

1. Tell us about your interest in serving on the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition Board of Directors. (100 word limit)

I want to serve on the board to improve city transportation policy to make bicycling safer and more popular in San Francisco. I want to broaden our membership beyond the white middle class to engage low income people of the global majority, deepen our alliances with pedestrians and transit users, and work with our neighbors and co-workers in the pursuit of equality on our streets. Considering our diminished membership, I want to reinvigorate the democratic tradition of the SFBC as a center for cycling activism. Much of our success has been based on member activists. We need more of that.

2. Describe your involvement with the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition to date. (100 word limit)

Lying in SF General Hospital seventeen years ago, I decided to join the SF Bicycle Coalition. Since resuming cycling after that near-death experience, I have been very active as a volunteer in a variety of roles including valet bike parking, volunteer nights, Bike to Work Day, and Tour de Fat. Also I have participated in SFBC-organized rides. In 2016 I have attended most board meetings, motivated by the board's attempt to end member voting rights.

3. What skills, experience and relevant qualities would you bring to Board service? (100 word limit)

As a bi-racial person growing up in Vermont, it is easy for me to see the white perspective as well as that of a person of the global majority. A diverse board that reflects the diversity of San Francisco will add to our success. In addition, I am good at collaborative leadership and could help the board work with our new executive director.

4a. Do you have specific experiences/skills in the following areas, which are ongoing needs on a board of directors?

	Yes	No
Fiduciary oversight	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Governance duties	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Strategic direction	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Fundraising	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4b. Elaborate on any experience or skills you possess in these areas (150 Word Limit)

Fundraising: I raised money for my participation in three AIDS Life Cycle rides from San Francisco to Los Angeles and three AIDS vaccine rides from Burlington, Vermont to Portland, Maine.

Fiduciary oversight: I had fiduciary responsible for my parents from 2003 to 2007.

5a. Do you have specific experiences/skills in the following areas, which are specific priorities this year for the SF Bicycle Coalition Board of Directors?

	Yes	No
Legal experience in areas relevant to SF Bicycle Coalition's mission and work	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Strategic planning experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Organizational / nonprofit management experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Financial oversight skills (incl. capacity to serve as Treasurer)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Personnel management skills	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relevant connections to / representation of diverse communities in SF, particularly communities of color, families, residents of outer neighborhoods, youth, and seniors	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relevant connections to bicycle retail or industry	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

5b. Elaborate on any experience or skills you possess in these areas (150 Word Limit)

Personnel management: As the officer in charge of a fire engine for the local fire department, I am responsible for supervision and direction of three to four fire fighters including training, on-scene management, adherence to rules and regulations, and station duties.

Relevant connections to / representation of communities of color and seniors: I have been active in the Japanese-American community through, but not limited to, the following: Tule Lake Pilgrimage, the Day of Remembrance, and Sansei Legacy Project. I've also been active in the Asian Fire Fighters Association. I am an older San Franciscan who rides a bike.

6a. Have you served or are you currently serving on a nonprofit board of directors?

Yes

No

6b. If "yes," please list which nonprofit board(s) you have served on. (50 Word Limit)

7. 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

8. Are there any other aspects of your background and experience that you would like members to know about? (150 word limit)

As a public safety officer, I hear bike-vs-car dispatches on the radio all day long and I see firsthand the carnage on our streets. These crashes make me very aware of the dangers of riding. My joy of riding is somewhat tempered by this knowledge, but this motivates me to work to improve our bicycling experience.

As a union member, I understand the role of unions for city employees. Through my union experience, I see the cultural divide between the native, Catholic, conservative, west-side residents and the younger, liberal, recent transplants who support bicycling. To gain the political power to effect positive change for cyclists, we need to bridge that gulf and connect with unionized workers. I am willing to facilitate this objective.
