

Statement of Candidacy for Vice President
By Xochitl Carrion

Hopefully, this past year as SDOB's vice president has demonstrated to you that civic service is my passion. As you know, I come from a very humble background, and I learned early that the world was unjust. My lived experience became my motivation to become a champion of justice. My dedication and strong work ethic made it a reality.

I am declaring my candidacy for re-election as the Vice President of the SDOB because of my extensive relevant leadership and legal expertise. As your prior VP, I have supported SDOB by providing counsel, in line with the City Attorney's legal direction, when taking necessary and appropriate steps to effectuate our vital mission of transparency, accountability, and community engagement. I believe my leadership as last year's VP has ensured that SDOB leadership follows the proper procedure and that all voices are heard.

As a San Francisco prosecutor, I learned SFSO's policies, procedures, trainings, and organizational structure while I investigated sheriff deputy misconduct and potential criminal acts. As a civil transaction and litigation attorney, I represented numerous government agencies, specifically giving trainings and legal counsel on issues involving governance, the Brown Act, the Sunshine Ordinance, and employment law. In my current position, as an ALTO lead attorney, I work together with community members and organizations, elected officials, corporations, law enforcement, and prosecutors to build trust and meaningful working partnerships.

Serving in over 30+ national, state, and local leadership positions, I recognize that good intentions without the proper application of governing laws, regulations, and procedures may be incredibly damaging and breeds distrust, a waste of resources, and a lack of transparency. My main goal is to offer my skill sets and expertise to guide our work.

Finally, SFSO is one of the most diverse governmental agencies in San Francisco. Electing an out-and-proud Latina queer falls in line with the diversity embodied by SFSO. I strongly believe our board's leadership should reflect our beautiful, diverse San Francisco community.

For all these reasons, I humbly request your vote to allow me the great honor of continuing to serve as your Vice President. Thank you for your time and consideration!