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Date 3/3/11

Board of Supervisors Meeting

Date 3/15/11

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Date 2/25/11  
Date 3/8/11

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1 [Appointments - Urban Forestry Council]

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3 **Motion appointing Maria D'Agostino, Dan Flanagan, Sandy Sherwin, Rose Hillson, and**  
4 **Andrew Sullivan to the Urban Forestry Council, terms ending November 18, 2012.**

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6 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does  
7 hereby appoint the hereinafter designated persons to serve as members of the Urban  
8 Forestry Council, pursuant to the provisions of the San Francisco Administrative Code,  
9 Chapter 5, Article XXIII, for the terms specified:

10 Maria D'Agostino, seat 2, succeeding Maria D'Agostino, term expired, must be certified  
11 by a professional tree management organization (International Society of Arboriculture,  
12 American Society of Consulting Arborists, or American Society of Landscape Architects,) for  
13 the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending November 18, 2012.

14 Dan Flanagan, seat 4, succeeding Naomi LeBeau, resigned, must be a member of a  
15 non-profit organization involved in urban forestry or other environmentally-related issues, for  
16 the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending November 18, 2012.

17 Sandy Sherwin, seat 5, succeeding Bonnie Ora Sherk, term expired, must be a  
18 member of a non-profit organization involved in urban forestry or other environmentally-  
19 related issues, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending November 18, 2012.

20 Rose Hillson, seat 6, succeeding herself, term expired, must be a representative of the  
21 community, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending November 18, 2012.

22 Andrew Sullivan, seat 7, succeeding Terry Milne, term expired, must be a  
23 representative of the community, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending  
24 November 18, 2012.



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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to:

Urban Forestry Council  
Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable):

Seat # 2 reapply

District:

Name:

Maria D'Agostino

Home Address:

Valljo St

Zip: 94133

Home Phone:

415

Occupation:

Arborist

Work Phone:

650-780-7407

Employer:

City of Redwood City

Business Address:

1400 Broadway

Zip:

94063

Business E-Mail:

mdagostino@redwood

Home E-Mail:

@hotmail.com

Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States. ☒

At least 18 years old on or before Election Day. ☒

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction ☒

A resident of San Francisco

☒

Yes:

☐

No:

(Place of Residence):

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

I am currently Chair of the Council.  
Please see resume.

Education:

Business and/or professional experience:

Civic Activities:

Ethnicity: (optional)

White

Sex: (optional)

☐ M

☒ F

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Date:

11-17-10

Applicant's Signature: (required)

M. D'Agostino

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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Appointed to Seat #:

Term Expires:

Date Seat was Vacated:

**Maria D'Agostino**  
**Consulting Arborist/Urban Forestry Specialist**

— Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94133  
(415) — — @hotmail.com

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Urban Forestry Specialist – City of Redwood City**

October 2008 - Present

Redwood City, CA

Manage Urban Forestry Program reporting to Superintendant of Public Works. Plan, implement and document planting, removing, and pruning of street trees. Oversee contract and staff crews. Review all applications for private property trees. Represent Public Works Services for Community Development Services and for pilot Community Tree Board. Use TRAKiT method of entering comments for the Planning Review Committee. Research and update existing policies and ordinances. Collaborate with CityTrees, the non-profit in Redwood City: Attend monthly board meetings. Teach workshops. Support planting and pruning workdays. Write articles for quarterly newsletter.

**Arborist Inspector – City and County of San Francisco**

November 2006 – October 2008

San Francisco, CA

Processed applications: *Planting permits*: Approved locations and species selections, ensured developers/contractors planted the “right tree in the right place” and to CCSF specifications. *Removal permits*: Made decisions whether to remove or preserve trees. Corresponded about decisions and guided applicants through the appeal process. *Sidewalk Landscaping permits*: Evaluated architectural drawings, performed site visits, signed-off on job cards. Participated in large scale, citywide planting projects: Identified plantable sites, performed community outreach, and provided input on species selections. Enforced Article 16 tree protection ordinance: Followed up on reports of illegal pruning and removals. Sent warning and/or fine letters with educational materials. Attended public tree hearings.

**Senior Planting Project Manager – Friends of the Urban Forest**

January 2003 – August 2006

San Francisco, CA

Scheduled, organized and led 15-20 community street tree plantings a year. Worked closely with many stakeholders, from the FUF youth group to Marguerite Manini, a 96 year old resident living in the Bayview, and from the concrete cutter to the nurseryman. Recruited, selected, trained, and supported junior staff and volunteers. Collaborated with individuals from various city, state and federal agencies. Wrote project narratives for grant proposals and reporting. Created program and outreach material for plantings and workshops. Performed maintenance and surveys on 18-month, 3-year old, and 5 year old trees. Addressed environmental justice issues in underserved neighborhoods.

**Gardener – Freelance and for *Garden Air***

2000 - 2003

Bay area

Designed, installed and maintained residential gardens.

**Furniture Maker**

1996 - 1997

San Francisco, CA

Learned aspects of running a small shop while apprenticing with Debey Zito. Loved working with trees in their second life.

**EDUCATION**

**University of California at Santa Cruz**

1984 - 1989

Santa Cruz, CA

BA in Biology and Anthropology

**California Community Colleges and Universities**

1989 – Present

Merritt College, CCSF, UC Extension

Take a class or two every semester: Fall and Winter Plant ID (2002), Spring and Summer Plant ID and Tree ID (2003), Plant Taxonomy and Watershed Restoration (2004), Soils and Native Landscape Interpretation (2005), Program Management (2006), Plant Diseases (2007), and Urban Planning (2008).

1994 – 1996

Laney College

Two year certificate in Wood Technology

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP**

Bay Area Landscaper Supervisor Forum 2008 – Present

Urban Forestry Council of San Francisco 2008 - Present

Vice Chair/Professional Association Representative- Current

Society of Municipal Arborists 2008 - Present

American Society of Consulting Arborists 2007- Present

International Society of Arboriculture 2006- Present

San Francisco Planning + Urban Research Association 2005- Present

California Urban Forest Council 2003 - 2006

Co-chair of the Bay Area Chapter (2003 - 2006)

Sierra Club 1989- Present

Snowcamping Section Communications Chair (2000 – 2007)



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LINDA WONG

Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: San Francisco Urban Forest Council

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): Seats 4, 5

District: 2

Name: Dan Flanagan

Home Address: Nido Avenue

Zip: 94115

Home Phone: 415

Occupation: non-profit executive

Work Phone: 415.268.0779

Employer: Friends of the Urban Forest

Business Address: PO Box 29456 San Francisco CA

Zip: 94129

Business E-Mail: dan@fuf.net

Home E-Mail: @comcast.net

Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States. ☒

At least 18 years old on or before Election Day. ☒

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction ☒

A resident of San Francisco

☒

Yes:

☐

No:

(Place of Residence):

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

I am currently the Executive Director of Friends of the Urban Forest. I have a deep interest in all things that affect the health and well-being of our urban canopy

Education:

please see attached

Business and/or professional experience:

please see attached

Civic Activities:

please see attached

Ethnicity: (optional) Irish American

Sex: (optional)

☒ M

☐ F

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Date: 11-2-11

Applicant's Signature: (required)

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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ANDREW SULLIVAN, RLA, ASLA  
Associate Principal, Office of Cheryl Barton

Andrew Sullivan is an Associate Principal at the Office of Cheryl Barton and has been with the firm since early 2006. Prior to joining the Office of Cheryl Barton he was a senior associate with the Office of Lawrence Halprin. His project experience ranges from residential design and construction to the management of large-scale, complex civic projects. Mr. Sullivan has consistently created transformative and engaging environments that connect users to place through a sustainable design approach.

#### Professional Experience

Associate Principal, Office of Cheryl Barton, San Francisco, CA, 2006-Present

Design Associate, The Office of Lawrence Halprin, San Francisco, CA, 2000-2006

Senior Landscape Designer, Christy Webber and Company, Chicago, IL, 1998-2000

Design Associate, Wolff Clements and Associates, Chicago, IL, 1995-1998

#### Education

University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, B.L.A. Landscape Architecture 1994

#### Registrations

Landscape Architect, License 5645, State of California

#### Select Project Experience

North Beach Library and Park, San Francisco, CA

University of Virginia, South Lawn, Charlottesville, VA

De Anza College, Mediated Learning Center, Cupertino, CA

Palo Alto Medical Foundation, San Carlos Center, San Carlos, CA

The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens - Education and Visitor Center, San Marino, CA

The Fields Park, Portland, OR

Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA

Contemporary Arts Museum Presidio, San Francisco, CA

Discovery Meadow, San Jose, CA

California Shakespeare Theatre, Orinda, CA

Stern Grove Concert Facility Improvements, San Francisco, CA

Letterman Digital Arts Center, San Francisco, CA

Campus for Jewish Life, San Mateo, CA

King High School/Price Elementary School Campus Park, Chicago, IL

Pine Lake/Stern Grove Park Improvement Plan, San Francisco, CA

Chicago Public Schools, Playlot Program, Chicago, IL

Ogden Park Regional Playground, Chicago, IL

Winnemac Campus Park, Chicago, IL

Mary Meyers School, Chicago, IL

Lake View High School Neighborhood Park, Chicago, IL

Chicago Off Street Bicycle Path Plan, Chicago, IL

Randolph Street Market Revitalization, Chicago, IL

# DANIEL FLANAGAN

## *Curriculum Vitae*

111 Nido Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94115

Telephone/e-mail:  
(415) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_@comcast.net

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### EDUCATION

UNIVERSITE DE AIX-EN-PROVENCE, Aix-en-Provence, France  
Degree Supérieur, 1975

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE, Middlebury, Vermont  
B.A., History and French, 1974

### EXPERIENCE

FRIENDS OF THE URBAN FOREST, San Francisco, California, October 2008-Present  
Executive Director, July 2009-present  
Interim Executive Director, October 2008-July 2009

FRAMELINE, San Francisco, California, April, May, June 2008  
Interim Executive Director

YOSEMITE NATIONAL INSTITUTES, Sausalito, California, 1998-2005  
President and CEO, 2001-2005  
Chief Operating Officer, 1998-2001

JHC CORP. (Josephthal Holding Co.), New York, New York, 1990-2010  
Chairman

JOSEPHTHAL AND CO., INC., New York, New York, 1976-1990  
Chairman & Co-CEO (concurrently), 1986-1990  
Floor Trader, New York Stock Exchange, 1979-1986  
Municipal Bond Trader, 1976-1979

JESUP JOSEPHTHAL, INC., New York, New York, 1990-1991  
Vice Chairman

AIRCAST, INC., New York, New York, 1982-1993  
West Coast/Pacific Rim Sales & Business Development, 1992-1993  
Member, Family Board of Directors, 1982-1993



## AFFILIATIONS

New York Stock Exchange	Member, 1979-2005
275 West 96 <sup>th</sup> Street	Board of Directors, 1984-1987 President, Board of Directors, 1986-1987
St. Michael's Montessori School	Member, Board of Directors, 1987-1991 President, Board of Directors, 1990-1991
North Carolina Outward Bound School	Instructor, 1993-1998 Pro-bono management consultant to Executive Director, 1992 Member, Board of Directors, 1991-2005 Vice Chair, Board of Directors, 1997-2000
Yosemite National Institutes	Member, Board of Directors, 1996-1998 Chair, Finance Committee, 1996-1998
Frameline	Member, Board of Directors, 2005-present Chair, Board of Directors, 2009
The Access Fund	Member, Board of Directors, 2008-2009

## PERSONAL

Member of 1994 Razor's Edge Mt. Everest Expedition and Gurla Mandata Expedition, Tibet, 2005.

