

ETHICS COMMISSION

The below listed summary of seats, term expirations and membership information shall serve as notice of **vacancies, upcoming term expirations** and information on currently held seats, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Appointments by other bodies are listed, if available. Seat numbers listed in **bold** are open for immediate appointment. However, you are able to submit applications for all seats and your application will be maintained for one year, in the event that an unexpected vacancy or opening occurs.

Membership and Seat Qualifications

Seat #	Appointing Authority	Seat Holder	Term Ending	Qualification
1	BOS	Larry Bush	2/1/23	Shall be broadly representative of the general public, for a six-year term appointed by the Board of Supervisors
	Mayor	Yvonne Lee	2/1/24	Appointed by the Mayor
	City Attorney	VACANT	2/1/26	Appointed by the City Attorney
	District Attorney	James Bell	2/1/25	Appointed by the District Attorney
	Assessor-Recorder	Daina Chu	2/1/22	Appointed by the Assessor

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE HERE

- English - https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application.pdf
- 中文 - https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_CHI.pdf
- Español - https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_SPA.pdf
- Filipino - https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_FIL.pdf

(For seats appointed by other Authorities please contact the Board / Commission / Committee / Task Force (see below) or the appointing authority directly.)

Pursuant to Board of Supervisors Rules of Order 2.19 (Motion No. 05-92) all applicants applying for this body must complete and submit, with their application, a copy (**not original**) of Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests. Applications will not be considered if a copy of Form 700 is not received.

FORM 700 AVAILABLE HERE (Required)

<https://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>

Please Note: Depending upon the posting date, a vacancy may have already been filled. To determine if a vacancy for this Commission is still available, or if you require additional information, please call the Rules Committee Clerk at (415) 554-5184.

Applications and other documents may be submitted to BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org

Next Steps: Applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be contacted by the Rules Committee Clerk once the Rules Committee Chair determines the date of the hearing. Members of the Rules Committee will consider the appointment(s) at the meeting and applicant(s) may be asked to state their qualifications. The appointment of the individual(s) who is recommended by the Rules Committee will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

The Ethics Commission shall consist of five members, one member of whom is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The member appointed by the Board of Supervisors shall be broadly representative of the general public.

The Mayor, the City Attorney, the District Attorney and the Assessor each shall appoint one member of the Commission that comprise the other four members. The member appointed by the Mayor shall have a background in public information and public meetings. The member appointed by the City Attorney shall have a background in law as it relates to government ethics. The member appointed by the Assessor shall have a background in campaign finance. The member appointed by the District Attorney shall be broadly representative of the general public.

The members shall serve six-year terms, provided that the first five commissioners to be appointed to take office on the first day of February 2002 shall by lot classify their terms so that the term of one commissioner shall expire at 12:00 noon on each of the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth anniversaries of such date, and on the expiration of these and successive terms of office, the appointments shall be made for six-year terms. In the event of a vacancy, the officer who appointed the member vacating the office shall appoint a qualified person to complete the remainder of the term.

Members of the Commission shall be officers of the City and County, and may be removed by the appointing authority only pursuant to Section 15.105. No person may serve more than one six-year term as a member of the Commission, provided that persons appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term with less than three years remaining or appointed to an initial term of three or fewer years shall be eligible to be appointed to one additional six-year term. Any term served before the effective date of this Section shall not count toward a member's term limit. Any person who completes a term as a Commissioner shall be eligible for reappointment six years after the expiration of his or her term.

During his or her tenure, a member of the Commission may not: hold any other City or County office or be an officer of a political party. No member or employee of the Ethics Commission may be a registered lobbyist or campaign consultant, or be employed by or receive gifts or other compensation from a registered lobbyist or campaign consultant. No member or employee of the Ethics Commission may participate in any campaign supporting or opposing a candidate for City elective office, a City ballot measure, or a City officer running for any elective

office. Participation in a campaign includes but is not limited to making contributions or soliciting contributions to any committee within the Ethics Commission's jurisdiction, publicly endorsing or urging endorsement of a candidate or ballot measure, or participating in decisions by organizations to participate in a campaign.

The Commission may subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance and testimony, administer oaths and affirmations, take evidence and require by subpoena the production of any books, papers, records or other items material to the performance of the Commission's duties or exercise of its powers.

The Commission serves the public, city employees and officials and candidates for public office through its public disclosure duties, education, and enforcement of the ethics, campaign finance, lobbying, and whistleblower retaliation protection laws within the Commission's jurisdiction. The Commission receives and provides information about public filings required by City officers, employees, candidates for office, lobbyists, and others whose activities require them to file public disclosure statements with the Commission. It also administers an education program, provides advice on the laws, and produces compliance materials. The Commission conducts policy analysis, issues policy reports, and makes legislative recommendations to ensure the laws are strong and effective. It also audits statements to ensure compliance, investigates alleged violations of laws within its jurisdiction, and assesses late fees and penalties for failure to adhere to the laws' requirements. The Commission also administers the City's public campaign financing system for candidates seeking election to City office.

Reports: Policy and other reports

Authority: Charter Section 15.100. (Proposition E – Elections, Ethics & Outside Counsel approved by the voters on November 6, 2001)

Sunset Date: None

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