

Connections



Sharaya Souza

Sharaya Souza (Taos Pueblo, Ute, Kiowa), Executive Director of the American Indian Cultural District, dedicated to recognizing, honoring, and celebrating American Indian legacy, culture, people, and contributions. She is an ambassador for promoting equitable resource distribution to American Indian communities, increasing Native visibility and political representation, and protecting and preserving American Indian cultural resources in the San Francisco Bay Area. She currently serves on the Presidio Activators Council, San Francisco Heritage, Aquatic Park Pier Planning Committee, and the

Human Rights Commission Roundtable. She has previously served on the Environmental Justice Working Group, SFAC Monuments Memorials Advisory Committee, Climate Council, Housing Policy Committee, and the HRC Racial Equity in the Arts Working Group. Her prior work included establishing Native visibility in tech, sacred site and tribal cultural resource preservation, land use mediation, helping tribal groups gain recognition as non-federally recognized tribes, and protecting Native American human remains.



Sara Moncada

Sara Moncada (Yaqui), M.A., is a Native educator, dancer, filmmaker, author and cultural arts advocate. She is CEO of The Cultural Conservancy, a native-led non-profit working in Indigenous land, rights and revitalization projects, is co-founder of Wise Women Circles, a women-owned media company, and is co-director of Sewam American Indian Dance, a Bay Area-based cultural arts and education organization. She presents internationally on traditional Native Foodways, arts and culture and is co-author of the book *The Dance of Caring*, a book exploring Native American Hoop Dance as a model for

wellness. She is producer of the internationally successful documentary film *NURSES If Florence Could See Us Now* and the film project *Finding Compás*; and is producer of The Cultural Conservancy's *The Native Seed Pod*, a new podcast series that explores and celebrates traditional seeds, Native Foodways and Traditional Ecological Knowledge.



Drew Becher

Drew Becher has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the San Francisco Parks Alliance since 2017. In 2018 alone, Drew led the organization as it completed 20+ park projects, engaged 100,000+ residents in park programming, and helped raise \$20M+ for capital projects. Drew has executed transformational projects in support of parks and green spaces across the country, and comes to SF Parks Alliance with over 20 years of experience in national and regional park planning and advocacy. Previously, Drew was President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS), Executive

Director of the New York Restoration Project, and Chief of Staff at the Chicago Park District. While at PHS and the New York Restoration Project, Drew spearheaded the most innovative and successful tree planting program in the country, the Plant One Million campaign and Million Trees NYC. At PHS, he also created the pop-up garden phenomenon that has been copied in many U.S. cities. In Chicago, Drew forged an acclaimed environmental and beautification agenda, which included the creation of Millennium Park. In his free time, Drew tends to his home garden, and spends time with his three dogs and husband.



Louise Mozingo

Louise is Professor and Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning at the University of California Berkeley. A former Associate and Senior Landscape Architect for Sasaki Associates, Professor Mozingo joined the department after a decade of professional practice. Her book, *Pastoral Capitalism: A History of Suburban Corporate Landscapes*, won 2011 American Publishers Award for Professional and Scholarly Excellence in the Architecture and Urban Planning category, the 2014 Elisabeth Blair MacDougall Prize from the Society of Architectural Historians for the

best book in landscape history, and an American Society of Landscape Architects Honor Award for Communications in 2014. She has also been the recipient of Harvard University's Dumbarton Oaks Fellowship for Studies in Landscape Architecture, the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Award of Recognition for Excellence in Teaching, Writing, and Service, and the University of California, Berkeley Chancellor's Award of Recognition for University and Community Partnerships.



Lisa Bransten

Lisa Bransten is Director of Partnerships for the San Francisco Recreation & Park Department. She is inspired by the vibrancy and diversity of cities and driven by a desire to make San Francisco a great place to live for all of its residents. Lisa oversees a team that helps community members, foundations, non-profits and businesses navigate the steps to support parks and programming in San Francisco. During her time with the city, this team has secured \$200 million in public-private partnerships that directly benefit San Franciscan's daily lives. These projects include the celebration of Golden Gate Parks's 150th

Birthday, renovation of playgrounds across the city, the Goldman Tennis Center, Francisco Park and Ina Basin Waterfront Park. Prior to working for the city, Lisa worked as a staff reporter for publications from the Gilroy Dispatch and the Mexico City Daily News to the Financial Times and the Wall Street Journal. Lisa serves on the board of directors of the Jamestown Community Center in San Francisco's Mission District. She has a BA in English Literature and an MA in Latin American Politics and International Economics.