Enjoy rock climbing, storytelling, running, and juggling. Fluent in French, conversant in Spanish.

## REFERENCES

References and additional information provided on request.



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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: Urban Forestry Council

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 6 or 7

District: 11

Name: Sandy Sherwin

Home Address: Cayuga Avenue, San Francisco, CA

Zip: 94112

Home Phone: 415. —

Occupation: Environmental Specialist

Work Phone: 415.994.5091

Employer: Self-employed

Business Address: 887 Cayuga Avenue, San Francisco, CA

Zip: 94112

Business E-Mail: mssherwin@aol.com

Home E-Mail: — @aol.com

Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States. ☒

At least 18 years old on or before Election Day. ☒

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction ☒

A resident of San Francisco ☒ Yes: ☐ No: (Place of Residence):

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

Please see attached sheet.

Education:

Currently enrolled in Professional Certificate program in Environmental Planning and Land Use, UC Davis. M.S. in Resource Economics, University of Massachusetts. B.S. in Asian Studies/Economics, Colgate University.

Business and/or professional experience:

Member, Association of Environmental Professionals.

Civic Activities:

Beautification Committee Member, Excelsior Action Group. Member, Friends of the Urban Forest. Board Member, Foto Forum, SFMOMA.

Ethnicity: (optional) Caucasian

Sex: (optional) ☐ M ☒ F

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Date: 16 November 2010 Applicant's Signature: (required) Sandy Sherwin

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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Appointed to Seat #: Term Expires: Date Seat was Vacated:

**Application for Urban Forestry Council**

**Applicant: Sandy Sherwin  
Seat #6 or 7**

**Qualifications for appointment:**

**I work with the Excelsior Action Group as a member of their Beautification Committee, and in particular to advance greening efforts in the Excelsior. I have just finished reclaiming an abandoned strip of land in the Excelsior, which includes two trees and all drought-tolerant plants and was given a Beautification Award by the New Mission Terrace Improvement Association; it was designed to absorb more of the sheeting runoff, and relieve pressure from a storm drain that backs up frequently. I have assisted on native planting days with SF Dept of the Environment. As a long-time member of Friends of the Urban Forest, I have participated in, and have developed corporate volunteer days for, planting activities. I am also in the process of aligning myself more closely with the SF Botanical Garden and their nursery work, especially with native plants, and have had a request to assist in a couple of school gardening programs in the City.**



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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: Urban Forestry Council  
Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 6 (six) District: 2 (two)

Name: K. Rose Hillson

Home Address: Parker Avenue, San Francisco Zip: 94118

Home Phone: Occupation: homemaker/community activist

Work Phone: Employer: n/a

Business Address: n/a Zip:

Business E-Mail: Home E-Mail: bart.net

Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States. ☒ At least 18 years old on or before Election Day. ☒

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction ☒

A resident of San Francisco ☒ Yes: ☐ No: (Place of Residence):

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

Lifelong San Franciscan involved in many land use and community quality-of-life issues including greening of the City where appropriate. Owner of a landmark tree.

Education:

College graduate

Business and/or professional experience:

Attended all full-council UFC meetings to date for the remaining period of Ms. Carolyn Blair's term on Seat 6 (ends on Nov. 18, 2010). Member of Landmark Tree Committee, sometimes attend Planning & Funding Committee meetings.

Civic Activities:

On Board of Jordan Park Improvement Association, work with other organizations and many, many City departments on projects and their impacts on the neighborhoods. Concerned about deforestation of the City's urban forest.

Ethnicity: (optional) Sex: (optional) ☐ M ☒ F

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Date: OCT. 4, 2010 Applicant's Signature: (required) Rose Hillson

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: Urban Forestry Council

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 4, 6, 7

Name: Andrew Justin Sullivan

Home Address: — Elizabeth Street, San Francisco, CA

Home Phone: 415 —

Occupation: Landscape Architect

Work Phone: 415.551.0090

Employer: Office of Cheryl Barton

Business Address: 146 11th Street, San Francisco, CA

Zip: 94103

Business E-Mail: asullivan@toocb.com

Home E-Mail: —

@gmail.com

Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States. ☒

At least 18 years old on or before Election Day. ☒

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction ☒

A resident of San Francisco ☒ Yes: ☐ No: (Place of Residence):

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

I am a Landscape Architect with a passion for improving the public realm and have nearly 20 years of experience working in many aspects of planning, design and construction of landscapes.

Education:

BLA; University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana

Business and/or professional experience:

1993-2000 Landscape Architect, Chicago, IL (various firms) 2000-2005 Office of Lawrence Halprin, SF  
2005-Present Office of Cheryl Barton, SF

Civic Activities:

Former board member for a non-profit sports organization that promotes equality, provides support to scholarship and outreach to youth.

Ethnicity: (optional) White

Sex: (optional) ☒ M ☐ F

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Date: 11.03.2010 Applicant's Signature: (required)

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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Application for Appointment to:

URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable):

PUBLIC/NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVE (seats 6, 7)

Name:

TERRY MILNE

Home Address:

RUTLEDGE ST

Zip: 94110

Home Phone:

415/

Occupation:

WRITER

Work Phone:

Business Address:

(same)

Zip:

Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States.



At least 18 years old on or before Election Day.



Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction



A resident of San Francisco



Yes:



No: (Place of Residence):

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

Incumbent member of Council for more than 10 years.  
Formerly Chair of Council for several years. Instrumental  
in pushing SF Urban Forest Plan  
and Landmark Tree Ordinance.

Business and/or professional experience:

Civic Activities:

Bernal Heights Tree Committee.  
Activist/advocate for open space and urban forest in  
Bernal Heights neighborhood.

Ethnicity: (optional)

Sex (optional)

M



F



Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Date: 1 Nov 2010 Applicant's Signature: (required)

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

Terry Milne

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Appointed to Seat #:

Term Expires:

Date Seat was Vacated:



To: Jane Kim/BOS/SFGOV, Sean Elsbernd/BOS/SFGOV, Mark Farrell/BOS/SFGOV,  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Subject: Fw: Terry Milne - support letter for UFC  
From: Linda Wong/BOS/SFGOV - Thursday 03/03/2011 08:40 AM

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— Forwarded by Linda Wong/BOS/SFGOV on 03/03/2011 08:42 AM —

From: Mike Boss <mbooss@rockandrose.com>  
To: linda.wong@sfgov.org  
Date: 03/02/2011 06:42 PM  
Subject: Terry Milne - support letter for UFC

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March 2, 2011

Dear Clerk of the Rules Committee

I am writing to support the appointment of Terry Milne to the Urban Forestry Council. I have known Terry for almost fifteen years, and have always admired his enthusiasm for and his efforts in civic duty.

As a member of the Urban Forestry Council for 4 years, and Chairman of the Landmark Tree Committee, I have had the opportunity to work with Terry on the Urban Forestry Council. Terry has been a very dedicated and capable member of the Council and has served admirably as Chair of the Council. He keeps on top of the issues and he attends both committee meetings and hearings.

In short, Terry has been an invaluable member of the Council, and I highly support his renewal for membership.

I strongly urge you to support his application for a seat on the Urban Forestry Council.

Sincerely,  
Mike Boss  
Former Urban Forestry Council Member and Chair of the Landmark Tree Committee

Mike Boss  
General Manager  
Rock & Rose Landscapes  
1615 Cortland Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415-824-3458 - phone; 415-824-3377 - fax  
[mbooss@rockandrose.com](mailto:mbooss@rockandrose.com)



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Application for Appointment to: Urban Forestry Council

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 5 or other seat, 4, 7

District: 9

Name: Bonnie Ora Sherk

Home Address: — Mirabel

Zip:

Home Phone: 415- —

Occupation: Founder & Director

Work Phone: 415-206-971-

Employer: Life Frames, Inc.

