

PANEL 1: LEVERAGING CITY FUNDING TO TRANSFORM YOUR COMMUNITY



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Marissa Alexander **MODERATOR**

San Francisco Parks Alliance

Marissa is a native of the Pacific Northwest, who has spent nearly a decade working at California nonprofits at the intersection between people and the environment. After earning a Bachelors in Sociology at The University of San Francisco, she joined the staff of the environmental justice nonprofit, Center on Race Poverty & the Environment, where she provided communications, development and policy support to grassroots campaigns focused on addressing environmental injustices in the San Joaquin Valley's least resourced communities. Marissa joined the staff of SF Parks Alliance in 2015, and has since worked on over 50 projects across San Francisco, empowering neighborhoods to the create the community spaces they need most. Since 2017 Marissa has been the Southwest Area Manager at the San Francisco Parks Alliance.

Raven Anderson

Raven Anderson has worked in the Mayor's Office of Public Policy and Finance for nearly three years, concentrating primarily on housing, transportation, and land use issues, including parks.

Previously, Raven was an analyst with the World Bank, based in Jakarta, Indonesia where he helped implement a large affordable housing subsidy program as well as transportation and other infrastructure projects. He has also worked on urban planning projects in Brazil and Mongolia. Raven previously worked for the New York City Housing Authority where he worked with residents to help create community gardens and green initiatives in public housing developments.

Raven has a B.A from Tufts University and a Masters in Urban Planning from Harvard University. He lives in San Francisco.

Juan Carlos Cancino

Born and raised in San Francisco, Juan Carlos earned his B.A. and J.D. at Stanford. He currently works as a Legislative Aide in the Office of San Francisco District 5 Supervisor Vallie Brown.

Prior to accepting this role in July 2018, he worked for three years as a program manager on the Invest in Neighborhoods team at San Francisco's Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), and for six plus years as a Staff Attorney at California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. (CRLA), where he supported community development in disadvantaged unincorporated communities, primarily in the San Joaquin Valley. While at CRLA, he also taught environmental justice lawyering for two years as a Lecturer at Berkeley Law School.

Outside of work, he is engaged on several community based initiatives and non-profit boards, including The Greenhouse Project, a project fiscally sponsored by the Parks Alliance.

Tabitha Tapia, MPA

Tabitha has spent her career working with governments, most recently with the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development. She supports advancing opportunities for small businesses and neighborhoods using strategies that promote equity and ensure prosperity for all residents.

Prior to joining MOEWD, Tabitha was in The San Francisco Foundation's Multicultural Fellowship Program focusing on equipping emerging leaders of color with the experience, knowledge, and network to increase racial and economic equity in the Bay Area.

Previous to accepting the fellowship opportunity, Tabitha was a senior manager overseeing housing programs for low- and moderate-income populations living on Native American reservations, applying existing and new knowledge to creating and improving housing programs ensuring families had the foundation needed to prosper.

PANEL 2: WORKING WITH LOCAL DEVELOPERS



Carlos Vasquez
BUILD
Development Manager



Alex Montiel
Owner
SF Eagle Bar



Brooke Ray Rivera
San Francisco Parks Alliance
Director of Place Lab

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Mark Bonsignore

MODERATOR

San Francisco Parks Alliance

Mark Bonsignore is a Program Manager focused on Place Lab's "Create" Program. Mark oversees Place Lab's work creating new public open spaces - plazas, parks, playgrounds and streetscapes - by implementing creative public-private partnerships with developers, communities and public agencies.

Mark earned his bachelor's degree in Urban Affairs and Planning at Virginia Tech, where he focused on public policy, urban design, landscape architecture and sustainable engineering. Mark draws on a multi-disciplinary professional background, both abroad and across the states in public, private and non-profit sectors.

When not in the office, Mark is most passionate about advocating for education and communities - as a design instructor for after school programs and project lead for neighborhood builds.

Carlos Vasquez

Carlos Vasquez is an Assistant Project Manager at BUILD, where he manages the entitlement and pre-construction process for BUILD projects, including maintaining project budgets and schedules, organizing community outreach, preparing and submitting entitlement-related applications, managing contracting and consultants, and reporting both to Senior Project Managers and financial partners.

Carlos began working at BUILD in 2010, after receiving a bachelor's degree in Philosophy at the University of Southern California. Initially responsible for accounting and property management, Carlos worked his way into the Assistant Project Management role in 2013.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Carlos takes pride in his contribution to BUILD's active community engagement and creating public spaces adjacent to BUILD projects for surrounding neighborhood members to enjoy.

