

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

Five years ago, when I moved to the city, I didn't ride and was nervous about getting on a bike. This year, I rode 545 miles in 7-days on the AIDS/LifeCycle, and now bike to work almost every day. What a life-changer! Cycling has improved my quality of life and connection to the city/environment. I've seen the amazing work that SF Bicycle Coalition has done making riding easier and more approachable for all residents. I want to do more for my community, could think of no better way to use my passion and skills in advocacy and organization than here.

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

My dad signed me up as a member when I moved to the city. I have been a member since then, enjoying the ways SF Bicycle Coalition has improved my commute, encouraged other riders, and put on fantastic events. Recently, I've become more involved, volunteering and attending meetings and community events. I'd like to increase my involvement, and devote more time and energy to the cause.

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

I have legal, organizational, and fundraising skills that I think will be beneficial. My history with political advocacy (organizing political groups in school and working on various campaigns) makes me comfortable with organizing, government, and fundraising. My firm specializes in representing non-profits, and I work with non-profit entities daily on a multitude of issues. AIDS/LifeCycle helped build my connection with fellow riders and helped me hone stronger fundraising skills. I would bring all this with me to board service. Personally, I am comfortable working collaboratively and solving problems as a group. I'm social, outgoing, and (more importantly) honest and candid.

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 type="radio"/>	<input checked="" 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)

I've gained fundraising skills in two ways: first, working for political campaigns in my youth, I regularly did cold calls and knocked on doors asking for money. While it's not always fun, that experience helped me get over any shyness in talking to people about key causes – and asking for money to support them. Doing ALC this year (and raising over \$5,000 as a first time rider) gave me the opportunity to reach out to my friends and community members about an issue that matters - something I am comfortable doing.

Although I have not served as a trustee, as a lawyer, I'm comfortable in the role of a fiduciary, and understand what it means to be in a position of trust and confidence. It is a duty I take seriously in my profession, and will bring that experience to board work.

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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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strategic planning experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Organizational / nonprofit management experience	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial oversight skills (incl. capacity to serve as Treasurer)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Personnel management skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" 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)

My firm specializes in representing non-profit entities, and nearly every attorney I work with serves on the board of a non-profit. I can draw not only on my own knowledge, but the knowledge of my colleagues in thinking about governance or oversight issues that arise if I were to serve on the board. Also, my litigation practice consists in large part of representing non-profits, with an emphasis on labor and employment issues. I also bring my judgment and analytical skills that I've honed through my practice.

In school, I ran various political/student organizations and a large student journal, giving me key experience with managing groups.

As to diverse communities - although women represent over 50% of the population, when I do "stop-light polls," I rarely see that representation on bikes. I want to do more to help women feel comfortable riding - and have my story to share.

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)

I probably have fewer years of riding experience than most SF Bicycle Coalition members - but I think that's more of an asset for my service on the board than a drawback. So often, I meet women (and men) who are intimidated by riding - or think that they can't make it work with their professional life. I can relate so closely with them, and have the recent experience of overcoming those new-rider nerves.

I credit this change in large part to my dad, but for whom I would probably never have gotten on a bike. Not everyone has a family member or friend like that - I'd like to help support an organization that makes riding accessible, approachable, and safe. And maybe inspire a few newbie riders, the way my dad inspired me!