Business Address: 93 Mirabel

Zip: 94110

Business E-Mail: bonnieora@alivinglibrary.org

Home E-Mail: — @earthlink.net

Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States. ☒

At least 18 years old on or before Election Day. ☒

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction ☒

A resident of San Francisco ☒ Yes: ☐ No: (Place of Residence):

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

Please see attached information

Education:

Please see attached resume

Business and/or professional experience:

Please see attached information

Civic Activities:

Please see attached information

Ethnicity: (optional)

Sex: (optional) ☐ M ☒ F

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12/04/09





Urban Forestry Council Reappointment  
Bonnie Sherk to: jane.kim, Sean Elsbernd, mark.farrell  
Cc: Linda Wong

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**Dear Supervisors Kim, Elsbernd, and Farrell,**

**The Rules Committee will be reviewing applications for the Urban Forestry Council this Thursday. Unfortunately, I am in NYC this week on Living Library business, and will be unable to attend the Hearing. However, I wish to express my genuine interest in being reappointed to the Council for either the Non-profit, Education, or Community-at-Large Seat, as I am qualified for all of these Seats.**

**I have been actively engaged in ecological planning, systemic design, and greening communities and schools for over 3 decades, and have literally been responsible for planting and maintaining tens of thousands of trees and other plantings, and training thousands of people of all ages to do so as well.**

**Additionally, Life Frames, Inc., the non-profit that I founded and direct, is actively engaged at this time, in planting hundreds of California Native Trees in parks, schools, housing projects, along streets, and other open spaces with the community, creating a Nature Walk to help integrate, showcase, and frame the Islais Creek Watershed that links at least 11 communities in Southeastern and Southwestern San Francisco: Noe Valley, Mission, Bernal Heights, Potrero Hill, Bayview, Portola, Crocker-Amazon, Excelsior, OMI, Sunnyside, Glen Park. To date, as part of this effort, we have planted over 600 native trees in Bernal Heights leading to the Islais Creek at the south side of St. Mary's Park, funded by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.**

**Part of our initiative is also to call attention to, and expand, Green Skills Job Training opportunities to include tree planting, maintenance, ecological habitat rehabilitation, and other greening efforts.**

**We also work with over 900 children and youth each month, developing and maintaining our neighborhood Branch Living Library & Think Parks, year-round, during the school day, after school, and summers. Students are greening and transforming their school and community in the OMI/Excelsior at James Denman Middle School and San Miguel CDC; in Bernal Heights at**

**Junipero Serra Elementary School and Junipero Serra CDC; and in Chinatown, at Gordon Lau Elementary School and Commodore Stockton CDC - while learning math, science, history, language arts, arts, and technology, amongst other subjects, through hands-on, interdisciplinary participation, that also improves the public realm, and greatly expands the urban forest canopy.**

**Please see my attached letter of application and resume. Additional documents and articles were previously submitted.**

**I am sorry that I cannot be present at this Thursday's meeting to talk with you directly. I hope to be able to meet and talk with you at another time. Thank you for your kind consideration.**

**Sincerely, Bonnie Ora Sherk**

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors, City Hall  
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To the Rules Committee:

I am pleased to submit my application for reappointment to the Urban Forestry Council for either Seat # 5 or other, Non-Profit, Education, or Member of Community Seat, whichever is preferable to the Board. As a professional ecological planner, designer, and implementer of green public places, as well as being an educator of urban forestry and sustainable systems for all ages, I am qualified and would be honored to continue to serve the City in this capacity. I feel that I have much to contribute, particularly in helping to promote the use of site-sensitive California Native Trees and Understory, Multicultural Tree Plantings with culturally significant meaning(s), and Community Education about the need for developing, choosing, planting and maintaining our urban forest. Additionally, I am responsible for the planting of literally, many thousands of trees in San Francisco over many decades, beginning with my work as President and Founding Director of Crossroads Community (the farm) in 1974, which inspired the creation of a new City Park and was a pioneering, urban agriculture and arts community center that incorporated the freeway interchange at Army (Chavez) and Potrero, and transformed 7 acres of derelict land in the crossroads of four communities: Mission, Potrero, Bayview, Bernal Heights.

The non-profit that I founded in 1992, and still direct, *Life Frames, Inc.*, works with schools and communities throughout San Francisco and other parts of the country and world, to research, plan, design, and implement unique, ecological, place-based, hands-on learning environments, each called *A Living Library & Think Park*. *A Living Library (A.L.L.)* incorporates the local resources of each place – ecological, built, and multicultural – seen through the lens of time – past, present, future – and provides a powerful, systemic framework of linked assets with integrated community programs and curricula that inspires and implements relevant change in communities.

Three *Branch Living Libraries* are underway in San Francisco and several others are in the planning stages:

- The *OMI / Excelsior Living Library & Think Park* is transforming 3 public school campus' and adjacent streets, helping to mitigate flooding from the southern-most fork of the Islais Creek, and has planted hundreds of trees, created beautiful gardens and Learning Zones with students and community, all adding immeasurably to the urban forest canopy.
- The *South Bernal Heights Living Library & Think Park Nature Walk* began as an environmental transformation and Garden/Ecology/MultiArts/Literacy/Nutrition Program at Junipero Serra Child Development Center and Junipero Serra Elementary School, where we have school day and after school Living Library programs. The Nature Walk is growing and linking, transforming, and making more accessible, major resources in this community: several schools, a reservoir, two City parks, and many streets, all helping to begin to *Frame the Islais Creek Watershed*. The Opportunity, as envisioned, is that this *Nature Walk* will eventually link, and interconnect, at least 10 neighborhoods in this Watershed including Bernal Heights: Noe Valley, Mission, Potrero, Bay View, Portola, Crocker-Amazon, Excelsior, OMI, Sunnyside, Glen Park – while promoting tree planting, traffic calming and safety, providing flood mitigation, economic development, creating relevant community programs integrated with the environments, amongst other benefits. Several grants of close to 200K have been already been awarded to Life Frames by the California Department of Forestry for this endeavor, and already, we have planted over 500 California Native Trees in Bernal Heights. This work is being accomplished in cooperation with SF Recreation and Park Department, SF Housing Authority, SFDPW, SFUSD, neighbors, the Mayor's Office, and hundreds of other volunteers.
- The *Chinatown Living Library & Think Park* was launched in 2007 in conjunction with students, teachers, and parents from Gordon Lau Elementary School, Commodore Stockton Child Development Center,

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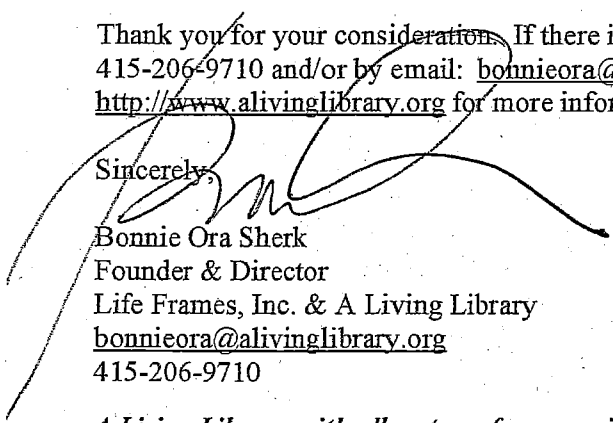
Chinatown Beacon, and neighbors. There, we are transforming the campus' of Gordon Lau, Commodore Stockton and surrounding streets. This Chinatown greening program is planting trees and themed gardens, installing rainwater harvesting cisterns, and bringing relief to this densely populated, formerly only concrete and asphalt environment. A Living Library also provides important hands-on ecological learning opportunities, including the planting of trees, for the children and adults of the neighborhood.

At these three San Francisco sites, Life Frames works with six schools and over 900 children and youth each month, year-round, planting and maintaining trees and other vegetation. It is an exciting and transformative learning program that also greatly improves the public realm, and adds considerably to San Francisco's forest canopy.

Enclosed is the completed application form, biographical materials, coverage on our work from the San Francisco Chronicle, and two articles that I wrote. One is currently on the United Nations Website featured in the UN Chronicle, titled, "*A Living Library: A Global Ecological Network Of Diversity And Commonality*". The other article was published in the United Nations DPI/NGO, September 07, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference Journal that was devoted to Climate Change. My article is, "*A Living Library & Think Park: Place-Based, Ecological Transformation of Schools & Communities.*"

Thank you for your consideration. If there is any additional information needed, kindly contact me by phone: 415-206-9710 and/or by email: [bonnieora@alivinglibrary.org](mailto:bonnieora@alivinglibrary.org). You may also like to visit our website: <http://www.alivinglibrary.org> for more information.

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# CLIMATE CHANGE: HOW IT **IMPACTS** US ALL

# **A Living Library & Think Park.**

## **Place-Based, Ecological Transformation of Schools & Communities**

**by Bonnie Ora Sherk, Founder and Director  
of Life Frames, Inc. & A Living Library**

### **Incorporate Local Resources & Help Develop a Local – Global Network of Diversity & Commonality for Sustainability & Education**

*A Living Library & Think Park* provides a powerful and systemic, ecological planning, design, and educational learning framework for transforming new or existing schools and communities into site and culturally-sensitive *Green Centers for Community*, while helping to solve multiple local problems simultaneously and sustainably.

Working with diverse stakeholders, including children, youth, parents, educators, and neighbors, *Life Frames, Inc.* designs and develops site and culturally-sensitive ecological and sustainable, indoor/outdoor community learning environments for all ages, in diverse places in the world – each called *A Living Library & Think Park*.

Incorporating local resources of the area – human, ecological, economic, historic, technological, and aesthetic – seen through the lens of time – past, present, and future – each unique *Branch Living Library* results in a content-rich, vibrant, indoor/outdoor, learning landscape or series of linked landscapes for all ages. Each is place-based, relevant, and can address multiple community concerns creatively and ecologically, while also serving as a vehicle for community and economic development of the area.

*A Living Library*, or *A.L.L.*, for short, is created with students (PreK-16) and adults through hands-on, interdisciplinary, standards-based curricula, bringing all subjects to life: math, science, history, language arts, arts, and technology. *A.L.L.* involves all ages in research, planning, design, implementation, use, maintenance, management, and communications.

Every part of the process of planning, developing, and maintaining *A Living Library & Think Park* becomes a relevant, hands-on, *real world* learning opportunity that helps to revitalize communities while simultaneously providing exciting educational experiences and green skills job training for all ages, and also helps mitigate local issues, like flooding, drought, air pollution, wastewater conservation, and improves underused, sterile concrete or blighted places. This is accomplished through creative ecological and systemic design solutions that come from *A Living Library* framework and processes, leading to the development of content-rich, sustainable, transformed landscapes created by all sectors of community – including children, youth, adults, elders, and the disabled.

This comprehensive and systemic planning, design, and integrated education approach, targets and involves all sectors of the community including local and regional community groups and individuals, and diverse agencies within local city, state, national, and international governments.

*A Living Library* is a metaphor: Everyone and Everything on Earth and in Space is part of *A Living Library* – people, birds, trees, air, water – and all the things we create, such as: parks, gardens, schools, curricula, artworks, networks, communities, businesses, celebrations.

By participating in *A.L.L.*'s framework, processes, and methodologies, we learn and understand that culture and technology are interconnected and part of nature – a fundamentally important systemic idea. *A Life Frame* provides a way to frame life, so we can see it and experience it more profoundly. *A Think Park* helps us to think, feel, and be more empathetic.

