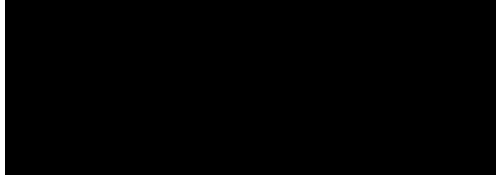




Sharky Laguana
Founder, Bandago



Sharky Laguana is a successful entrepreneur and musician with a diverse background and varied career path. As a youth, he experienced homelessness and later lived and worked in a single room occupancy (SRO) hotel on Market Street. Despite these challenges, he pursued his passion for music and became a professional musician in his late 20s, playing guitar and keyboards in the band Creeper Lagoon. After the band broke up, he started a small business renting vans to musicians, eventually expanding into a fleet of hundreds of vehicles with locations across the United States.

More recently, Mayor Breed appointed Sharky to the Small Business Commission in 2019, where he served as President from 2020-2022, overseeing the Office of Small Business and working to support and promote small businesses in the community throughout the City's COVID-19 response and recovery.