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Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Veterans Affairs Commission

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

Nicholas Rusanoff



Zip Code: 94105

Occupation: Veterans Justice Court Volunteer

Work Phone: Employer:

Business Address: Zip Code:

Business Email: Nicholas.Rusanoff.VAC@sfgov.org Home Email:

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As a recipient of the Purple Heart and an Iraq War veteran, I have dedicated my life to supporting the needs of veterans in San Francisco. My volunteer work with the Veterans Justice Court allows me to guide veterans through legal challenges, emphasizing rehabilitation and reintegration into society. I have partnered with nonprofits and community organizations to design impactful programs, such as a horsemanship event at the Presidio Riding Club, where veterans connected with nature and experience healing outside harmful environments. This program, in partnership with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, fostered both mental and physical well-being. Additionally, I supported legislation prioritizing veterans in the Below Market Rate Housing Program lottery, ensuring equitable access to affordable housing for those who served our nation. My commitment to diversity and inclusion is reflected in my advocacy for veterans of all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds, as well as those of different genders, orientations, and abilities. These experiences position me to effectively represent and serve the diverse communities of San Francisco.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

I bring experience from my work in public service, nonprofit collaboration, and veteran advocacy. As a volunteer with the Veterans Justice Court, I mentor veterans navigating legal and social challenges, helping them access critical rehabilitation resources. My collaborations with local organizations have allowed me to implement community-driven programs, such as horsemanship therapy at the Presidio Riding Club, which provides emotional healing through equine therapy and outdoor experiences. This program not only connects veterans with nature but also fosters a sense of belonging and safety. I have also advocated for policy changes that benefit veterans, such as the Below Market Rate Housing Program lottery, which ensures that veterans receive equitable access to affordable housing. These roles have improved my ability to manage complex initiatives, coordinate teams, and deliver results that improve the quality of life for underserved populations. My experiences in program development, policy advocacy, and community engagement make me well-equipped to contribute effectively to San Francisco's Veterans Affairs Commission

Civic Activities:

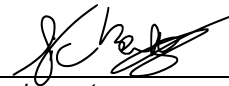
I am actively involved in civic activities that serve and uplift veterans and the broader San Francisco community. As a volunteer with the Veterans Justice Court, I work directly with veterans facing legal and personal challenges, advocating for rehabilitation and reintegration programs that create lasting positive impacts. I have also collaborated with local organizations, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and nonprofits to design programs like horsemanship therapy at the Presidio Riding Club. This initiative offered veterans a transformative experience, fostering healing and connection to the natural beauty of California's wilderness. Beyond program creation, I regularly engage with nonprofits addressing housing, mental health, and social reintegration challenges for veterans. My advocacy efforts include playing a pivotal role in supporting legislation prioritizing veterans in affordable housing programs, ensuring access to critical resources. These activities demonstrate my dedication to inclusivity, innovation, and addressing systemic barriers, allowing me to make meaningful contributions to the well-being of our community and the advancement of its underserved populations.

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

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Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): 9 (Expires 1/31/2025)

Full Name: Joshua D. Wagner

[Redacted] Zip Code: 94121
Occupation: Program Manager

Work Phone: (757) 642-1355 Employer: Advanced Technology Group (ATG)

Business Address: I work remotely from my home address in SF Zip Code: 94121

[Redacted] Home Email: [Redacted]

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As a former commissioned officer in the Navy, I am intimately aware of the sacrifices our veterans make and the challenges they face when they transition out of the service. As an applicant for Veterans Affairs disability coverage, I am familiar with the process veterans have to navigate when it comes to seeking and obtaining medical care from the VA. I have served as a Navy Command Managed Equal Opportunity Officer, where I was responsible for creating a respectful and inclusive work environment, as well as addressing any discrimination, harassment, and other inappropriate behaviors in my command. As the elected representative of all junior officers in my command, I stood out against rampant gender-based discrimination that was hampering workspace safety, unit cohesion, and the wellbeing of my colleagues. I relish the opportunity to continue representing the wellbeing of our former service members as a member of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission.