The vision and opportunity is to create *Branch Living Libraries* in diverse places of the world, linked electronically and programmatically, live, through state-of-the-art interactive communications technologies. This will bring communities and ecologies together locally and globally, forming an international network of diversity and commonality.

When interconnected, through interactive broadcast, and viewed through *Green-Powered Digital Gateways*, each *Branch Living Library* also showcases and celebrates the local place and its resources through its *A.L.L. Multimedia Digital Archives*, ~~306~~ stored by all ages of participants, documenting

their community's transformations as one of many *Living Library* integrated educational and multi-cultural programs.

All of these elements help provide magnetic visibility for each locale, attracting new resources to the community, while also creating profound opportunities to appreciate and understand distant cultures and ecologies. *When we learn all that we can about our local place, from that we can extrapolate and learn about the world.*

By discovering and celebrating our local resources, and experiencing the diversity and commonalities through participation in a global network of *Branch Living Libraries*, we will be closer to creating and sustaining world peace and prosperity for all species on Earth. And, locally, we will be creating healthy, sustainable communities, integrated with life-long learning for all.



**BEFORE: NOVEMBER, 1999**—Barren, sterile Streetscape at OMI/ Excelsior Living Library & Think Park in front of James Denman Middle School and behind San Miguel Child Development Center, San Francisco, CA

**AFTER: MAY, 2006** - Same Streetscape becomes a California Native Uplands Learning Zone planted with drought tolerant native trees and understory, integrated with children's artworks at OMI/ Excelsior Living Library & Think Park in front of James Denman Middle School and behind San Miguel Child Development Center, San Francisco, CA



**DURING: DECEMBER, 1999** - Students transforming the Streetscape and creating new California Native Uplands Learning Zone by digging holes and planting drought tolerant California Native Trees at OMI/ Excelsior Living Library & Think Park in front of James Denman Middle School and behind San Miguel Child Development Center, San Francisco, California

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# A lesson in S.F. history that runs through Islais Creek, its watershed

Invaluable font of water hidden from sight but not hearts

Even when you banish a creek from view, it has a way of making its presence known.

San Francisco's Islais Creek is mostly out of sight — running through an underground culvert except for a stretch in Glen Park and its bay outfall at Third Street. That's the creek that runs under Balboa High School, where it occasionally floods the cafeteria, and the Alameda Housing Project, also reportedly subject to wet spells.

Bonnie Ora Sherk is among those who'd rather try to keep it in mind even when it's not in sight.

Last week we described Sherk's involvement with the San Miguel Child Development Center on Seneca Avenue, where native trees

have redeemed a sterile cityscape and a school garden has become what the local artist and landscape architect calls the OMI (Ocean-view-Merced-Ingleside)/Excelstor Living Library and Think Park. The garden's lively student-designed mosaic murals depict, among many other things, historic Islais Creek.

"Water from Islais Creek was once the most valuable water in San Francisco," Sherk told us last month. "It was used after the 1906 earthquake. It feeds down from San Bruno Mountain through the Cayuga Valley. Then two forks join and go out to the Islais Channel at Third Street." The Islais Creek watershed is the city's largest, linking nine neighborhoods as disparate as Noe Valley and Bayview.

"Islais" comes from "slay," an American Indian name for the holly leaf cherries — shrubby trees with shiny tooth-edged evergreen

leaves — that used to line its banks. Central and Southern California Indians processed the cherry pits into flour. The name first appeared on a Mexican map in 1834. The cherries still grow on San Bruno Mountain, but they're long gone from San Francisco.

By the 1850s, water from Islais Creek irrigated the produce gardens of the Bayview's Portuguese, Italian and Irish growers. It wasn't long, though, before the creek was befouled with offal and sewage from the slaughterhouses of Butchertown. People began to refer to it by the name of that proverbial creek that we have all been up, without a paddle. After 1906, much of Islais Creek was "reclaimed" with rubble from the quake.

Even in its diminished state, the creek fires Sherk's imagination. "This watershed won't leave me alone," she said. "It turns out I've been working in the same watershed all these years." That work began with an urban farm and art center at Army Street and Potrero Avenue and evolved into the Living Libraries at San Miguel and at Junipero Serra Elementary School and Child Development Center near Holly Park.

Its most recent extension is the Bernal Heights Nature Walk, framing the Islais watershed from the south slope of Bernal Heights to St. Mary's Park.

Sherk acknowledges that she is "doing rehabilitation rather than restoration," looking for "places where water can be liberated." She sees San Francisco's Better Streets Program as a chance to redefine and redesign the city's streets: "I'd like to see Cesar Chavez Street redesigned as more serpentine to reflect the water underneath. There's no reason a street has to be straight. That's Cartesian old thinking. Solutions will become obvious — the place will tell us what it can be."

For now, her focus is on the living frame. In Noe Valley at Holly



Photo by BONNIE ORA SHERK

Junipero Serra students, including Angelina Molina, Angeles Alva Villatoro, Esmeralda Acosta, and Martin Sanchez, above from left, planted native trees and shrubs at Holly Park.



natives are ugly." The planting is being funded by the California Department of Forestry; the Mayor's Office of Community Development and the San Francisco Foundation also provided financial support.

We visited the park last month,

**Islais Creek history:**

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when neighborhood volunteers were assisting Recreation and Park Department crews with more plantings. Rec and Park's John Miller, in charge of Holly Park, stopped by. "Some Bonnie reminds me of Julia Hears," Miller joked.

More oaks and other drought-tolerant trees will go in around the Alameda project and College Hill Reservoir. St. Mary's Park will get a riparian mix of species, including Islais Creek's namesake holly leaf cherries. The goal is to have 500 trees in the ground by March.

Sherk sees art as another key component of the Nature Walk. "On Onaida Street we have giant polychrome wooden cutouts of students' leaf and flower drawings. There are opportunities for creating narrative artworks — murals and sculptures — that will celebrate local ecologies, histories and cultures."

The Nature Walk is not just a woman's crusade. The design evolved through a series of community meetings, and more are planned. "In calling attention to the watershed," says Sherk, "we have the opportunity to demonstrate the interconnectedness of these diverse communities." It's her way of recognizing the complex ecology of San Francisco, and the unacknowledged links among natural and human histories.

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# 'Living library' teaches more than gardening

## Public spaces a natural classroom for math, science

**W**e've been spending lots of time and column inches on school and other public and community gardens over the past few years, so it was inevitable we'd ask each other, "Why didn't we have this stuff when we were in school?"

It's almost enough to make one (or two) believe in the Myth of Progress. We were in grade school in the 1950s — good schools with decent buildings and modern teaching techniques: kindergartens, SRA reading kits, early IQ testing, Dick and Jane "See Spot run" readers.

But when Joe spent recess looking at bugs in the weedy border strip, it was considered odd behavior. When Ron's parish got the whole playground/Sunday parking lot covered in asphalt, it was considered an advance of civilization. We might have planted beans in Dixie cups and pulled them up later to see their roots, but that was as close to nature as we got in the school day then.

We didn't know beans about the native plant and animal life in Arkansas or Pennsylvania or meet much of it up close and personal except what we collected ourselves: Joe's infamous cocoon that hatched a flock of black widow spiders on his mother's curtains; Ron's cecropia moth resonantly beating itself to death in a big pretzel can and violets stolen from the woods shriveling in the sun by the south wall. Our only defense is that we didn't know any better — and that fact is indefensible.

It's encouraging that people are starting to rip up pavement in cities and to daylight urban creeks. It's even more encouraging that they're getting the kids involved, that field trips to real fields

are more common than they were in the 1950s. Most encouraging, though, is the fact that gardens — food gardens, herb gardens, flower gardens, native-plant gardens — are being not only planted around schools, but incorporated into curricula.

There's much more to be learned in a garden than gardening, and gardening itself incorporates a great fraction of what schoolkids need to learn.

Fractions are part of it. Mathematics from simple arithmetic to geometry and even calculus; astronomy, for seasonal sun and shade patterns; geology and soil science; chemistry, hydrology, physics, engineering; natural history; and biology of all kinds, from microbes to mammals, all come into play in garden making. Science isn't foreign to humans; it's our natural language.

So are culinary and other arts. You can garden for color or form, for scent and sound. You can see firsthand how rough winds do shake the darling buds of May and how short summer's lease is. To lack that language is to be culturally deprived.

It's heartening to see natural literacy being encouraged in a place like San Francisco's San Miguel Child Development Center, near Balboa High School, and to see it done in a way that embraces school, neighborhood and watershed.

Bonnie Ora Sherk, local artist, landscape architect and visionary, has been working there for 10 years. "In 1998, I thought it was one of the most depressing places I'd ever seen," she recalled. That was before the street in front of the school was lined with native trees, and before the San Miguel gardens had been planted.

The lower garden is now an engaging and much-loved space. Everything — food plants, ornamentals, the composter — has a bilingual or trilingual label. (Now we



Photos by RON SULLIVAN / Special to The Chronicle

**At San Miguel Child Development Center**, students experiment with fava beans, above, in soils from different areas of San Francisco, or they might find student art, top right, and helpful worms, right.

know what "abono" — fertilizer — means.) Student art is everywhere: brightly painted butterflies, birds, the occasional plesiosaur. A hedge has been transformed into a coiling dragon. In one corner, you can sit on hay bales and drink herb tea brewed from student-grown ingredients.

A more recent project, San Miguel's upper garden, reclaimed an asphalt wasteland. (Sometimes the arrow of "progress" can be reversed.) Students helped make the hundreds of ceramic stepping stones that form an ADA-accessible pathway. A contingent from Grinnell College planted redwood trees for a reading circle.

People from the neighborhood — not just parents — meet at the school every month to share potluck meals and ideas. It's all part of what Sherk calls a living library — "a framework for making profound systemic changes in local communities." Long term, Sherk wants to use street redesign, tree

plantings and art to frame the watershed of Islais Creek, which flows under Balboa's football field.

We met Daniella Alvarez, who's been mentoring San Miguel students through the New Door Ventures program, and asked her what she liked there. "It's outside and I get to work with my hands," she told us. "When I first came, I was very prissy and afraid of everything. Now I'm not afraid of bugs anymore. Or as much."

