

Do you bike for everyday transportation?

Yes - ten miles a day at minimum, and more than that on most weekends

Do you bike for recreation, racing, profession, or touring?

Exploration, recreation, getting to work, touring, and spiritual fulfillment

Why do you want to serve on the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition Board of Directors?

I don't get around without my bike and I am grateful for all the work the SFBC has done to make this city safe, productive, and enjoyable not only for cyclists but for all who use the power of their bodies to get around. Also, the SFBC is one of, if not the, largest independent democratic spaces in San Francisco. I am running to stand for the power of democracy and the interests of working people who need a space to fully realize the potential of living in this city.

Do you have specific goals you want to accomplish on the SFBC Board of Directors?

- expanding and activating membership
- safe and enjoyable infrastructure for all people to benefit from cycling
- building a mass movement in the city around SFBC's priorities, including realizing Vision Zero
- support collective bargaining and organizing people who use their bikes for work

Describe your involvement with the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition to date.

I have been a paying member since shortly after I came to San Francisco. I'm a frequent attendee of Bike Party on both sides of the Bay, have organized a weekly ride to the ocean called "Bike Religion" for over three years, and I stay engaged on local bike issues in the Richmond District where I live.

What skills, experience and relevant qualities would you bring to Board service?

I have a decade of community organizing skills, especially around democratic transformation and around community-controlled infrastructure. Currently I manage all the technicians at Monkeybrains, an independent and net-neutral ISP in San Francisco. That job has provided me with a deep knowledge of the character and topology of all of San Francisco's neighborhoods from North Beach to Outer Richmond to the Bayview / Hunter's Point to Visitacion Valley. I have also developed curricula for technical education in activist organizations, currently serve on the board of a local digital literacy-focused nonprofit, and I love to get folks to ride out with me and touch the ocean before work - to have a relationship with the largest thing on the planet, and keep it all in perspective!

Skills & Experience

These skills and experiences are what help the SFBC Board continue its work. We need Board members that can help us continue our work.

Do you have specific experiences/skills in the following areas, which are specific priorities this year for the SF Bicycle Coalition Board of Directors? Please select all that apply.

- Financial oversight/accounting skills (incl. capacity to serve as Treasurer)
- Fundraising skills and connections
- Governance duties
- Legal experience in areas relevant to SFBC
- Organizational / nonprofit management experience
- Personnel management skills
- Relevant connections to bicycle retail or industry
- Relevant connections to / representation of diverse communities
- Other: _____

Fundraising is a key responsibility of a nonprofit board. Are you willing to make a personally significant gift and participate in fundraising events and activities?

Yes

No

Other: _____

What other boards have you served on?

I have served for over two years on the board of the Community Technology Network <https://www.communitytechnetwork.org/>, a Bay Area-based nonprofit that unites organizations and volunteers to transform lives through digital literacy.

Community Connections

Our work requires building coalitions across communities. They may include, but are not limited to the following list.

What types of communities are you involved with that you could connect with the Bicycle Coalition?

- Communities of color
- Disadvantaged youth
- Women
- Families/Schools
- Bay Area nonprofits
- Disabled community
- Bike shops and bicycle industry
- Neighborhood business associations
- Community groups
- Political or social action
- Elderly groups
- Church or religious groups
- Other: _____

Final information that you'd like to highlight/provide that wasn't asked above?

I think the SFBC as such a large and democratic space, and in service of the well-being and liberation of people's bodies, livelihoods, and way of life in an urban environment, represents one of the most crucial elements of resistance and renewal to oppression and control. San Francisco values are under assault from global and national forces, and from within by the stresses of economic changes and the change in the mode of production. Keeping the SFBC as a democratic space for grassroots participation and decision-making means we need to actively expand our membership to include many more kinds of people, especially working people for whom cycling defines their livelihood. We must also expand the kinds of activity and culture SFBC supports or facilitates in San Francisco, like the efforts of SFMTrA, Critical Mass and Bike Party, gear and repair collectives like the Bike Kitchen, and collective bargaining for anyone who relies on a bike for their mobility, their job, and their way of life.