Business and/or Professional Experience:


Technical Capabilities Manager, Advanced Technology Group: Oct 2024 - Present
Responsible for managing a program focused on enhancing US soft power in order to reduce the need for use of military force in US foreign policy. Business Development; RV-7 Test Pilot. F/A-18E/F Super Hornet Pilot, United States Navy: Jan 2014 - Oct 2024
Participated in four aircraft-carrier based deployments to the Indo-Pacific Region; Graduate of TOPGUN Adversary Course; Lectured 1,800 aircrew on US geopolitical relationship with Russia, China, and Iran; Represented 250 Navy personnel as Command Managed Equal Opportunity Officer. Elected out of 32 peers as leader of Junior Officer Protection Association.
Education:
University of California, Berkeley; Berkeley Haas Executive MBA (Jul 2025 - May 2027)
Stanford University; MS Aeronautics and Astronautics, (Jul 2012 - Dec 2013)
United States Naval Academy; BS Aerospace Engineering (Jun 2008 - May 2012)

Civic Activities:

I recently moved to San Francisco in late August 2024 after concluding a twelve-year career of service in the United States Navy. I immediately registered to participate and vote in the November 2024 elections. I have attended San Francisco Board of Supervisors meetings at City Hall, and have visited the Richmond Neighborhood Center to seek opportunities to get involved in the community. My wife and I frequently attend Richmond neighborhood events and enjoy the Clement Street Farmer's Market nearly every Sunday. Now that I am out of the Navy, I am actively looking for ways to give back to my community. Serving as a member of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission would be an excellent way for me to get involved, learn more about the city, and take care of the city's veterans in need.

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Date: 27 Jan 2025 Applicant's Signature (required): 

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

Full Name: Barklee

[Redacted] San Francisco CA Zip Code: 94158

[Redacted] Occupation: Support Engineer

Work Phone: [Redacted] Employer: Robin Hood

Business Address: [Redacted] Zip Code: [Redacted]

Business Email: [Redacted] Home Email: [Redacted]

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As a resident of San Francisco deeply engaged in community service and advocacy, I believe my qualifications effectively represent the diverse communities and neighborhoods within the City and County of San Francisco
Living with multiple physical disabilities, including right knee meniscus tear, cervical spine strain, radiculopathy, and obstructive sleep apnea, I intimately understand the challenges faced by individuals with physical limitations. This personal experience enables me to advocate effectively for accessibility and accommodations within the city infrastructure and services.
Mental Health Challenges: My experiences with mental health conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), major depressive disorder with anxious distress, anxiety, ADHD, dyslexia, dyscalculia, and complex PTSD provide me with a deep understanding of the mental health issues affecting many residents. I am committed to promoting mental health awareness and ensuring that city policies are inclusive of those facing similar challenges.

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Business and/or Professional Experience:

Community Advocacy in District 6: Serving as a Public Utilities Advisory Board Member for District 6 with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, I have actively represented the interests and concerns of residents in this diverse neighborhood. I successfully advocated for improved utility services, including the implementation of comprehensive inspection and oversight measures for the Treasure Island grid, reducing power outages that affected the community for over 25 years.

Urban Planning and Environmental Justice: As a Volunteer Urban Planning Consultant on the Treasure Island Citizen's Advisory Board, I collaborated with community members from various backgrounds to address redevelopment projects, housing rights, and environmental justice issues. My efforts led to tangible improvements such as toll exemptions for current residents, park renovations, and the establishment of a vaccine site during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Civic Activities:

Veteran Representation: Having served in the U.S. Army National Guard as a Signal Support Systems Specialist, I represent the veteran community within San Francisco. My military background equips me with leadership skills and a strong sense of duty, which I bring to my civic engagements.

Professional Expertise in Technology and Cybersecurity: With over 15 years of experience in the tech industry, including roles at Meta Platforms, Inc., I bring a wealth of knowledge in technology, cybersecurity, and systems administration. This expertise allows me to contribute to the city's efforts in innovation and digital equity, ensuring that technological advancements benefit all communities.

Commitment to Environmental Equity: As a Volunteer Policy Advisor and Environmental Equity Consultant for the San Francisco Planning Department, I worked towards creating sustainable and equitable environments for low-income communities and communities of color. My focus on environmental justice reflects my dedication to addressing systemic inequalities that affect marginalized populations.

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Barklee Sanders

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