Alex Montiel

Alex "Lex" Montiel is the owner of the landmark San Francisco Eagle Bar - a historical family of gay bars with ties to more than 10 countries and 15 U.S. States.

The SF Eagle has been an important meeting spot welcoming all from leather lovers to even a bear or two for some 35 years in the South of Market community. Located on 12th street in the heart of western SoMa, the bar and outdoor patio houses an array of community and non-profit events weekly, not only for the LGBTQ and leather communities, but the entire city.

Lex has been a community champion for the Eagle Plaza effort and Friends of Eagle Plaza since its inception in 2014. His invaluable enthusiasm and optimism has driven the success of the world's first leather plaza.

Brooke Ray Rivera

Brooke Ray Rivera is Director of Place Lab at the San Francisco Parks Alliance. She brings significant expertise in creative place-making, community development, and public private partnerships through her professional experience in urban planning, city government, and real estate sectors.

Prior to becoming Place Lab's first full-time Executive Director in 2015, Brooke Ray spent six years with Passerelle Investment Company, a community-minded real estate investment group focused on downtown revitalization in Silicon Valley where she implemented multiple temporary street parks, retail pop-ups, and public art exhibitions.

Brooke Ray received a B.A. in Biology from Williams College and holds dual masters degrees in City & Regional Planning (MCP) and Landscape Architecture (MLA) from the University of California, Berkeley.

She lives in San Francisco and can often be found playing ultimate frisbee with her husband or exploring SF's playgrounds with her daughter.

PANEL 3: THE ABC'S OF URBAN GREENING AND LANDSCAPE PLANNING



Ildiko Polony

Literacy for Environmental Justice,
Candlestick Point Native Plant Nursery
Nursery Manager



Javier Padilla Reyes

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Environmental Justice and Land Use



Patricia Algara

BASE Landscape Architecture,
With Honey in the Heart
Co-Founder

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Uriel Hernandez

MODERATOR

San Francisco Parks Alliance

Uriel Hernandez grew up exploring the Bay Area from his hometown of East Palo Alto. He holds a bachelor's degree from Middlebury College where he studied Architecture and History. Living in rural Vermont while studying how spaces and stories fit together, he developed a love for easily accessible green spaces for recreation and contemplation.

He brought this love back to East Palo Alto where he professionally planted, cared for, and advocated for trees for 4 years before joining the Parks Alliance. Uriel is an ISA-certified arborist, studies Urban Forestry through Oregon State University, and recently attended the Municipal Forestry Institute through the Society of Municipal Arborists. He believes in the restorative power of urban nature and that everybody deserves access to green spaces.

Ildiko Polony

Born in Oakland, California, Ildiko has been a lifelong environmentalist. She focused most of her energy on advocacy for action on climate change, until she started gardening in her San Francisco backyard and discovered local wildlife. Asking herself the question, "how can I foster the birds, bees, butterflies, and surprisingly diverse wildlife I see," the answer came in planting locally adapted California native plants. She quickly became a native plant and habitat restoration enthusiast.

She received a Bachelor's of Science degree from UC Berkeley in Conservation and Resource Studies, with the thesis titled "Connecting People, Connecting Wildlife: A Bicycle Wildlife Corridor on Arguello Boulevard in San Francisco." Ildiko was a collector and propagator specialist at Larner Seeds, has been a California native habitat landscaper, a coordinator for Nature in the City's Backyard Native Nursery Network and San Bruno Mountain Watch's Mission Blue Nursery Manager. She joined Literacy for Environmental Justice as the Native Plant Nursery Manager in 2017.

Ildiko is also a modern dancer and aerialist.

Javier Padilla Reyes

Javier Padilla Reyes works in the Environmental Justice and Land Use team as an analyst for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

He works to integrate environmental justice principles and practices into a water, power, and wastewater operations with assets that extend beyond San Francisco.

His background is in grassroots organizing around environmental and water-related injustices impacting people of color. Javier graduated from San Francisco State University and grew up on the San Joaquin River.

Patricia Algara

Patricia Algara is co-founder and principal of the design studio BASE Landscape Architecture and the non profit With Honey In The Heart; A recognized leader in sustainable design and community involvement, Patricia creates landscapes that immerse children and families of all backgrounds and abilities in learning, exploration and play.

