

Do you bike for everyday transportation?

Yes. I do not own a car.

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

Yes, recreation and touring. I love bicycle touring and have done many bicycle trips ranging from weekend to four months. I've ridden solo across the United States and twice from Alaska to San Francisco. My longest trip was 5000 miles.

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

I am running for re-election to help the SFBC continue to thrive and grow as a member-based advocacy organization.

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

Yes. I was chair of the strategic planning committee in 2016/2017 and I'd like to help support implementation of the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan. I believe the plan charts a solid course for growing our movement and am excited about supporting staff to make it happen.

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

I was elected to the SFBC board for the 2016-2017 term and served as chair of the strategic planning committee. I have also served on the personnel, finance, and governance committees. I have a long history of bicycle advocacy as a volunteer with the SFBC. I joined the SFBC 17 years ago and started as a volunteer parking bikes and participating at the (then weekly) volunteer nights. In 2007, then Executive Director Leah Shahum asked me to represent the SFBC on the Caltrain Technical Advisory Group, a group formed by Caltrain to provide public input to Caltrain's "Bicycle Master Plan." When it became clear that Caltrain had no intention of increasing bike capacity onboard trains, I approached the SFBC in February 2008 with a two-page project proposal to start the BIKES ONboard project to advocate for bikes onboard Caltrain. SFBC agreed to support our all-volunteer effort. BIKES ONboard was instrumental in getting Caltrain to increase bike capacity over 60% since 2008. I formed a second BIKES ONboard team in 2012 to focus on ending the bike blackout on BART. The BART board voted unanimously to end the bike blackout in October 2013. I was an invited speaker at three conferences, where I presented the work of BIKES ONboard as a project of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition: 1. California Bicycle Coalition, California by Bike Summit, November 7-10, 2013, Oakland, CA. "Bikes and transit – the perfect marriage needs some intervention" 2. California Bicycle Coalition, California Bike Summit, November 5-7, 2011, Los Angeles, CA. "Bicycle access to transit." 3. Mineta Transportation Institute, Bicycle Summit, San Jose, CA, June 3, 2009, "Using bicycles for the first and last mile of a commute" I was chosen as San Francisco County Bicycle Commuter of the Year in 2009, and the SFBC awarded me the Golden Wheel in 2014 for my leadership of BIKES ONboard. In 2015, I worked with Save SF Bike to successfully reinstate SFBC member voting rights, when voting rights were temporarily removed in a flawed bylaws vote. I am vice-chair of the BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force and past chair of the Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee.

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

I have experience as an SFBC board member (2016-2017). I am currently treasurer of the Livable City board of directors. I was previously president of the Association for Women in Science San Francisco chapter.

Relevant experience from my professional life includes team leadership, coaching and mentoring, conflict resolution, negotiation, and personnel management. In my advocacy work, I have made countless public comments at public meetings including Caltrain board meetings, BART board meetings, and SFMTA meetings. I am comfortable with public speaking.

I have a PhD in chemical engineering from Stanford University and a Certificate in Business Administration from UC Berkeley Extension. I have worked in biotechnology in leadership positions of increasing responsibility, reaching the level of Senior Director at Life Technologies. In 2012, I decided to become a biotech consultant to allow more time for my volunteer advocacy work. I currently consult at biotech companies in South San Francisco.

Skills & Experience

These skills and experiences are what help the SFBC Board continue it's 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 am currently treasurer of the Livable City board. Livable City is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to create a San Francisco of great streets and complete neighborhoods, where walking, bicycling, and transit are the best choices for most trips, where public spaces are beautiful, well-designed, and well-maintained, and where housing is more plentiful and more affordable. I am past president of the Association of Women in Science, San Francisco chapter. AWIS is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support and promote women in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).

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
 - Green benefit district
 - Neighborhood business associations
 - Community groups
 - Political or social action
 - Elderly groups
 - Church or religious groups
 - Other:
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