On one level, that's what it's about: encountering the natural world and being not as much afraid of it. It's our heritage and human right.

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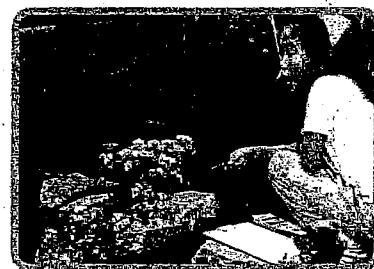
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## **FRAME THE ISLAIS CREEK WATERSHED: CREATE A.L.L. CULTURE-ECOLOGY-TECHNOLOGY LINKED NEIGHBORHOODS**

### ***A Phased Development Project***

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Incorporate systemic ecological design to link open spaces, parks, schools, streets, transportation corridors in diverse neighborhoods and *Frame the Islais Creek Watershed*, simultaneously serving multiple functions, while supporting the Mayor's Greening Initiatives, Better Streets Program, and SFPUC's Sewage System Improvement Program Project Priorities:

- ***Call Attention To, and Frame the Islais Creek Watershed***, through development of a new narrative, expressive landscape of integrated elements that link and reunite several San Francisco communities: Noe Valley, Bernal Heights, Mission, Bayview, Potrero Hill, Portola, Excelsior, Sunnyside, Glen Park - through their connection to the Islais Creek Watershed.
- ***Mitigate flooding*** from the Islais and Precita Creeks in areas of flood plain and reduce volume of flow in sewer system and the Bay.
- ***Plant native riparian and uplands trees and native understory in schools, open spaces, parks, and along transportation corridors*** – reconfiguring streets, medians, sidewalks, and other public places, when possible, to help stop flooding, beautify local environs, while re-attracting wildlife.
- ***Provide traffic calming, bike and pedestrian paths, and seating areas, where possible.***
- ***Discover areas of Creek that may be daylighted:*** along Highway 280; near Balboa HS and Denman MS, south end of St. Mary's Park, Farmer's Market area, 101 Interchange area, along Cesar Chavez, Precita Park, Potrero del Sol Park, multiple other opportunities.
- ***Develop, with community artists, themed narrative murals and other artworks*** along the corridors that celebrate local ecologies, history, and cultures - past, present, future.
- ***Attract new businesses to underserved neighborhoods*** by adding charm and interest to neighborhoods by creating an *A.L.L. ECO/Culture Zone* in each community.
- ***Celebrate uniqueness of each neighborhood; transform and beautify it; and make it safer***, by showcasing local resources: ecological, built, and multicultural – past, present, future – through creation of *A.L.L. Multimedia Digital Archives* developed in concert with community residents, including youth, and displayed on green-powered, sculptural *Digital Gateways* throughout Watershed and open spaces, while linking neighborhoods through live interactive broadcast.
- ***Link BART stations in Islais Creek Watershed:*** Balboa; Glen Park; 24<sup>th</sup> Street through live, interactive connections between sites and displays of local *A.L.L. Multimedia Archives*.
- ***Create meaningful intergenerational ecological learning programs and multiple community educational, stewardship, and civic engagement opportunities*** including Green Skills Job Training, linking interrelated subjects based on *A.L.L. Framework, Standards-Based Curriculum, and Watershed*.
- ***Link existing Branch Living Library sites*** in Excelsior, Bernal Heights, Chinatown, and Roosevelt Island, NYC communities through interactive programs and live broadcast; link with *Branch Living Library* sites as they emerge in diverse parts of the world – creating local and global opportunities.
- ***Link multiple city and state agencies, community groups, and individuals*** in processes & opportunities.

The main streets to involve and transform may include sections of: Cesar Chavez, 101 Freeway Interchange, Mission Street, Evans Avenue, Third Street, Alemany Blvd., Highway 280, Geneva Avenue, Cayuga Avenue, other opportunities.



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Bonnie Ora Sherk, W.B.E. in San Francisco and San Jose, and **Founder & Director of Life Frames, Inc. & A Living Library**, is an environmental architect, planner, educator, author, and artist with over 35 years experience in conceiving, planning, designing, and developing, site and culturally sensitive, indoor/outdoor, themed, **Multi-culture/Ecology/Technology Park and Schoolyard environments** that are integrated with vibrant **community programming**, relevant **interdisciplinary project-based curricula linkages to schools** (PreK-College), and **community-originated products**. Ms. Sherk's systemic designs often include innovative funding opportunities and mechanisms for generation of revenue, as well as sustainable, organizational, maintenance, and management strategies. Sherk's work integrates extensive community involvement resulting in a *social weaving* of all sectors of community, often through the creation of **Community Research Mentoring Teams**. Projects result in innovative community and economic development strategies that give heightened visibility to a locale and meaningfully synergize local resources: human, ecological, economic, historic, technological, & aesthetic.

**Examples include:**

- Creator of the internationally recognized, *A Living Library / Life Frame / Think Park* concepts & content-rich systemic, ecological plans for diverse sites around country that include innovative community processes, programs, and curricula as well as funding, maintenance, & management strategies for community. Provides economic revitalization & enhancement for area including extensive community / student involvement & high visibility for locale. Sherk's *A Living Library Framework & Model* was nominated by Steve Jobs of Apple Computers, Inc. for a *Smithsonian Computerworld Award* in the category of "Environment, Agriculture, & Energy" and was suggested by the Secretary General of the United Nations Habitat 11 Programme to become part of the "World's Best Practices & Local Leadership of Habitat 11".
- ASLA award - *Guadalupe Gardens*, San Jose, member Master Planning Design Team for 150 acre park adjacent to San Jose International Airport. Responsible for community and resource programming with integration of state-of-the-art communications technologies. Identified & involved extensive local community including schools in planning process & ongoing programs.
- **Lincoln Unified School District**, Stockton, California, member, Master Planning Design Team with Concordia Architects for new campus with integrated programs & curricula for students & community. Project considered state-of-the-art model for national educational reform, campus design, & community involvement.
- Award -Winning, *Crossroads Community (the farm)* resulted in new 7 acre inner- city Farm Park in San Francisco - Potrero del Sol & community environmental education & arts center integrating land fragments (DPW, Rec-Park, private owners) adjacent to major Freeway interchange. Sherk was creator of concept & Founding Director/President of 501C3 non-profit that initiated the project and involved local surrounding communities in process. Project generated extensive national & international coverage and became model for other community projects.

**EDUCATION**

M.A. San Francisco State University, Environmental Sculpture  
Certificate, Landscape Architecture, University of California Extension  
Teaching Credentials: New York, New Jersey, California (K-12)  
B.A. Rutgers University, Douglass College-Art (Honors)  
Certificate - Oomoto School of Traditional Japanese Arts- Kameoka, Japan

**SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS**

2006, 2008	Appointed by SF Board of Supervisors to SF Urban Forestry Council
2000	Named a Laureate of the Smithsonian Institution for A Living Library
2000	Life Frames, Inc. & A Living Library become part of the Permanent Research Collection of Smithsonian's Museum of American History; featured on Smithsonian Computerworld Website
2000	A Living Library & Life Frames, Inc. nominated for Smithsonian Computerworld Award in the category of "Environment, Energy, & Agriculture" by Steve Jobs of Apple Computers, Inc.
1999	Named "Outstanding Healing Artist of the Arts & Healing Network for the Year 2001" by Marion Rockefeller Weber, Founder & Director, Arts & Healing Network
1996	"Biennial Honor Award, ASLA, 1995 (Northern California Chapter) -"Building & Community" - Guadalupe Gardens Master Plan, San Jose. Member Design Team with Tito Patri
1993	Member design team, St. Vincent's/Silveira Ranch, New Sustainable Living 'Learning Community As A Life Frame, San Rafael, CA, 3rd place, National Competition
1987	Redesign of Todos Santos Plaza- Concord, Ca. National Competition, Runner-Up Winner. Collaboration with Mark Bunnell, ASLA
1977	San Francisco Tomorrow Environment Award
1973	San Francisco Art Commission Merit Award
1970	MADEMOISELLE MAGAZINE Woman of the Year Award
1970	San Francisco Museum of Modern Art SECA Vernal Equinox Award for <i>Portable Parks 1-111</i>

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## SELECTED PROJECTS

### 2007 - Present

#### **Project Director & Chief Designer**

#### **Chinatown Living Library & Think Park**

**With Commodore Stockton Child Development Center, Gordon Lau Elementary School, and larger Chinatown community**

Development of Interdisciplinary, hands-on Living Library, year-round, school day and after-school program for PreK-School Age students. Developed and implemented plans for ecological transformation of school yards and development of integrated gardens and landscapes based on local resources of community – past, present, future. . Will be linked electronically with multiple Branch Living Libraries. Ongoing hands-on, standards-based Living Library Garden/Ecology/Arts Programs PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade with local schools.

### 2002-- Present

#### **Project Director & Chief Designer**

#### **Bernal Heights Living Library & Think Park Nature Walk**

**with Junipero Serra Child Development Center, Junipero Serra Elementary School, SF Recreation & Park Department, SFPUC, SFPDW, Housing Authority, SFUSD, Neighbors, & others, San Francisco, California**

Development of Conceptual Master Plan for environmental and educational transformation to engage the community and its resources into a unique Bernal Heights Living Library & Think Park in diverse parts of this low income, multicultural community. Planted hundreds of California Native Trees with community as part of Nature Walk linking parks, schools, streets, and other open spaces leading to Islais Creek. First portion of Nature Walk to eventually frame Islais Creek Watershed, linking 9 communities in Southeast and Southwest San Francisco. Will be linked electronically with multiple Branch Living Libraries. Ongoing hands-on, standards-based Living Library Garden/Ecology/Arts Programs PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade with local schools as part of Bernal Heights Program.

### 2001-Present

#### **Project Director & Chief Designer**

#### **Roosevelt Island Living Library & Think Park**

**with PS/IS 217, Roosevelt Island Seniors Association, Roosevelt Island Artists Association, Roosevelt Island Disabled Association, Roosevelt Island Residents Association, RIOC Roosevelt Island, New York City**

Organizing the community and development of Conceptual Master Plan for environmental and educational transformation to aid in community and economic development of the area. Engaging the community and its resources – ecological, built, and multicultural - to develop a unique Roosevelt Island Living Library & Think Park in diverse parts of this low income, multicultural community. Will be linked with multiple Branch Living Libraries. Ongoing hands-on, standards-based Living Library Garden/Ecology/Arts Programs K-8<sup>th</sup> grade with PS/IS 217, Coler-Goldwater Hospita and other community members.