Patricia is a bee advocate whose work focuses on creating productive educational landscapes and healthy habitat for pollinators. She has been adjunct professor at UCB and UCB and has lectured at various universities in the US and Mexico about the social factors influencing the design of public spaces and issues affecting bees and solutions through design.

A beekeeper and apitherapist, she draws inspiration from bees, whose artistry and industriousness demonstrate that beauty, function, structure, and communication can and should coexist sweetly.

PANEL 4: WORKING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY TO BUILD & SUSTAIN YOUR PROJECT - A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH



Amy Kaeser
Sutro Stewards
Executive Director



Mei Ling Hui
San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department
Community Gardens and Urban Agriculture
Program Manager



Sophie Constantinou
Citizen Film
Co-Founder
+
Bernal Cut Beautification Project
Project Manager

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Katie Strange **MODERATOR**

San Francisco Parks Alliance

Katie Strange is Associate Director of Planning and Project Delivery Experience on the Place Lab team within SF Parks Alliance. Katie has over five years experience working with communities, nonprofits, and city agencies as a land use and community planner. As a trained facilitator, she has extensive experience with public participation and stakeholder outreach. Katie is passionate about community driven planning and design to address the complex problems our cities face today. She has a diverse background, which includes political and advocacy campaigns, environmental planning, and policy development and implementation.

Amy Kaeser

Amy Kaeser is the Executive Director of Sutro Stewards, a Park Partner of San Francisco Parks Alliance which works with thousands of volunteers each year to build and maintain multi-use trails, conserve and enhance wildlife habitat, and propagative native plants.

Amy has been working in community-based conservation for several years, engaging the public through hands-on environmental volunteerism, experiential field education, presentations and talks, guided hikes, and citizen science.

Amy enjoys getting people out in nature and thinks that with a better standing of our environment, people will be more likely to care for and steward our urban wildlands and open spaces.

Mei Ling Hui

Mei Ling Hui is the Community Gardens and Urban Agriculture Program Manager with the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, a role she has held for the last two years. She manages 42 garden sites engaging 2,000+ community garden members, including 200 lead volunteers. Mei Ling has led RPD's shift to focus on community development and social cohesion as a primary program goal. Through these programs, RPD engaged 5,500 non-garden members last fiscal year, tripling the number of people who typically access community garden spaces.

She previously supported policy development and managed grant investments for community led greening projects in the areas of urban forestry, urban agriculture, environmental justice, and the San Francisco Carbon Fund through her work with the San Francisco Department of the Environment.

Her greening career started at Friends of the Urban Forest, where she worked as a Planting Manager overseeing community led street tree planting and FUF's first sidewalk landscaping installations.

Sophie Constantinou

A co-founder of Citizen Film, Sophie's documentary films tackle complex, place-based issues with artistry and sensitivity, guided by the belief that participatory storytelling is a powerful tool for catalyzing change and creating healthy, sustainable communities. Sophie approaches her work as the Bernal Cut Park Steward in the same spirit.

After moving to the Bernal Heights neighborhood, to her new home alongside the Bernal Cut Path, Sophie started working with the College Hill Neighborhood Association to make small improvements to her street. The current site is an acre of land sloping down towards San Jose Avenue, and so far, Sophie's work has resulted in tree plantings, a native California demonstration garden, a shared lending library and solar lighting along the pedestrian walkway. Every story along the site is an opportunity for connection that, in the words of ArtPlace America, helps strengthen the social, physical, and economic fabric of communities.

PANEL 5: CRAFTING COMMUNITY: CREATING SUCCESSFUL SPACES THROUGH ART AND ACTIVATION



Cassie Hoeprich
Office of Economic &
Workforce Development
Project Manager



Ilana Lipsett
Community Design Strategist



Hunter Franks
Artist

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Luke Spray

MODERATOR

San Francisco Parks Alliance

Luke supports the implementation of a coordinated effort between the Parks Alliance and City partners to create equitable management solutions for San Francisco's public spaces. Every San Franciscan deserves great public spaces, but the process of creating, improving and maintaining public space is time and resource intensive, and this high bar is often unattainable for underserved communities. In response, the Parks Alliance is curating a comprehensive catalog of public space amenities that will be paired with a robust community engagement process to ensure that every neighborhood has access to public spaces that are safe and sustainable, while also satisfying the unique desires of the communities that they serve.

