



Board of Director Candidate Information

The Yerba Buena Partnership is accepting applications for Board membership to begin January 1, 2025. We are seeking qualified and diverse leaders, ensuring the Yerba Buena Partnership's mission and vision is achieved in accordance with our Management Plan.

Nomination and recruitment goal

The Board may have a maximum of 28 members representing community organizations, residents, non-profit arts, government or education institutions, or commercial merchants. Board members include those that do and do not own property in the neighborhood.

To continue building the Board of the future, the Partnership's current recruitment goal is to nominate and advance two to four new Board members who reflect the Yerba Buena community as follows:

- Two representatives from neighborhood non-profit arts organizations.
- One representative from a neighborhood community organization.
- One representative from a neighborhood business.

The Board of Directors role

The Yerba Buena Partnership Board of Directors is the governing body of the organization and charged with furthering the vision and mission of the organization, providing oversight and feedback, long range planning, and supporting the work of the Executive Director.

The Board is structured to ensure representation from all stakeholders and areas of the district. All Board seats are held by an entity, i.e. business, organization, etc., not the individual person designated to fill the seat by the entity. In the case of the resident seat, however, the individual resident holds the seat.

Individual Board member qualifications and responsibilities

- Interest in the Yerba Buena neighborhood and support for the Yerba Buena Partnership's vision and mission.
- Have a physical presence, provide services to, or own real property in the District (see Bylaws, Article 4, Section 2 for specifics); and, if subject to assessment, is not delinquent.
- Represent the interests of constituents throughout the neighborhood.
- Assist the Board in carrying out governance and fiduciary responsibilities including reviewing financial statements and making financial decisions for the organization.
- Support organizational processes and build collegial working relationships with other Board members that lead to consensus.
- Abide by all guidelines in the bylaws and other governing documents.
- Ability to attend meetings and participate in the organization's activities and events.
- Ensure compliance with the City of San Francisco Agreement.



Board of Directors participation

As Board seats are held by an entity (business, organization, etc.), entities are asked to designate both a representative and an alternate to attend meetings. Alternates are not permitted for residential members. Alternates attend meetings when the primary Board member is unavailable. Entities who miss 25% of Board meetings in any fiscal year without the Board's consent may be dismissed.

All Board members and alternates are required to attend a Board Orientation and Brown Act Training between their appointment to the Board and their first Board meeting in order to have full voting privileges.

The standard term length for Board members is three years. Board members may serve up to two consecutive three-year terms.

Anticipated time commitment and responsibilities

- Serve one three-year term.
- Attend the Board Orientation and Brown Act Training.
- Attend the Board of Directors meetings.
- Serve on at least one committee, task force, or working group, as appropriate.
- Attend organizational events in the neighborhood.
- If representing a neighborhood entity, identify or appoint a Board alternate that can attend meetings and vote on organizational issues when you are absent.

Next Steps

If you are interested in being considered for a Board seat, please email the following information to Scott Rowitz at scott@yerbabuena.org as soon as possible.

- Resume and bio or work history and community involvement.
- Any special skill sets relevant to the work of the organization.
- Information on other community involvement or Board service.
- A statement expressing your interest in serving on the Board of Directors.
- Your organization, if appropriate.
- Yerba Buena property owner or renter.



Yerba Buena Partnership Overview

On July 29, 2008 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted to approve the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District -- doing business as Yerba Buena Partnership -- for a seven-year term, and on July 31, 2015 voted to renew the District through 2030.

Since 2008, the Yerba Buena Partnership has worked to improve the quality of life in the Yerba Buena neighborhood with services to make it clean, safe, welcoming and enticing. It provides clean, safe, and hospitality services, an SFPD bike patrol officer program, graffiti removal, street and sidewalk cleaning, public art projects, a grants program which financially supports neighborhood activation and beautification efforts, neighborhood marketing and promotions, and other improvement efforts. The neighborhood encompasses roughly Second to Fifth and Market to Perry streets.

The idea of partnership reflects the organizations' success working on public realm improvement projects, events and clean and safe issues with myriad organizations, such as the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, SFMTA, Caltrans, Department of Public Works, residents, businesses, arts and cultural institutions, and many others. Recent partnerships have involved Downtown First Thursdays street festival, block-long landscaping and murals to beautify 4th Street, redesign of Annie North Plaza, and the Yerba Buena Barklet dog spot.