Project Track – ShineOn Action Awards: Looking Back and Looking Forward



Julia Ayeni

Julia Ayeni is a proud Project Manager for the Economic Recovery & Regeneration team within the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Prior to this role, Julia co-managed the research, drafting, and community engagement elements of the India Basin Equitable Development Plan. She also supported the planning and delivery of Interim Activation at both 900 Innes and India Basin Shoreline Park. Julia possesses a Master's degree in Urban Regeneration from University College London, and a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Saint Mary's College of California. Julia's academic underpinning and professional experience in economic development and placemaking have allowed her the unique opportunity to transform unrealized spaces into thriving, cared-for places, all while weaving the fabric of social equity along the way.



Sarah Katz-Hyman

Sarah is the Community Partner Network Coordinator at SF Parks Alliance. She is responsible for supporting and building connections between community groups across the city, and planning the annual Public Space Summit. Prior to joining SF Parks Alliance, Sarah worked as the Visitor Engagement Specialist at the Presidio in San Francisco, undertaking longitudinal visitor research, data management, systems creation, and event support. She has a background in public space research, community-centered education, outreach, and events and project management. Sarah graduated from the University of Maryland with a dual-degree in Environmental Science and

Broadcast Journalism. She moved to San Francisco in 2016 and loves to explore new neighborhoods, support local businesses, go to live music and theatre performances, and hike to the tallest hill and take in the views. You'll often find her performing improv, petting dogs, or talking about Sister Act I & II (the greatest films ever set in San Francisco!).

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Edna Nyangau

Edna Nyangau, co-founder of thirdspace, is really into hugs and cooks a mean meal. She's a mad scientist at UC Berkeley by day, and an artist advocate by night. She writes stuff, does film photography, and apparently has made a hobby out of starting arts collectives. You may have heard about 2727 California ... she's behind that too!



Isaiah Powell

New York native, SF resident since 2019. Columbia University Graduate/Film. Isaiah has a diverse background in legal services, music, farming and entrepreneurship.



Jeanne Crawford

Project Track – Maintaining Collaboration and Connection: Ensuring Your Project's Legacy Lives On



Robert Muehlbauer

Robert Muehlbauer is a resident of the Ingleside Neighborhood near Balboa Park Station where he has lived with his wife Moneka for 35 years. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Studies and Social Work Education from San Francisco State University. For over 25 years he served in the non-profit and public service sectors preserving and building affordable housing, restoring historic downtown masonry buildings for economic revitalization, as well as managing a number of neighborhood improvement projects. An avid city walker, his current passion is promoting pedestrian-orientated infrastructure improvements such as Ridge Lane that help serve to get people out of their cars and onto public transit.



Moneka Muehlbauer

Moneka Muehlbauer, born in Oakland and raised in Central Coastal California's Santa Maria, arrived in San Francisco in 1978 and never left. She graduated from San Francisco State University with a Bachelor of Science Accounting degree and later earned a Certified Public Accountant license. Her career as a CPA brought her in contact with a variety of professional endeavors ranging from corporate accounting firms to small businesses, to church congregations. She and Robert have raised two daughters in the Ingleside District in San Francisco. Moneka enjoys reading good mysteries, travel, eating and shopping locally, and regularly using public transit.



David Burnett

David Burnett is affiliated with the SF Recreation and Parks Department, where he engages community members and groups in volunteer stewardship of City of SF parks. Prior to RPD, he built affordable housing with volunteers at Habitat for Humanity. His volunteer experience includes the VA Medical Center and the Alameda County Public Library Prison Literacy Program.