Cassie Hoeprich

Cassie currently serves as a Project Manager for San Francisco's Office of Economic and Workforce Development where she manages the Mayor's Central Market/Tenderloin Neighborhood Strategy.

Previously, Cassie has served as a Senior Strategist on the Mayor of San Francisco's Fix-It Team and the San Francisco Civic Center Commons Initiative Project Manager through the Planning Department and Office of Economic and Workforce Development.

Cassie's work in San Francisco has always been centered around community-based strategies that support the vitality and unique culture of the city's neighborhoods.

Outside of work, Cassie serves on the board of the non-profit Youth Art Exchange bringing free arts programming to public high schools in San Francisco. She was formerly the Marketing Chair on the Board of Oakland Art Murmur. Cassie holds degrees in Journalism and Liberal Arts from the University of Washington, Seattle.

Ilana Lipsett

Ilana is a community design strategist, and works at the intersection of policy, community engagement, and development.

Ilana works with cities, real estate developers, international aid organizations, and creative activists around the globe to harness our collective capacity to address the world's biggest challenges.

She creates spaces, temporary activations, and placemaking experiences that bring together people, using culture as a means for bridging divides, and human-centered design as a guiding principle for economic development and urban planning.

Hunter Franks

Hunter Franks creates art that intervenes in the social and physical landscape of our urban environments.

His participatory installations in public space break down barriers and help us reimagine our relationships with each other, our neighborhoods, and our cities.

Projects include a 500 person dinner on a freeway, a storytelling exchange to connect disparate neighborhoods, a nationwide network of creative community catalysts, and a public display of first love stories.

PANEL 6: STORYTELLING TO INSPIRE GIVING



Elisa Heikkilä

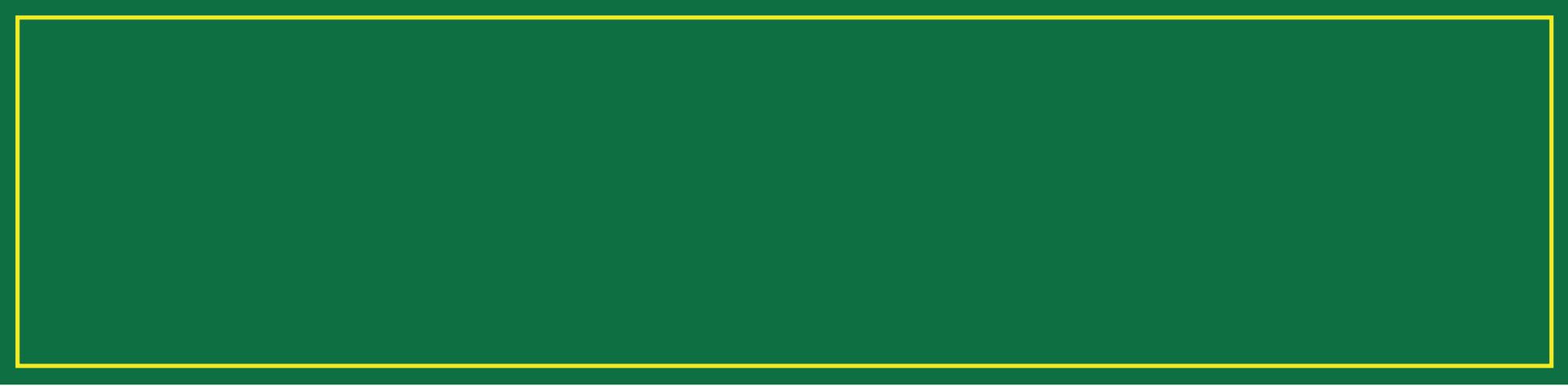
San Francisco Botanical Garden Society
Director of Leadership Giving



Sonia Gonzalez Banks

San Francisco Parks Alliance
Director of External Affairs,
Development and Marketing

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Elisa Heikkilä

Elisa Heikkilä joined the San Francisco Botanical Garden Society in January 2017. In her role as Director of Leadership Giving, she leads the major gifts and planned giving programs, and works with the Executive Director and Board of Directors on growing the Board. She is an invited member of the American Public Gardens Association program selection committee. Prior to joining the Garden, she was the Development Officer at Yorkshire Sculpture Park in the United Kingdom, where she strengthened and grew the museum's support programs from individual gifts to government funding.