**1998 - Present**

**Project Director & Chief Designer**

**OMI / Excelsior Living Library & Think Park**

**with James Denman Middle School, Balboa High School, San Miguel Child Development Center, SF Department of the Environment, SF Recreation & Park Department, SF PUC, Neighbors, Other Agencies & Community Groups**  
**San Francisco, California**

Environmental & educational transformation of three typical "factory model" public schools which sit on a contiguous piece of land of nine acres in what used to be a fertile river valley and is now a mostly concrete, asphalt environment surrounded by chain-linked fences. Transformation of site through creation of indoor / outdoor Learning Zones based on ecological, built, and cultural resources of area - past, present, and future. Includes work with currently culverted, flooding river and rehabilitating riparian habitat and creation of multicultural gardens. Student, teacher, parent, and community involvement in all aspects of creation, use, maintenance, management, and communication through interdisciplinary project-based learning linked to the curricula of the schools. Includes arts and communications technologies integrated into landscape. Ongoing hands-on, standards-based Living Library Garden/Ecology/Arts Programs PreK-High School with local schools and community. Also, Environmental Skills Training Program for Adults.

**May 1992 – 2001 – Founder & President**

**2001 – Present – Founder & Executive Director**

**Life Frames®, Inc.**

**New York, New York**

**San Francisco, California**

Established a non-profit 501 C3 Corporation to develop content-rich site and culturally sensitive indoor/outdoor culture-ecology-technology Think Parks®, Living Libraries®, and Life Frames® in different communities around the world with integrated programs, curricula, and products, to be linked electronically. Each integrates local resources: human, ecological, historic, technological, and aesthetic and creates a social weaving of all sectors of community to be involved in the creation, use, maintenance, management, and communications of all elements.

**March 1981 - Present**

**Founder & Executive Director/Chief Designer**

**A LIVING LIBRARY®**

**New York, New York**

**San Francisco, California**

Responsible for over-all concept, integrated environmental and program design for creation of A LIVING LIBRARY, an indoor/outdoor culture-ecology-technology park, lifelong learning magnet, and linked with international network of such parks, each integrated with programs, curricula, and products that bring the local cultural & ecological diversity of the area to life through plants and other living forms, the built and ecological environment(s), all the arts, state-of-the-art communications technologies, and diverse educational, ecological, and entertaining activities. Formed Board Advisors, non-profit corporation called Life Frames®,

Inc., led negotiations with government, corporate, and community leaders in New York City, San Francisco, and other cities in the country and abroad. Developed innovative uses for new communications technologies for an international interactive network and unique educational strategies for a multigenerational and multicultural public. Developed new maintenance techniques for urban public open spaces that utilize existing resources promoting community stewardship, education, job creation, and economic development.

**July 1985 - May 1986**

**Producer/Director/Designer**

**A GARDEN OF KNOWLEDGE**

**New York, New York & Houston, Texas**

Developed traveling interactive installation as mini-demonstration for A LIVING LIBRARY. Involved corporations, teachers & students (K-College), professional artists, horticulturists, video/computer technologists in environmental exhibition. Produced interactive videodisk and electronic "Tree of Knowledge".

**May 1974 - November 1980**

**Founding Executive Director/President**

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY (THE FARM)**

**San Francisco, California**

Creator of integrated concept and environmental plan for new city Farm Park and environmental education and culture center. Directed implementation. Developed non-profit corporation and formed Board of Directors and Advisors. Coordinated participation of city, state, and federal agencies, and private corporations and foundations in community development projects. Managed paid staff and volunteers. Oversaw operation of programs including capital improvements and open space acquisition. Designed, wrote, and presented winning visual proposals; developed and administered budgets and grants; negotiated contracts. Initiated and led successful campaign for city to acquire and develop multi-million dollar park. Developed mechanisms for projects to produce revenue. Designed and implemented innovative and ongoing public educational programs and exhibitions for all ages in environmental education, agriculture, and all the arts. Created programs that promoted ecological sensitivity and multi-ethnic and international diversity for an intergenerational and multi-economic public including teens, young children, senior citizens, and at-risk students. Involved participation of individuals and classes from over 75 schools (K-College) with programs linking nature and the arts with math, language arts, civics, history, science; worked with teachers in curriculum development; Generated extensive media coverage for events and projects.

## **EDUCATION**

M.A. San Francisco State University, Environmental Sculpture

Certificate, Landscape Architecture, University of California Extension, San Francisco

Teaching Credentials: New York, New Jersey, California (K-12)

B.A. Rutgers University, Douglass College-Art (Honors)

Certificate - Oomoto School of Traditional Japanese Arts- Kameoka, Japan



## AWARDS, HONORS, & SELECTED GRANTS

2009	San Francisco Foundation – Capacity Building
2009	RIOC – Roosevelt Island Living Library at PS/IS 217
2007-10	DCYF- Multiple Year Grants for SF Branch Living Library Programs
2007-12	California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection for Bernal Heights Living Library & Think Park Nature Walk
2006	Appointed by SF Board of Supervisors to SF Urban Forestry Council
2005	San Francisco Foundation for South Bernal Heights Living Library
2003	California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection for OMI/Excelsior Living Library & Think Park
2003	The Ford Foundation for OMI / Excelsior Living Library & Think Park (San Francisco) and Roosevelt Island Living Library & Think Park (NYC) Programs
2002-07	Mayor's Office of Children, Youth, and Families for OMI / Excelsior & South Bernal Heights Living Library & Think Park Programs
2002-04	Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Beautification for OMI / Excelsior Living Library & Think Park
2002	SF Art Commission for OMI / Excelsior Living Library & Think Park
2002	SF Mayor's Office of Community Development to develop Conceptual Master Plan for South Bernal Heights Living Library & Think Park
2001	SF Mayor's Office of Community Development to develop Conceptual Master Plan for OMI / Excelsior Living Library & Think Park
2000	Named a Laureate of the Smithsonian Institution for A Living Library
2000	A Living Library becomes part of the permanent research collection of Smithsonian's Museum of American History and featured on the Smithsonian Computerworld Website
2000	A Living Library & Life Frames, Inc. nominated for Smithsonian Computerworld Award in the category of "Environment, Energy, & Agriculture" by Steve Jobs of Apple Computers, Inc.
2000	San Francisco Beautiful Grant - OMI / Excelsior Living Library & Think Park
1999	Named "Outstanding Healing Artist of the Arts & Healing Network for the Year 2001" by Marion Rockefeller Weber, Founder & Director, Arts & Healing Network
1999	Miranda Lux Foundation - OMI / Excelsior Living Library & Think Park
1999; 00; 01	Potrero Nuevo Fund of the Tides Foundaton - OMI / Excelsior Living Library & Think Park Program
1996-97	San Francisco Foundation Grant - Civic Center Living Library Project
1996-97	Columbia Foundation Grant for Civic Center Living Library Project
1996	"Biennial Honor Award, ASLA, 1995 (Northern California Chapter) - "Building & Community" - for Guadalupe Gardens Master Plan, San Jose. Member Design Team with Tito Patri
1993	Member design team, St. Vincent's/Silveira Ranch, New Sustainable Living `Learning Community As A Life Frame, San Rafael, California, 3rd place, National Competition
1987	Redesign of Todos Santos Plaza- Concord, Ca. National Competition,

- 1980; 1975 Runner-Up Winner. Collaboration with Mark Bunnell, ASLA  
 NEA Individual Artist's Fellowships  
 1975-79 CAC Grants  
 1977 San Francisco Tomorrow Environment Award  
 1976-79 NEA Grants: Expansion Arts, Architecture & Environmental Arts, City Spirit, Visual Arts  
 1974-80 Numerous Foundation Grants for THE FARM  
 1975-79 California Arts Council Project Grants  
 1973 San Francisco Art Commission Merit Award  
 1970 MADEMOISELLE MAGAZINE Woman of the Year Award  
 1970 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art SECA Award

## SELECTED CONSULTANCIES

### 2006-Present

Consultant to diverse stakeholders in community of Chinatown, San Francisco including Commodore Stockton Child Development Center, Gordon Lau Elementary School, Chinatown Beacon, parents, neighbors, and other local resources to create a unique *Chinatown Living Library & Think Park* at both school sites based on local ecological, built, multicultural resources linked to *Branch Living Libraries* as they emerge.

### 2002-present

Consultant to diverse stakeholders in community of Bernal Heights, San Francisco including Junipero Serra Child Development Center, Junipero Serra Elementary School, public housing project, other neighbors and incorporating local resources to create unique *Bernal Heights Living Library & Think Park Nature Walk* based on local ecological, built, multicultural resources linked to *Branch Living Libraries* as they emerge.

### 2001-present

Consultant to multiple stakeholders in Roosevelt Island, New York City to create a unique *Roosevelt Island Living Library & Think Park* based on the local ecological, built, and multicultural resources to be linked to *Branch Living Libraries* in diverse locales.

### 1998-present

Consultant to James Denman Middle School, San Miguel Child Development Center, Balboa High School to develop an ecological, multicultural, and technological *OMI / Excelsior Living Library & Think Park Master Plan* to transform the indoor/outdoor facilities and link the three schools with Balboa Park, City College, and other community resources to the schools as *Centers of Community*. Work to include development of Community Research Mentoring Teams, real-world project-based curricula, teacher training, Natural Resources Training for community, and assessments of program

### 1995-97

*Life Frames, Inc.* - Preliminary conceptual design with integrated programs and curricula to rearticulate historic San Francisco Civic Center into sustainable 21st century lifelong learning magnet for whole community that celebrates the past, present, and future. Involved and received support from all sectors of community including public and private schools K-College, foundations, international & multicultural groups, and environmental organizations, Sister Cities.