Yuliza Parra

In her work at the SF Parks Alliance, Yuliza supports the Stewardship Team and many members of the Community Partner Network. Originally from Los Angeles, parks have always been spaces that Yuliza cherished and found comfort in. Growing up, her family spent much of their time in parks and public spaces, learning how to appreciate and celebrate life in these places. Yuliza attended the University of California, Merced, and received her Bachelors in Political Science and Community Research Services. Before joining SF Parks Alliance, she worked at an Immigration Law Firm in San Francisco where she found her love for community advocacy. Across all of her work, she enjoys

building relationships, helping community members reach their goals, and utilizing the power of storytelling to create connections. In her free time, Yuliza enjoys hiking with her dog, Chiquita, and tending to her garden and houseplants.



Savannah Schoelen

Originally from Lake Elsinore in Southern California, Savannah made the move up north in 2014 where she attended UC Berkeley to study Sociology and City Planning — and hasn't left the Bay Area since. Prior to SF Parks Alliance, Savannah spent four years at Downtown Streets Team supporting the unhoused and at-risk community in San Francisco. Savannah strongly believes in the importance of parks and public spaces, and that everyone has the right to enjoy them. She is excited to support initiatives that are grounded in community, and make San Francisco the beautiful city it is. Outside of work, Savannah can be found exploring San Francisco parks with her dog, sewing with up-cycled materials, or watching the sunrise/sunset from the dunes at Ocean Beach.



Katie Cariffe

Katie Cariffe has been a resident of San Francisco since 1995 and has lived in Potrero Hill since 2000. She is a pioneer in yoga teacher training, a life coach, a mother of 2, and an avid gardener who is passionate about creating an inspired, welcoming, and beautiful community in her neighborhood. She is excited to collaborate with her neighbors on the De Haro Street Community Project. Katie serves as the financial manager of our Community Group.



Lila Travis

Lila Travis was born and raised in San Francisco. She has been a Bay Area wildlife rehabilitator, naturalist, educator, and animal behaviorist for the last 35 years. With training in biology, ethology, wildlife triage, and anthropology, Lila holds decades of experience working with animals and children, teaching environmental education. She founded Yggdrasil Urban Wildlife Rescue & Education Center, serving the San Francisco Bay Area since 2001. Today, Lila works daily with San Francisco city agencies to improve the compassion our city holds towards it's human and animal citizens, as director of Yggdrasil Urban Wildlife Rescue (www.yuwr.org). In her spare time she paints and

creates three dimensional art using plants and succulents, while also raising her 12 year old son. As a DeHaro Street resident, she is a firm believer that Community is strengthened by working together to improve the environment we all share, and brings to the table decades of non-profit management and community education experience.

General Track — Youth Panel



Maya Rogers

Maya Rodgers comes to SF Parks Alliance with over 10 years of extensive park advocacy, activism, and community engagement experience. Maya is a fierce community advocate who founded Parks 94124 in 2010, a local parks advocacy group, as well as the Bayview Parks Collaborative. Throughout all of her work, she believes that collaboration is the key to developing and maintaining sustainable and dynamic parks and public spaces. Maya holds a Masters in Social Work from San Francisco State University, and is a proud San Francisco native and current resident.



Laticia Erving

Laticia Erving is a native daughter of San Francisco, born and raised in the city's Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood. She has committed her professional and personal life to the success and achievement of students and families in San Francisco. Beginning her service at just 19 years old, Laticia holds 22 years of experience in SFUSD working to ensure the voices of SFUSD families are elevated and recognized as essential assets to the forward movement of San Francisco's educational institutions. She is currently the Interim Director of the African American Achievement and Leadership Initiative, a department that sits in the Superintendent's office. Prior to her current role she served as the Program Manager for the African American Parent Advisory Council following 16 years as a Family Liaison serving two of San Francisco's most underserved Black communities. Laticia is an active advocate and champion of equity throughout the city. She currently sits on the Board of Directors for the SMART Program and holds a seat on the African American Reparations Advisory Committee for San Francisco. Of the many titles Laticia holds, her most important and cherished is parent and caregiver to two amazing young women, Denaysia and De'Yani. Denaysia, a medical technician at Stanford Women's Medical Center and De'Yani, a freshman at Dillard University in New Orleans, LA.