Elisa began her career with the UK-based Balbir Singh Dance Company, managing the company's operations and external relations, including fundraising. She graduated from Leeds College of Art and Design in the United Kingdom with First Class honors. She is inspired by San Francisco Botanical Garden's role in inspiring visitors from around the world to understand the importance of nature and open spaces through its globally significant collections, accessible to all in its unique urban environment.

Sonia Gonzalez Banks

Sonia Gonzalez Banks currently manages the Marketing and Development functions for San Francisco Parks Alliance. Prior to this role, she founded Golden Banks Consulting, a consulting firm to help not-for-profit organizations become more efficient and effective through better systems, analyses and strategies.

Recent projects include serving as the Interim Director of Development at San Francisco Botanical Garden Society in Golden Gate Park and as the Producer of the San Francisco Botanical Garden's Community Day event celebrating its 75th anniversary. In New York City, she served as the Director of Individual Giving and Special Events at Brooklyn Botanic Garden and produced new programming during their Centennial Anniversary that led to record contributed income in successive years.

Before the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Sonia brought success to development and marketing departments at Jazz at Lincoln Center, the American Federation of the Arts in New York City and the Austin Museum of Art and the Austin Children's Museum in Austin, Texas.

Ron Finley

The Ron Finley Project
The Gangsta Gardener





Ron Finley is a man who will not sit still and watch a problem take root. Having grown up in the South Central Los Angeles food prison, Ron is familiar with the area's lack of fresh produce. He knew what it's like to drive 45 minutes just to get a fresh tomato.

In 2010, he set out to fix the problem. Outside his front door, that is. Ron planted vegetables in the curbside dirt strip next to his home. And quietly, carefully, tenderly started a revolution. I wanted a carrot without toxic ingredients I didn't know how to spell, says Ron.

His was an exceptionally creative, cost-effective and simple solution; however, it was also an act of spirited rebellion that led to a run-in with the authorities.

The City of Los Angeles owns the "parkways" the neglected dirt areas next to roads where Ron was planting. He was cited for gardening without a permit. This slap on the wrist did little to dissuade his green thumb. So Ron fought back. Hard. He started a petition with fellow green activists, demanding the right to garden and grow food in his neighborhood and then, the city backed off.

This caught the eyes of creative leaders and media voices that lauded his courageous act of ebullient defiance. Ron has continued to share his story and vision with the world, giving a TED talk and planning many exciting ways to continue his involvement in mitigating Los Angeles food prisons.

His dreams have been reshaped into a thriving garden of pumpkins, peppers, sunflowers, kale and corn. But more than being a gangsta gardener, Ron is a community leader.

Determined to change South Central Los Angeles from food desert to food forest, he wants his actions to be educational, inspiring, and nutritious. He wants kids to grow up with the option of healthy food, instead of fried, fattening staples. He wants to sweep up and transform his street, his hood, the city of LA and communities everywhere.

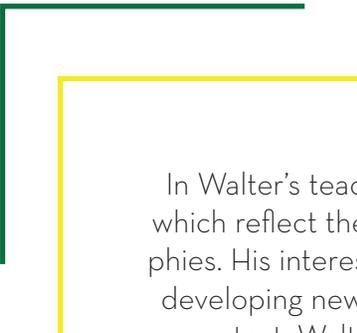




Walter Hood

Hood Design Studio
Creative Director & Founder

University of California, Berkeley
Professor



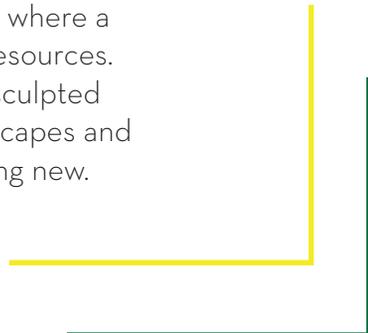
In Walter's teaching and practice, he is committed to the development of environments which reflect their place and time specifically through how people inhabit various geographies. His interest in the re-construction of urban landscapes seeks to build palimpsest by developing new elements, spatial forms and objects which validate their existing familiar context. Walter's studio utilizes 'research' in lieu of standardized analytical practices. Walter's project research includes archival and oral histories, physical, environmental and social patterns and practices, to uncover familiar and untold stories. These practices are layered together through an idiosyncratic improvisational design process that builds on architecture and urbanism's rich tradition which yields familiar, yet new spaces, forms and elements. They assimilate the past and look forward into the future.

