicated to climate resiliency

### EDUCATION

**Bachelors of Arts, Georgetown University, Washington DC.**