

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

When I first moved to SF in 2005 I became friends with a former staff member at SFBC. I went to events, became a member, and met some people, but wasn't motivated to become more active because I didn't think the SFBC was a place for me. Since then I have worked in the diverse biking community and have found many people in SF who have had similar experiences as my first impressions of the SFBC. I'm interested in becoming a board member because I want to put in the work to make sure that SFBC is a place for all in the cycling community.

---

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

SFBC has been supportive of passing the necessary legislation in order for the project I co-founded, Bicis Del Pueblo, to gain access to abandoned bikes from various city agencies. In this partnership I have been involved in organizing and supporting bike builds sponsored by the SFBC in the Excelsior and the Bayview neighborhoods.

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

I have a Master's degree in Urban Planning from UCLA. I have documented the geographic inequalities in the existing biking infrastructure in SF (<http://bit.ly/2cnw63Y>) and reported bike collisions in SF (<http://bit.ly/2cuslNs>). At UCLA I was one of the original members of the UCLA Bicycle Coalition, which advocated for improved bike routes and safety on campus. As a data analyst I have done advocacy research on many issues including housing, education, and crime.

---

#### 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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strategic direction	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input 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 currently manage the Bicis del Pueblo (BDP) project, which involves most of the above items. I am responsible for making sure that the BDP project has structure, management of events, and to be a mentor for youth. I gained most of my project management skills through teaching a course on managing small development projects to high school students and teachers while I was in the Peace Corps volunteer in Honduras. I made sure that my small town had the tools to identify, prioritize, fund, monitor, and evaluate improvement projects. Much of my work, like the SFBC board, was in an advisory capacity as I taught through experiential learning.

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

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

These skills are all necessary that I hone as I manage the Bicis del Pueblo (BDP) project. I am passionate about sharing and learning new skills as that is part of the mission of BDP. I do not believe that any one person has all the answers, but as a group those involved in any given aspect of BDP can successfully solve a problem. The BDP project is focused on getting educating individuals and families in the Excelsior neighborhood on bike maintenance, safety, and advocacy.

Through all of my experiences I have ended up being very process oriented and understand the importance of ensuring that processes exist for the intended outcomes. Without solid systems in place to implement, monitor, and evaluate the success of a program or initiative then it will be exceptionally difficult to properly determine the effectiveness of the program.

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)

In my first time as a member I found it difficult to find a supportive community in the SFBC. I am interested in exploring ways for people to be involved with SFBC in the culturally relevant ways that make SF such a wonderfully diverse and tolerant place.

When I was part of the Blackstone Bike Shop, on the south side of Chicago, I worked with bike mechanics and youth development experts to create a safe haven for youth to learn bike mechanic skills, safety, and other biking experiences and develop leadership skills. Bikes meant a lot more than simply transportation to those kids because adults like me believe that the meaning and value of bikes is only limited by our imagination.

---