Ernesto Pepito

Ernesto Pepito is the Associate Director, Youth Leadership, at Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. He supports a number of outreach, education, and internship initiatives and projects that promote youth leadership for thriving parks, healthier communities, and a more environmentally just society. He has attended and presented at conferences nationally and internationally on the work that is occurring in Golden Gate National Parks. He started his career leading middle and high school service-learning programs for the San Francisco Conservation Corps thru AmeriCorps and has a degree in political science from Cal State East Bay. Ernesto was born and raised in San Francisco's Mission District, currently lives in the Bay Area with his wife Anna, 10-year-old son Leo and 2 year old daughter Lea.

Project Track — Visual Storytelling with Community in Mind



Jake Ramirez

Jake joined the SF Parks Alliance in August 2022. He leads on a variety of marketing and media initiatives and supports the greater external affairs team. Prior to joining SF Parks Alliance, Jake worked in the agency world, providing public relations and communications support to clients in industries including agriculture, music, tech, and CPG. Previously, he worked in marketing and communications with mission-driven nonprofits. He is also an off-and-on music journalist. Outside of work, Jake enjoys running in the Panhandle, counting banana slugs on hikes, and catching old David Lynch films at the Roxie.



Lucas Lux

Lucas is President of Friends of Great Highway Park, an all-volunteer nonprofit reimagining our City's oceanfront as a community space enriching the lives of San Franciscans of all ages and abilities. Lucas co-organizes the group's Great Hauntway, a Halloween trick-or-treat event that brings 10,000 people to Great Highway Park for over one mile of car free trick or treating. In addition to his work on Great Highway Park, Lucas co-leads Community Spaces SF, a multimedia project that aims to give voice to the people who most need urban open spaces. Lucas is a lawyer by day, and lives in the Outer Sunset with his wife and son.



Sophie Constantinou

Sophie Constantinou is a creative placemaking artist, documentary storyteller, and co-founder of Citizen Film, a nationally acclaimed nonprofit organization devoted to inspiring active engagement in civic life. Sophie's work in her own neighborhood, Bernal Heights, is guided by the belief that participatory documentary storytelling is a powerful tool for catalyzing and informing sustained civic action and creating a shared sense of place. After moving to her new home alongside the Bernal Cut nearly twenty years ago, Sophie started working with the College Hill Neighborhood Association to make improvements including tree plantings, a native California demonstration garden, a shared lending library and solar lighting along a pedestrian walkway. Sophie created a set of interpretive signs, a mural and an online multimedia project exploring how natural and built environments interact on the Bernal Cut, and how a diverse community participates in that interaction. Sophie is the first documentarian ever to receive a prestigious ArtPlace America Creative Placemaking Grant to "strengthen the social, physical, and economic fabric of communities;" she sees all of her many projects as a means to that end.

General Track — The Why & How of Public Art



Laura Rothman

As a member of SF Parks Alliance's Capital team within the larger Parks & Place department, Laura helps to plan and execute a variety of capital campaigns and programming across San Francisco. Working in tandem with other internal teams, as well as with partners and groups across the city, Laura finds joy in bring people together in parks and public spaces. Firmly believing that these places belong to everyone, she works to ensure that all communities feel welcome in the many incredible green spaces that San Francisco has to offer. Originally from San Francisco, Laura moved to the Midwest to study English and Philosophy at Kenyon College in Ohio. She has since

worked in publishing, as a pastry cook, and as a community manager at a shared art space. When not working, you can find Laura out walking and in constant amazement of the hawks, coyotes and wildlife in her local parks.



Thais Arjo

Thais provides financial and administrative support for a wide variety of government grants. Prior to joining the organization, she managed the finances and operations of a public opinion research firm. Thais grew up in the Bay Area and is thankful everyday for all of the outdoor spaces to enjoy here. Outside of work, she enjoys eating pizza, listening to podcasts, and walking all over the East Bay and San Francisco.



Philip Hua

Phillip Hua is an artist living and working in San Francisco. He graduated from the Academy of Art College with a degree in Illustration. Hua has created numerous public artworks all over the Bay Area as well as in Texas. His clients include the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the San Francisco MTA, BART, San Francisco Public Works, the Cities of Sunnyvale, Dublin, Davis, Palo Alto and San Antonio, among others. Last year, he was nominated for the SFMOMA SECA award.



