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## Application for Boards / Commissions / Committees / Task Forces INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION

San Francisco is a diverse City and County with a wide range of people and issues affecting it. In order to take advantage of the extensive experience and knowledge available throughout our communities, various Boards/Commissions/Committees/Task Forces have been established to bring that knowledge together. These groups and their membership requirements are established by legislation approved through the local, state, and/or federal government.

In addition to setting up the purpose and goals of the various groups, the governing legislation outlines the type of person - in terms of desirable skills and/or knowledge - who can contribute their knowledge and perspective. In this manner, a group of San Franciscans, who are representative of the City and County, can be active participants in addressing issues affecting the entire City and County.

If you are interested in serving the City and County of San Francisco, the following procedures are provided:

1. A list of vacancies and expected vacancies, with their qualifications, can be found at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, at the San Francisco Main Public Library, and online on the Board of Supervisors' website (<http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy>). Please review this list for positions of interest.
2. Submit an application ([http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy\\_application](http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy_application))  
*(List all of the appropriate seat number(s) and/or category/categories for which you qualify. We request applications be received ten (10) days before the scheduled hearing.)*

Applicants may also need to submit a Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests (<https://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>), along with their application for all bodies listed in [Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.1-103\(a\)\(1\)](#).

3. If the seat(s) you are applying for is vacant and requires the Board of Supervisors' confirmation, the Rules Committee may schedule your application for review. Applicants should expect to appear before the Rules Committee to speak on their qualifications and answer questions during a public hearing.  
*(There are no set instructions on what you are expected to present to the Rules Committee; however, a brief description of how your qualifications distinguish you from other applicants, reasons for your interest in the subject, and/or a short summarization on why you would make a good candidate is appropriate.)*
4. The Rules Committee may or may not make a recommendation for appointment. If a recommendation is made by the Rules Committee, the recommendation is forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval. It generally takes approximately 15 days from the date the Rules Committee makes their recommendation, for the individual to become officially appointed.
5. Depending on the type of organization, a new appointee may need to take an Oath of Office.

If there are no vacancies, your application will be retained for one year. If any openings occur during this time, your application will be submitted to the Rules Committee for review.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Rules Committee Clerk at (415) 554-5184. If you require detailed information concerning the operations of a particular Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force, please contact the administering department directly.

(Applications must be submitted to [BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org](mailto:BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org) or to the mailing address listed above.)

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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Food Security Task Force

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): 14 or 19

Full Name: Austin M. Dalmasso

Home Address: REDACTED Zip Code: 94112

Home Phone: NA Occupation: Food Justice Program Supervisor

Work Phone: 415-358-3984 Employer: Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation

Business Address: 210 Golden Gate Ave Zip Code: 94102

Business Email: adalmasso@tndc.org Home Email: REDACTED

Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(2), Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of residents of the City and County of San Francisco who are 18 years of age or older (unless otherwise stated in the code authority). For certain appointments, the Board of Supervisors may waive the residency requirement.

Resident of San Francisco: Yes [checked] No [ ] If No, place of residence:
18 Years of Age or Older: Yes [checked] No [ ]

Pursuant to Mayoral Order, members of boards/commissions are required to be Covid-19 vaccinated and attend in-person meetings.

Covid-19 Vaccinated: Yes [checked] No [ ]

Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(1), please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:

I have extensive work experience in communities that have historically been marginalized and underresourced by traditional economic, political, and social frameworks. I have education in the sociomedical sciences with an emphasis on history, ethics, and law and am versed in the discourse regarding how to create systems that uplift and benefit all with a lens tightly focused on equity and justice. Specifically regarding neighborhoods of interest, I work with the Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC) as part of the Healthy retail team and have become intimately connected with the tenderloin neighborhood and its issues. Although I am not a resident, I do believe that I am able to communicate and amplify the calls to action coming out of the various community groups I am active within. Lastly, I have direct and personal lived experiences regarding many of the above categories that may help to add depth and breadth to my perspective on food and food security.

**Business and/or Professional Experience:**

I am currently the Food Justice Program Supervisor with the TNDC Healthy Retail team. We work with corner stores and small grocers to facilitate sale and adoption of healthier alternatives in neighborhoods that struggle most with the burden of chronic diseases. With my background in public health I take a systems thinking approach to this conversation. Additionally, I have worked with a regenerative agricultural institute in upstate New York which helped to further my understanding of the food system and the multifaceted issues that compound to create the current inequitable food landscape in the country. In previous roles I have also served as the manager for a free clinic/food pantry, have helped to teach cooking courses, and spend time working on farms. I believe that I can bring a valuable perspective to this task force.

**Civic Activities:**

In my role within TNDC my program is situated in the Community Organizing office. In this capacity, I am lucky enough to see first hand the effort that goes into galvanizing civic engagement such as the hosting of a land-use ballot measures forum, a district 6 supervisor debate, a transit measure disussion, and most notably the Walk with Windy event. walk with Windy is an election-based civic engagement where hundred of residents of the Tenderloin march together to drop off their ballots in a symbolic gesture of strenght, this mass of people who rarely ave the ability to have their voices herd instead are able to make headlines. Before I moved back to California I was living in New York where I was actively involved with student activism and civic engagement including but certainly not limited to assisting with campaigns, helping with outreach and education, and hosting events.

Have you attended any meetings of the body to which you are applying? Yes  No

An appearance before the Rules Committee may be required at a scheduled public hearing, prior to the Board of Supervisors considering the recommended appointment. Applications should be received ten (10) days prior to the scheduled public hearing.

Date: 11/7/22 Applicant's Signature (required): Austin M. Dalmasso  
*(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)*

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year. Once completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_