Additionally, Walter is also an artist, designer, and educator. He regularly exhibits and lectures on professional and theoretical projects nationally and internationally, while his studio engages in architectural commissions, urban design, art installations, and research. Walter currently serves at the Goldman Sachs Design Fellow for the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC, assisting the museum staff in reconceptualizing its public spaces. Other recent honors include the AIA Award for Collaborative Achievement and a USA Character Approved Honor by NBC Universal. In 2010, Walter received the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Award for Landscape Design. He is also a Fellow at the American Academy in Rome. His work was recently featured in Art Institute of Chicago's "Learning Modern" exhibition, and was featured prominently in the February 2010 issue of "Art in America".

Last spring, Walter was a selected winner for the Venice Biennale and exhibited two projects: a green street and plaza for Center Street in Berkeley, California, and the Greenprint, an urban landscape vision for the Hill District in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Walter's firm, Hood Design, is a cultural practice committed to creating environments in which people live work and play. The studio practice engages urban landscape where a collective density of inhabitants share physical, social, political and economic resources.

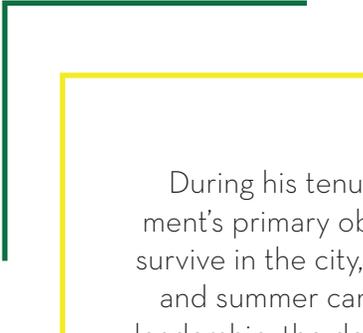
This multidimensional context is the setting for the development of powerful sculpted expressions that explore site specific social and environmental processes. Landscapes and built elements emerge as improvised acts, familiar yet reshaped into something new.



Phil Ginsburg

San Francisco Recreation & Parks
General Manager





During his tenure, Phil Ginsburg has made increasing access to public recreation one of the department's primary objectives, ensuring that the city's children and families have the opportunity to not only survive in the city, but thrive. Since 2009, Rec and Park has created new, innovative recreation programs and summer camps, encouraging everyone to connect with nature and get out and play. Under Phil's leadership, the department has developed a robust recreation scholarship program, providing more than 8,000 scholarships and over \$1 million in free programming to park users each year.

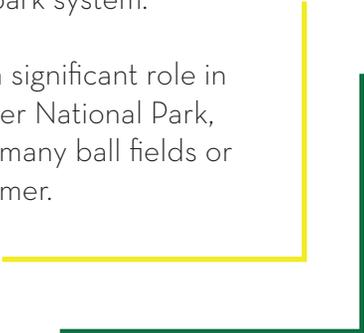
In recent years, Phil and his team have implemented playground, trail and facility improvements across the city, thanks to two voter-approved bond initiatives totaling \$385 million. These capital upgrades are critical to ensuring that children and families will have clean, safe and beautiful parks to enjoy for decades to come. Under Phil's guidance, Rec and Park has also completed several water conservation projects, cultivated nearly 186,000 hours of annual support from volunteers, developed youth environmental stewardship programs, and launched a citywide program to manage San Francisco's urban agriculture and community gardening efforts.

Understanding the realities of 21st Century government, Phil has helped San Francisco's park system avoid catastrophic cuts, closures and service reductions through the strategic use of public-private partnerships, creative revenue strategies, technology and administrative efficiencies.

Phil has more than a decade of experience in San Francisco city government, having previously served as a deputy City Attorney, Director of the Department of Human Resources, and Chief of Staff to Mayor Gavin Newsom.

Recognized across the country for his leadership, Phil sits on the Board of the City Parks Alliance, a national organization advocating for large urban park systems. In 2013, Phil was presented with a "Legacy Award" by America Scores Bay Area for his leadership and commitment to San Francisco youth. In 2012, the Trust for Public Land named San Francisco the nation's best urban park system.

Phil is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Hastings College of the Law. Parks play a significant role in his personal life as well. He proposed to his wife Emily on a backcountry trek in Glacier National Park, and can often be found rooting on his daughters, Grace and Sarah, on San Francisco's many ball fields or enjoying Camp Mather in the High Sierras with his family during the summer.