Stella Lochman

Stella Lochman is a born and raised San Franciscan who has dedicated her career to cultivating the spirit of collaboration, creativity, and joy in the Bay Area. A graduate of Ruth Asawa School of the Arts and San Francisco State University, she has worked in the Education and Public Engagement Department at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) since 2009. She has produced hundreds of programs that connect the work of local, national, and international artists. She was the creative and production lead for the 2022 Artist Soapbox Derby.



Jackie Von Treskow

As Senior Program Manager for Public Art at the San Francisco Arts Commission, Jackie von Treskow supports the implementation of the City's Art Enrichment Ordinance, which mandates that 2% of the construction cost of city capital improvement projects be allocated for the acquisition of artwork. In addition to assisting with all aspects of the Commission's Public Art Program, von Treskow manages a diverse portfolio of public art projects at various stages of development for City client agencies that include the SF Public Utilities Commission, Municipal Transportation Agency, and the Department of Public Health, among others. Prior to joining the Arts Commission, von Treskow was Program Director of FOR-SITE, a San Francisco-based, non-profit organization committed to engaging audiences with artistic collaborations on historic, National Park land.



Shannon Riley

Shannon Riley is an award-winning, creative leader and cultural entrepreneur, who's spent her career producing innovative experiences bringing artwork to life to push the boundaries of what is possible in the public art world. She is the Founder and CEO of Building 180, a women-run art agency, whose mission is to inspire change through Public Art and to help artists maintain sustainable careers, and Executive Director of Bay-Area non-profit arts initiative, Paint the Void, that has commissioned over 200 artists to paint murals on boarded storefronts in the wake of COVID-19.

Project Track — 1:1 Fundraising Plan Support



Steve Fredericks

Steve Fredericks serves as the Director of Development for SF Parks Alliance. In this role, Steve leads corporate sponsorship and engagement for events and initiatives, co-leads major donor cultivations, coordinates the fundraising efforts for Let'sPlaySF!, and supports the COO of Marketing, Development, & Programming in setting and executing overall development strategy for the organization. Prior to working at SF Parks Alliance, Steve served as the Director of Development for Bay Area Wilderness Training, where he led the fundraising strategy to double the organization's budget and staff in his

six-year tenure. This work included securing the funding to launch a major initiative with Oakland Unified School District to bring every middle school student on an outdoor trip as part of their school curriculum. Steve continues to be an advocate for outdoor access for all people, and greatly enjoys backpacking, snowboarding, running and cooking.



Sonia Gonzalez Banks

Sonia Gonzalez Banks manages the Marketing, Development and Parks & Place departments, leading the teams at SF Parks Alliance responsible for all of the organization's fundraising, special events, marketing, and programming. Prior to this role, Sonia founded Golden Banks Consulting, where she supported many nonprofits in interim directorship roles and as the Producer of the San Francisco Botanical Garden Society's 75th anniversary Community Day. Previously, Sonia served as the Individual Giving and Special Events Director at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, where she created and launched a season of new programming for the 50th anniversary that continues on today. Sonia also brought success to

the development and marketing departments of Jazz at Lincoln Center and American Federation of the Arts in New York City; and the Austin Museum of Art and the Austin Children's Museum in Austin, Texas. When not at work, you can find Sonia building her indoor and outdoor gardens, thrift store shopping and spending time with her young children in San Francisco's many parks and playgrounds.



Chris Bannister

In his role as Associate Director of Development at SF Parks Alliance, Chris supports the Director of Development and the External Affairs team with the acquisition and retention of donors. He also manages fundraising efforts, and oversees membership growth. Originally from a small suburb outside of Los Angeles, Chris has been living in the Bay Area for over a decade. Previously, Chris has worked as the Membership Manager at the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition — one of the oldest and largest bicycling advocacy groups in the country — and was responsible for overseeing all membership-related aspects of the organization. As someone who utilizes city parks almost every

day, Chris admires the variety of outdoor spaces San Francisco has to offer and is looking forward to building this admiration amongst donors and members. Chris holds a B.A. in Psychology and an M.A. in Human Sexuality Studies. In his spare time, he enjoys biking, watching movies, going to shows, and spending time with his dog, Mazzy.