### 1994-95

Lincoln Unified School District, Stockton, Ca., Member Educational Design Team to

- create new high school as farm with student & teacher participation & all aspects of built & natural environments integrated into interdisciplinary curriculum
- 1993 Eastside Union High School District, San Jose, Cal., Design Team Facilitator for conceptual redesign of existing high school as A Living Library
- 1993 Indianapolis Children's Museum, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Conceptual Redesign of indoor/outdoor integrated systems facilities
- 1992-93  
Member design team with Tito Patri & Associates to develop Master Plan for Guadalupe Gardens, 150 acres, San Jose, Ca. Involved all sectors of community including schools K-College
- 1991 NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio Conceptual plans to develop A Living Library in conjunction with Lewis Research Center Education Department
- 1991 Monkey Jungle, Miami, Florida; conceptual development plans for Life Frame
- 1989 City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, conceptual development plans to create A Living Library for the city of Harrisburg
- 1987-89  
National Park Service, Washington, D.C., Harper's Ferry, West Va. Plans for NPS Interarts Program; NPS Living History Columbus Quincentennial Program; Presented idea of a national park as A Living Library
- 1981 Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, Schematic Plans for renovation of NY & NJ Entrance/Exit Areas to Holland Tunnel

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Appointed Member, San Francisco Urban Forestry Council  
 Appointed Member, California State School Garden Council  
 Board Member, Youth Arts New York  
 Laureate, Smithsonian Institution  
 Advisory Board Member, National Learning Foundation, Washington, D.C.  
 Advisory Board Member, Solutions: Town Hall, San Francisco, California  
 Member, San Francisco Green Schoolyards Alliance  
 Member, SPUR/AIA Civic Center Task Force, San Francisco, California

## SPECIAL SKILLS

**Systemic Ecological Design** - Environmental, Landscape, & Urban Design; Planning, Development, & Implementation integrated with Ecological & Interdisciplinary Community Programs / Interdisciplinary, standards-based curricula, PreK-12 / products

**Community Participation, Facilitation, Visioning, Organizing;** working with youth and children; multicultural communities

**Systemic Strategic Planning/Creative Problem-Solving / Integrated Ecological Systems**

**New Applications for Communications Technologies** and displays

**Security Innovations**

**Creative Research, Documentation, and Evaluation**

**Public Speaking / Networking / Mobilizing**

**Marketing / Fundraising / Public Relations / Advertising**

**Teaching / Curriculum Design / Teacher Training  
Writing / Grant Writing**

**SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Teacher Staff Development & Student Training**

	James Denman M.S., San Miguel Child Development Center, Junipero Serra Child Development Center, Junipero Serra Elementary School, Gordon Lau Elementary School, Commodore Stockton Child Development Center, S.F., CA. PS/IS 217, Roosevelt Island, N.Y.
Instructor	San Francisco Institute of Architecture, S.F., Ca.
Graduate Mentor / Instructor	Arts & Consciousness Graduate Program, JFK University, Berkeley, California
Sculptor-In-Residence	Tyler School of Art, Temple Univ. Philadelphia, Pa.
Dartington College	Totnes, England
California College of Arts & Crafts	Oakland, California
San Francisco State University	San Francisco, California
Antioch College West	San Francisco, California

Credentialed Teacher in elementary & secondary schools for all populations including at-risk, special education, and physically handicapped students in New York, New York City, New Jersey, California

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

French; some Spanish, Japanese, Chinese

**SELECTED SEMINARS, PANELS, SYMPOSIA, & LECTURES**

- 2010 *A Living Library – Local & Global Vision for Ecological Transformation of Schools & Communities*, Rotary International, San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 *A Living Library – Local & Global Vision for Ecological Transformation of Schools & Communities*, 4<sup>th</sup> International Forum on Education for Sustainable Development, Beijing Academy of Educational Sciences & UNESCO, Beijing, China
- 2009 Moderator, Rising Tides Conference Panel, *Sustainable Design & Materials*, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
- 2008 *A Living Library & Think Park Network*, UNESCO & Beijing Academy, Guangzhou, China
- 2008 *A Living Library & Think Park: Place-Based, Ecological Transformation of Schools & Communities*, Green Building & Technology Summit, Sacramento, California
- 2007 *A Living Library & Think Park: Place-Based, Ecological Transformation of Schools & Communities*, Green Schools Summit, Pasadena, California
- 2007 *A Living Library – Local & Global Vision for Ecological Transformation of Schools & Communities*, 3<sup>rd</sup> International Forum on Education for Sustainable Development, Beijing Academy of Educational Sciences & UNESCO, Beijing, China
- 2006 *Evolution of Life Frames*, California College of Art, San Francisco, Ca.
- 2006 *A Living Library*, SPUR, Noon Lecture, San Francisco, Ca.

- 2006 Ecological Design: The Unstoppable Wave 3, Keynote Speaker, San Francisco, Ca.
- 2005 San Francisco Institute of Architecture, San Francisco, California
- 2005 *A Living Library*, SPUR, Noon Lecture, San Francisco, Ca.
- 2004 Ecological Design: The Unstoppable Wave 2, Keynote Speaker, Oakland, Ca.
- 2002 Ecological Design: The Unstoppable Wave, Keynote Speaker, Berkeley, Ca.
- 2001 Connect: Kids Who Think & Do; Project Based Learning Conference; San Francisco, Ca.
- 2000 US Department of Education; "Improving America's Schools Conferences; Partnership for Family Involvement In Education; Sacramento, California; Washington, DC  
1999; 2000; 2001; 2002  
San Francisco Institute of Architecture, San Francisco, California  
John F. Kennedy University, Graduate Program, Arts & Consciousness, Berkely, Calif.  
San Francisco State University, Multimedia Studies, San Francisco, California
- 1997 San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, Leadership San Francisco, "Urban Infrastructure", San Francisco, California  
AIA, Regional Urban Design Committee, "Common Places: Building Community", San Francisco, California
- 1996 AIA San Francisco, Urban Design Committee, "Civic Center Living Library"  
American Forum For Global Education, "Global Realities and the Local Community: The Challenge for Educators - Educating for Sustainability";  
Monterey, California  
Bonnie Sherk Interviewed by Michael Krasny, on "Forum", KQED radio, S. F.
- 1994 National Alliance for Environmental Education, "Environmental Education 2000",  
National Symposium, Vienna, Va.  
"The Healing Dimensions of People-Plant Relationships", International Research Symposium, University of California, Davis
- 1993 American Horticulture Society National Symposium, "Children, Plants, And Gardens: Educational Opportunities", Chevy Chase, Md.  
Indianapolis Children's Museum, Indianapolis, Indiana  
San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, California
- 1992 San Jose State University, San Jose, California  
"People Plant Relationships: Setting Research Priorities", Rutgers Cooperative Extension, People-Plant Council, East Rutherford, New Jersey  
MedArt International World Congress, New York, New York
- 1991 American Forum for Global Education, H.S. Art & Design, N Y  
Media & Open Space, Municipal Art Society, New York, N Y
- 1990 Virtual Reality Seminars, Copenhagen, Odense, & Aarhus, Denmark  
Interactive Entertainment Conference, New York, New York  
Schoolyards Conference, CUNY Grad. Center, N.Y.C. Bd. of Education  
International Interactive Communications Society, New York, .  
Women of Spirit, New York, New York
- 1989 Indianapolis Children's Museum, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1988 International Federation of Landscape Architects World Congress, Boston, Massachusetts
- 1987 Public Art In America, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Meanings of the Garden Conference, University of California, Davis  
San Francisco State University, Art Department, San Francisco, Cal.

- University of Texas, Art Department, Arlington, Texas
- University of California, Davis, Art Department, Davis, California
- University of Iowa, Art Department, Iowa City, Iowa
- Mills College, Oakland, California
- 1986 California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, California
- 1985 New York University, Interactive Telecommunications, NY
- 1984 New Jersey Institute of Technology, Department of Landscape Architecture,  
Newark, N.J.
- 1983 CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Environmental Psychology, New York, NY
- Montclair State College, Art Department, Montclair, New Jersey
- 1982 Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Quebec Musee de l'Art, Quebec, Canada
- Powerhouse Gallery, Montreal, Canada
- College Art Association, Women's Caucus for the Arts, Hilton Hotel, New York, N. Y.
- Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of Art, New Brunswick, N.J.
- New York University, Gallitan Division, New York, New York
- 1980 Byam Shaw College, London, England
- Cardiff College of Art, Cardiff, Wales
- Newport College of Art, Gwent, Wales
- California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, California

## SELECTED ARTICLES, INTERVIEWS, AND BOOK EXCERPTS ABOUT BONNIE SHERK AND HER PROJECTS

- 2007 Tim Holt, "Street Dreams – Can one woman's beautiful vision bring life back to Cesar Chavez Street ?", San Francisco Chronicle Magazine, November 18, 2007, pgs.16-21, ill.
- 2007 Cornelia Butler, "*WACK ! Art And The Feminist Revolution*" MIT Press & Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; pgs. 103, 297-298, 508, ill.
- 2007 Bay Nature Magazine, Inside Cover, "*A Living Library*", April-June, 2007
- 2006 California Shade, California Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection, "*Life Frames, Inc. Uses Urban Forestry Grant to Plant 200 Trees*", Fall, 2006, ill.
- 2006 San Francisco Examiner; "*Today's Newsmakers*", pg 5, July 18, 2006
- 2005 Peter Selz, "*Art of Engagement*, University of California Press, pgs 15, 228-229;259; ill.
- 2005 Zahid Sardar, "*Living Truths*", San Francisco Chronicle Magazine, May 22, 2005, Cover & pgs. 4-6, ill.
- 2004 Mary F. Albert, "*Living the life*", San Francisco Examiner, August 5, 2004, pg. 8, ill.
- 2004 Ethan Fletcher, "*Roots of the Problem*, San Francisco Examiner, May 25, 2004, pg.5, ill.
- 2004 Dr, Noel J. Brown, "*Letter To The Editor*", Main Street Wire, Roosevelt Island, NYC, April 3,2004, pg.6.
- 2004 Lutz, Dick, "*Living Library Releases Plans For Cultural Park at Southpoint*", Main Street Wire, Roosevelt Island, NYC, March 20, 2004, Cover & pg. 10- Color Centerfold, pgs. 8-9, ill.
- 2003 Espinosa, Henni Jay P., "*A Living Library, The Community's Garden of Hope*", Manila Bulletin, Kababayan Edition, Cover Story, August 14-20.2003 cover& pp. 8,9; ill.
- 2003 Shai, Jack, "*A Living Library*", Singtao Daily News, May 8, 2003; page F;, ill.

