Bio

Vanessa, is a native San Franciscan and bi-lingual. After graduating from California State University of Monterey Bay, she became an avid promoter of the arts. She worked over 16 years for Academy of Art in San Francisco as an Academic Advisor in Student Services Department, and later joined the land crew team for jetBlue Airways at SFO.

Vanessa's work as a community organizer in the Dogpatch District, has made her an essential voice for small business, residents, and emerging development. Her endeavors to make the Dogpatch not only a livable district but a thriving one as well, has endeared her to all that encounter her persistence, vision and humanity. She was also a voice for the neighboring projects such as Pier 70, Power Plant, and the Chase Center, spending the critical hours needed to ensure the public-private partnership was successful and representative of all stakeholders. She currently is on the Board of Dogpatch Neighborhood Association and lives in the Dogpatch.

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