For more information about the organization, please visit www.yerbabuena.org.



Board Makeup-Bylaws – Article 4 – Section 4.2 – Items (1) thru (6)

- 1) Approximately 14% of the authorized number of directors shall be individuals:
 - a. who represent community organizations that either have a physical presence, such as an office, in the YERBA BUENA DISTRICT or provide services or programs in the YERBA BUENA DISTRICT; AND if subject to YERBA BUENA DISTRICT assessments, are not delinquent on any such assessments; and
 - b. who have been selected by the Board of this Corporation to serve as Directors – collectively the “Community Organization Directors”. As used herein, the term “community organizations” shall mean nonprofit organizations that provide social or religious services, low-income housing, or other programs or services that benefit the YERBA BUENA DISTRICT.
- 2) Approximately 14% of the authorized number of directors shall be individuals:
 - a. who represent government entities or educational institutions that either have a physical presence, such as a campus or office, or own real property in the YERBA BUENA DISTRICT, AND if subject to YERBA BUENA DISTRICT assessments, are not delinquent on any such assessments; and
 - b. who have been elected by the Board of this Corporation to serve as Directors – collectively the “Government and Education Directors”. As used herein, the term “governmental entities” shall mean agencies and departments of the City and County of San Francisco or the designee of such an agency or department who represents the interests of the City and County of San Francisco in real estate owned by the City and County of San Francisco and located in the YERBA BUENA DISTRICT. As used herein, the term “educational institutions” shall mean elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools, colleges and universities, in each case accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.
- 3) Approximately 14% of the authorized number of directors shall be individuals:
 - a. who represent nonprofit arts organizations that either have a physical presence, such as a gallery, performing space, or office in the YERBA BUENA DISTRICT, AND if subject to YERBA BUENA DISTRICT assessments, are not delinquent on any such assessments; and
 - b. who have been elected by the Board of this Corporation to serve as Directors – collective the “Arts Directors”. As used herein, the term “nonprofit arts organizations” shall mean cultural institutions, galleries, museums, and performing arts organizations that operate on a nonprofit basis.
- 4) Approximately 14% of the authorized number of directors shall be individuals who are residents of residential real estate located in the YERBA BUENA DISTRICT; who if subject to YERBA BUENA DISTRICT assessments, are not delinquent on any such assessments; and who have been elected by the Board of this Corporation to serve as Directors – collectively the “Resident Directors”. To the extent feasible, the Board will make reasonable efforts to elect Resident Directors from among owners and tenants of residential real estate in the YERBA BUENA DISTRICT such that the number of owners and tenants are approximately the same.
- 5) Approximately 30% of the authorized number of directors shall be individuals who are owners, or in the case of an entity, the representative recommended by the entity that is an owner, of for-profit businesses located in the YERBA BUENA DISTRICT who, if subject to YERBA BUENA DISTRICT assessments, are not delinquent on any such assessments, and who have been elected by the Board of this Corporation to serve as Directors – collectively the “Business Directors”.



- 6) Approximately 14% of the authorized number of directors shall be individuals who meet the requirements of any of the foregoing paragraphs (1) thru (5) of this Section and who have been elected by the Board of this Corporation to serve as Directors – collectively the “At Large Directors”.

For the purposes of these Bylaws, an individual shall be deemed no longer representing a community organization, a governmental entity, an educational institution, a nonprofit arts organization, or a for-profit business owner entity, and thereby disqualified for any seat on the Board of this Corporation, if such individual ceases being an employee, officer or Board member of any such organization, entity or institution.

The foregoing paragraphs (1) thru (6) of this Section notwithstanding, not less than 20% of the authorized number of Directors shall be individuals who are for-profit business owners in the YERBA BUENA DISTRICT or are representatives of entities who are for-profit business owners in the YERBA BUENA DISTRICT; who, in the case of representatives of entities who are for-profit business owners in the YERBA BUENA DISTRICT, such entities have no ownership interests in commercial real property located in the YERBA BUENA DISTRICT; and who have been elected by the Board of this Corporation to serve as Directors. This paragraph is intended to comply with San Francisco Business and Tax Code Regulation Section 1511(f).