Project Track — Permits & Events: Best Practices



Mark Hennon

Mark Hennon is the Senior Project Manager of the SF Parks Alliance activation team working on citywide events, including movies, markets, concerts and art installations in parks. Mark has over 18 years of public space management experience in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle, and he continues to work closely with business improvement districts, city agencies, non-profits, and various green space management organizations to round out Parks Alliance's portfolio of public space events. In his free time, Mark enjoys reading (and watching) too much science fiction, exploring new parks, riding his bicycle and attending festivals.



Adrienne Bernardez

Adrienne supports the SF Parks Alliance Activation Team in the planning of events all across San Francisco. Previously, Adrienne worked at Marin County Parks as an Assistant Volunteer Coordinator, where she led volunteers through multidimensional habitat restoration projects throughout the Parks & Open Spaces of Marin. As someone who spends much of her time outdoors, Adrienne believes that parks should be safe and accessible for everyone — and she is eager and excited to serve the communities in San Francisco in this role. Outside of work, Adrienne enjoys biking around the city, reading in the park, and spending time with her dog.



Kath Tsakalakis

In 2020, Kath Tsakalakis co-founded the Friends of Lakeside Village, a fiscally sponsored project of San Francisco Parks Alliance. A large group of volunteers is partway through a shared vision to transform the commercial corridor. Before that, Kath worked in strategy consulting for nearly 20-years, including 12-years with Bain & Company in London and San Francisco. Since retiring, Kath has used her strategic planning expertise to help various startups, schools, and nonprofits. She uses facts and research to frame problems and refocus teams on practical actions that will make a difference. In 2015, Kath started



Anne Seeman

Anne Seeman is a San Francisco artist, musician and community activist. When her daughter was born in 1994, she noticed that all the playgrounds within walking distance were dilapidated and had not been maintained for many years. She became an organizer with other neighbors in collaboration with SFRPD and the Trust for Public Land, and worked to revitalize the parks and playgrounds in her Visitacion Valley neighborhood. Inspired by the success of those efforts, she envisioned and co-founded the Visitacion Valley Greenway, a series of 6 contiguous public gardens which function as a green corridor for both people and pollinators. She currently manages the communal

garden on the Greenway and coordinates volunteer days and children's programs there. She produces events in the other gardens, focused on the arts and environmental education as a means to bring neighbors together. She is on the committee to rename and revitalize Visitacion Valley Playground as Yik Oi Huang Peace and Friendship Park, to help the community heal from violence and bridge our diverse cultures.

General Track — Connections Around the Bay



Philip Winn

Philip currently serves as the Director of Parks & Place at SF Parks Alliance. Previously, he served as Vice President at Project for Public Spaces where he developed, managed, and implemented various projects and programs. While there, he helped lead the Southwest Airlines Heart of the Community Program, an initiative that provided direct grants and technical assistance to public space activation projects in over 20 cities in the US and Mexico. As a public speaker and session leader, Philip has facilitated workshops and presented at conferences for Placemaking Week, the Placemaking Leadership Council, Net Impact, Future Cities Collaborative, and more.



Seair Lorentz

Seair Lorentz, executive director of the Petaluma River Park Foundation, is leading a grassroots effort to plan and build a new 24-acre, riverfront park in Petaluma, CA. By placing the community at the center of the development process, the River Park Foundation seeks to meet our society's vital need for shared space that connects people, art, and nature. An advocate for social justice and equity in cultural spaces and places, Seair has worked in both public and private sectors, including at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, Headlands Center for the Arts, The Culinary Institute of America, and Redwood Hill Farm. Seair holds a Dual MA-MBA in Museum Studies, and when not working, she loves to cook, eat, be a mom, see art, and spend time with big trees.