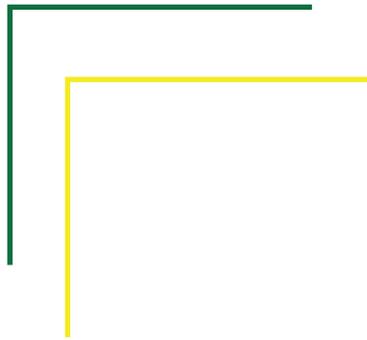




Drew Becher

San Francisco Recreation & Parks
CEO





Drew has been pioneering the San Francisco Parks Alliance since moving to the Bay Area in 2017. His outstanding qualifications include more than 20 years of experience in national and regional park planning, advocacy, and philanthropy.

He most recently led the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society as the President & CEO, and was previously the Executive Director of the New York Restoration Project. In Washington D.C. he led notable city planning initiatives as the Deputy Director of Office of Planning and Associate Director of the Department of Parks & Recreation. In Chicago he served as the Chief of Staff of the Chicago Parks District. As a civic and non-profit leader, he is known for his ability to scale organizations, fundraise, and execute transformative projects for world class cities and organizations.

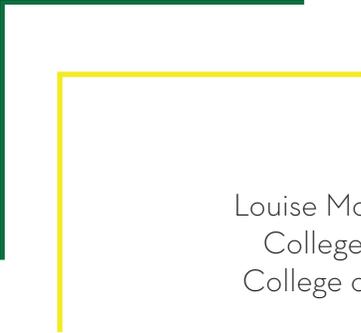
Drew brings tremendous enthusiasm and confidence to build on the Parks Alliance's many valued relationships with the teams at Recreation and Parks, the Department of Public Works, Department of Planning, the Port of San Francisco, City Hall and our extraordinary network of Park Partners. Together we are committed to projects like the LetsPlaySF! capital campaign to provide clean, safe and imaginative playgrounds for every child and family in San Francisco, visionary efforts such as the Blue Greenway and countless ongoing stewardship and beautification projects throughout San Francisco.



Louise Mozingo

University of California - Berkeley
Chair of Landscape Architecture
and Environmental Planning





Louise Mozingo, former Professor of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning (LAEP) in the College of Environmental Design, now is chair of the LAEP Department. During her tenure in the College of Environmental Design, Mozingo has actively helped guide new research and pedagogy at CED.

She is the founding director of the Center for Resource Efficient Communities (CREC) – an interdisciplinary research group focused on supporting resource efficiency goals through environmental planning and urban design – and a member of the Graduate Group in Urban Design. She also directs the American Studies program of the College of Letters and Sciences at UC Berkeley.

A former associate and senior landscape architect for Sasaki Associates, Mozingo joined the College of Environmental Design in 1993, after a decade of professional practice. Mozingo received a B.A. in Biology and Art History from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1980 and her M.L.A. from UC Berkeley in 1984.

Mozingo's research and creative work focuses on ecological design, landscape history, and social processes in public landscapes, with an emphasis on sustainability. Her work has been included in exhibitions at the University of Illinois, the Chicago Botanic Garden, the Boston Architectural League, the Berkeley Art Center, and the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. In addition to numerous articles and reviews, she is the author of *Pastoral Capitalism: A History of Suburban Corporate Landscapes* (MIT Press, 2011) and with Linda Jewel, she co-edited *Women in Landscape Architecture: Essays on History and Practice* (McFarland 2012).

The Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture honored Mozingo's work with an Award of Recognition for Excellence in Teaching, Writing, and Service in 2000. That same year, she also received the Chancellor's Award of Recognition for University and Community Partnerships from the University of California, Berkeley.



Lanita Henriquez

Community Challenge Grant
Program Manager





Lanita is a native San Franciscan, born and raised in the Inner Mission. Growing up surrounded by the lack of green open spaces to play she had a strong desire to work in city government, giving back to the communities of San Francisco.

After becoming a natural advocate for community beautification efforts Lanita has dedicated her professional and personal time to improving community spaces. For more than 13 years she has served as the Director of the Community Challenge Grant Program, a division of the City Administrator's Office.

Ms. Henriquez oversees a \$1.9 million annual grant program providing funding to 50+ neighborhood groups and nonprofit organizations creating gathering spaces, mini-parks, community gardens, urban farms, parklets, sidewalk gardens and public art. Her ability to develop partnerships is positively reshaping interagency collaboration for community benefit. Through partnerships with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commissions and the San Francisco Planning Department she oversees three additional community improvement programs providing funding toward greening, rainwater harvesting, green schoolyard gardens and educational projects.

Lanita believes that creating projects and space for community engagement strengthens our city and reinforces its resiliency.