- 2002 Fuller, Diana Burgess, Salvioni, Daniela, ed. **"Art / Women / California 1950-2000: Parallels and Intersections"** University of California Press, Berkeley, California, pp. 7, 8, 20-21, 107, 109, 168, 229-231, 232 ; ill.
- 2002 Brookman, Donna, **"Terms of Engagement – Radical Communalism in Bay Area Art"**, SCULPTURE Magazine, July/August, 2002, pp. 47, 48, ill.
- 2002 Rich, Deborah, **"OMI/Excelsior Library and Think Park, a new way to frame life"**, San Francisco Chronicle, May 8, 2002, pg. G6
- 2001 Thomas, Laura, **"Lessons learned from getting their hands dirty"**, San Francisco Chronicle, May 5, 2001, pg. 6, ill., Home Section
- 2001 Thomas, Laura, **"Adult mentor helps kids bring life to urban school grounds"**, San Francisco Chronicle, May 5, 2001, pg. 6, ill., Home Section
- 2000 Cohn, Terri, **"Re-envisioning Our Urban Ecology-Bonnie Sherk's rural enclaves-Celebrating 30 Years"**, Artweek, December, 2000, Volume 31, Issue 12, pp; 12, 27, ill.
- 2000 U.S. Department of Education, Community Update, No. 77, May, 2000, **"PFIE Partner Nominated For A Smithsonian Award"** p. 4, ill.
- 2000 ED MATTERS In Region 1X - U.S. Department of Education, Region 1X, Spring, 2000, **"A Living Library Makes Learning Bloom For San Francisco Students"**, pp.4-5, ill.
- 2000 Mansfield, Sonia, **"Gardens to Link Three School Campuses"**, San Francisco Independent, April 3, 2000, pp 1,5, ill.
- 1998 Kastner, Jeffery, ed., Brian Wallis, **Survey, Land And Environmental Art**, Phaidon Press Limited, London, England, pp. 156, 268, 293; ill.
- 1998 Stiles, Kristine - article, Paul Schimell - organizer of exhibit, Out of Actions - Between Performance and the Object, 1949-1979, **"Uncorrupted Joy: International Art Actions"**, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles / Thames and Hudson, London, pp. 319-321; ill.
- 1996 Cohn, Terri, **"Bonnie Sherk: Projects and Plans"** at Canessa Gallery, Artweek, September, 1996, Volume 27, Number 9, pg. 21; ill. review of exhibition
- 1995 Nash, Steven, ed, Constance Llewellyn, **Facing Eden: 100 Years of Art in the Bay Area**, Catalog - Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and University of California Press, Berkely, L.A., London, pp. 122-124; ill.
- 1994 Lacy, Suzanne, ed., **Mapping The Terrain: New Genres in Public Art**, Bay Press, Seattle, Washington, pp. 275-276; ill.
- Broude, Norma & Garrard, Mary D., ed., **The Power of Feminist Art: The American Movement of the 1970's, History and Impact**, Harry N.Abrams, New York, pp.; ill.
- 1992 Matilsky, Barbara C., **Fragile Ecologies, Contemporary Artists' Interpretations and Solutions**, Rizzoli, New York. pgs. 54-55, ill.
- Powell, Mary Clare, **Creativity and Liberation: A Study of Women and Artists**, doctoral dissertation, School of Education, University of Massachusetts, pgs. 65-68, 79-80, 143-145, 227, ill.
- 1989 Pittas, Michael John, ed. **"Contemporary California Competitions"**, Urban Design International, Vol. 10, 1989, pg. 3.10, ill."
- 1988 Roth, Moira, ed., **Connecting Conversations, Interviews with Bay Area Women Artists**, Eucalyptus Press, Mills College, Oakland, California, pp. 168-175, ill.
- 1986 Cheatham, Annie & Powell, Mary Clare, **This Way Day Break Comes -- Women's Values And The Future**, New Society Publishers, Philadelphia,

- Pennsylvania, pp. 112, 136, 164, 166, 171-173, ill.
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### **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

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 2012 Museum Of Contemporary Art (MOCA), Los Angeles, California  
 2012 University Art Museum, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, California  
 2011 Orange County Art Museum, Newport Beach, California  
 2009 The Hague, Holland  
 2009 California College of Arts, San Francisco, California  
 2008 Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada  
 2008 Museum of Modern Art / PS 1, Long Island City, New York  
 2007 Van Abbe Museum, Eindhoven, Holland  
 2007 National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C.  
 2007 MOCA, Los Angeles, California  
 2006 Wattis Gallery, California College of Art, San Francisco, California  
 2006 SOMARTS Gallery, San Francisco, California  
 2005 Braunstein / Quay Gallery, San Francisco, California  
 2005 Urban Center, Municipal Art Society, New York, New York  
 2002 San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, California  
 2000 Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California  
 1999 Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan  
 National Television Broadcast, Excerpts from Public Lunch (1971), Japan  
 Southern Exposure Gallery, San Francisco, California  
 J.F. Kennedy University Gallery, Berkeley, California  
 1998 MAK - Austrian Museum of Applied Arts, Vienna, Austria  
 Museu d'Art Contemporani, Barcelona, Spain  
 The Museum of Contemporary Art at The Geffen Contemporary, L.A., Ca.  
 1996 Canessa Gallery, San Francisco, California  
 1995 DeYoung Museum, San Francisco, California  
 Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois  
 Exit Art, New York, New York  
 1994 Artist's Space, New York, New York  
 1991 San Jose State University, San Jose, California  
 Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn, New York  
 1987 Fresno Art Museum, Fresno, California  
 1986 New Music America, Houston Festival, Houston, Texas  
 Central Hall Gallery, New York, New York  
 Snug Harbor Visual Arts Center, Staten Island, New York  
 1985 Eyes & Ears Foundation, Club Nine, San Francisco, California  
 The Palladium, New York, New York  
 A.I.R. Gallery, New York, New York  
 Exit Art, New York, New York  
 1984 Castello Di Arechi, Salerno, Italy  
 L'Intervention Performance Festival, Quebec, Canada  
 Sculpture Center, New York, New York

- Franklin Furnace, New York, New York  
 New York Public Library (Tompkins Square), New York  
 Taller Latin Americano, New York, New York  
 Danceteria, New York, New York
- 1983 Neuer Berliner Kunstverein, Berlin, West Germany  
 Woodland Pattern, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
 Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York
- 1982 International Sculpture Conference, Oakland, California  
 San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, California  
 Sky over Bay Area, Election Day, San Francisco, California  
 Fashion Moda, Bronx, New York  
 Tyler School of Art Gallery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
 Barbara Gladstone Gallery, New York, New York  
 Ronald Feldman Gallery, New York, New York  
 Public Image Gallery, New York, New York  
 P.S.I., Long Island City, New York  
 SUNY, Binghamton, New York
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 Gowanus Memorial Art Yard, Brooklyn, New York
- 1980 Institute of Contemporary Art, London, England  
 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, California
- 1979 Los Angeles Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, California
- 1977 The Floating Museum, San Francisco, California
- 1976 San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, California  
 THE FARM, San Francisco, California  
 Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, California
- 1975 The Women's Building, Los Angeles, California  
 Hayward State College Art Gallery, Hayward, California  
 City Hall, San Francisco, California
- 1974 Superior Court, San Francisco, California  
 University of California, Davis, California  
 San Jose State College Art Gallery, San Jose, California  
 Andy's Donuts, San Francisco, California
- 1973 San Francisco Art Commission Festival, San Francisco, California  
 Museum of Conceptual Art, San Francisco, California  
 DeSaisset Art Museum, Santa Clara, California
- 1972 Newport Harbor Art Museum, Newport Beach, California  
 San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, California
- 1971 University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, California  
 Museum of Conceptual Art, San Francisco, California  
 Richmond Art Center, Richmond, California  
 Lion House, San Francisco Zoo, San Francisco, California
- 1970 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, California  
 Gallery Reese Palley, San Francisco, California  
 Various sidewalk sites; Construction Site, San Francisco, California  
 Golden Gate Bridge; Freeway & Street Sites, San Francisco, California  
 Various Cages, San Francisco Zoo, San Francisco, California

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**Board Qualifications:**

The Urban Forestry Council composition and administration was restructured by Ordinance No. 210-08 as follows:

Council members will represent the full range of urban forest stakeholders including city agencies, non-profit organizations, tree management organizations, and community members.

The Urban Forestry Council shall be comprised of 11 total members, 7 of whom will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors as follows:

One representative from an educational organization involved with tree management (University of California Cooperative Extension, etc.);

Two members certified by a professional tree management organization (International Society of Arboriculture, American Society of Consulting Arborists, or American Society of Landscape Architects);

Two members of non-profit organizations involved in urban forestry or other environmentally-related issues; and

Two members from the community.

The Mayor shall appoint two voting members as follows:

One member from the tree care industry; and one member at large.

The following departments shall have voting members:

Director of the Department of Public Works or designee; Director of the Planning Department or designee.

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The Council shall have advisory members comprised of representatives from the following departments: Recreation and Park Department and Public Utilities Commission.

In addition, the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area are invited to send representatives to sit as advisory members of the Council. The Body that appoints Council members also may appoint at-large members to serve any unfilled Council positions. Members shall serve for a term of two-years. Members can serve successive terms if reappointed by the body originally appointing the Council member. The Council shall meet at least once each month and establish its own operating procedures, which at a minimum, shall meet the public notice, meeting, voting, agenda and other procedural requirements set forth in local law. Subcommittees shall be created to adequately address other special areas of concern on an as needed basis. The Department of the Environment, with adequate funding to assist the Council in carrying out its mission, shall provide professional and administrative staff to the Council.

As newly constituted by Ordinance No. 210-08, at 12:00 noon on the 30th day following the effective date of this ordinance (Nov. 18, 2008), the tenures of the persons currently holding seats on the Urban Forestry Council shall expire. The eleven persons appointed as members of the Urban Forestry Council as provided in this Section shall assume office at 12:00 noon on November 18, 2008; provided that if any appointing authority has not made a new appointment by such date, the sitting member shall continue to serve for sixty days. The two-year terms of those members appointed pursuant to subsections (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3) shall commence on that date.