Jason Su

Jason Su is an urban designer focused on the intersection of public life, community development, and civic engagement in city building. He currently serves as the Executive Director of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy – San Jose, CA; overseeing strategy, development, and restoration of the 3-mile downtown park segment of the Guadalupe River. Jason is also a faculty member of San Jose State University's urban planning department, focusing on community assessment and engagement.



Corbett Belcher

Corbett is a Senior Associate at CMG Landscape Architecture with 21 years of experience. His invaluable work ranges from regional and community-based parks to highly demanding urban redevelopment projects. His experiences have fashioned his dedication to public improvement, sustainable development, and design excellence, as well as commitment to an inclusive team approach, application of a local vernacular, and a detailed execution for each project's overall success.

This experience plays an important role at De-Pave Park, coordinating a broad team of engineers, horticulturalists, and designers, bringing the transition of De-Pave Park to a habitat driven response to sea level rise, a model for shoreline adaptation.

General Track — Reimagining our Streets



Gina Kotos

Gina joined SF Parks Alliance in August 2022. She works with the Stewardship Team to support and build connections between community groups in the northern half of San Francisco. Originally from Los Angeles, Gina moved to the Bay Area to study Environmental Biology and Public Health at UC Berkeley. She has dedicated her career to equity in sustainability and has experience working with environmental non-profit organizations, climate tech, and local and state government. Prior to joining SF Parks Alliance, she consulted cities across California on General and Specific Plans, Climate Action Plans, and Environmental Impact Reports as a Planner at Dyett &

Bhatia. Gina is passionate about the power of parks and public space to promote optimism, fight climate change, and cultivate a sense of place and community. When she's not exploring San Francisco's parks and cultural activities, Gina enjoys running, practicing yoga, and doing ceramics and other creative hobbies.



Alec Hawley

Alec Hawley found his love of landscape through a winding path in ecology, gardening, farming, and the humanities. As he grew, his family's background in engineering, art and business helped him to find a path that met his love of engineering and culture; Open Space and Landscape Planning. Now, not a day passes without a trip into the park with his 2 dogs and 2 daughters where discussions of biology, design and puddle jumping ensues. As a Designer he has worked for award winning firms across North America with clients and projects in 6 continents ranging from local community groups to International

Corporations. He prides himself in his ability to find the unique, simple, and humane aspects of landscape that help to make a place not simply one of many, but to call out the intrinsic qualities that make it one of a kind. His open and positive disposition brings a basis for cooperative and open collaboration with his peers, clients and community.



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Warren Logan

Warren Logan is an Oakland resident with a strong history of public service and community engagement. Professionally, Warren is a government affairs advisor at Progress Public Affairs where he manages government relations and strategic communication projects. Before working in the private sector Warren worked in several public agencies including the City of Berkeley's Transportation Division managing parking and travel demand management, the City and County of San Francisco managing shared mobility policy, and the Mayor's Office of Oakland managing local, regional and state

transportation policy. Personally, Warren enjoys exploring Oakland neighborhoods on his electric bike, playing with his corgi QE and German Shepherd Frankie, and spending time with friends. Warren received his Master's in City and Regional Planning from UC Berkeley's College of Environmental Design in 2013 and his B.A. in Urban and Environmental Policy from Occidental College in 2011.



Julia Malmo-Laycock

Julia (she/her) is a transportation planner on the Livable Streets team at SFMTA who devotes her time primarily to the now-permanent Slow Streets Program. Prior to joining SFMTA in 2022, Julia spent three years the County of San Mateo as an active transportation planner for unincorporated County communities, leading the development of the County's first Unincorporated San Mateo County Active Transportation Plan. Julia is passionate about making streets safer and more joyful while expanding mobility options for San Franciscans. You can catch Julia spending time outside, waltzing on the Great Walkway or commuting along the JFK Promenade.



Molly Hayden

Molly is a chronic volunteer and is involved in Page Slow Street, SF BikeBus and the Lower Haight Merchants and Neighbors Association. A Pacific Northwest native, then spent a decade in Boston and enough time in Manhattan to realize she could make there, but would rather call San Francisco home. She's passionate about Slow Streets, petting all the dogs, and seeing every National Park (currently 35/63). Her day job is at Patreon, where she helps creators get paid. She also loves to throw down at karaoke.