

2022 Election - Candidates
2/15/22

DOGPATCH PROPERTY OWNER
(4 Seats: 2 @ 3 yrs, 2 @ 1 yr)



Jason Kelly Johnson

Artist and Architecture Professor at the CCA (California College of the Arts)
I live on Minnesota St, Dogpatch. I have a studio and shop in the AIC (American Industrial Center)
My wife Nataly and I have two daughters, 3 and 8 yrs old. I am a current GBD Board Member and would like to continue for one more term. I am an advocate for increasing the quantity and quality of public space, parks and art in the neighborhood. I also support community participation and design excellence in the public realm.



Donovan Lacy

Recovering Telecommunication Professional and stay at home parent
North Dogpatch
I have witnessed the improvements that the GBD has made in our community and strongly support its goals of neighborhood engagement. I am eager to join the GBD Board to help continue its legacy of making our neighborhood greener, more walkable and rideable.
I am a member of the DNA and the Potrero Boosters' Executive Committees focusing my efforts on making our streetscapes safer. I am a passionate advocate for our neighborhood and committed to improving it.



John Ramsbacher

Attorney/Real Estate Developer/Mental Health Facility Owner/Operator
I Live in Central Dogpatch and my office is located in Potrero Hill
The GBD does great work in beautifying our neighborhood to make it an even more attractive place to live or work.
As the real estate developer who owned and entitled the 950 Tennessee site, I worked with the DNA to provide community benefits and voluntarily included the new Kentucky Place mid block passage in the design. I look forward to seeking out other private sector improvements and assisting with project management of new improvements.



Kevin Simmons

Industrial Designer
South Dogpatch
I appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with creative individuals to continue the greening of our neighborhood.
I am communicative, gregarious, involved in my community and have made connections with residents and businesses in Dogpatch in the past 9 years that I've lived here. I can broaden awareness of the worth and benefits that the GBD brings to our neighborhood. I have a design and engineering background which could help with an understanding of the scope of projects.



Janice Sheppard

Recruiter, Legal Industry
Central Dogpatch

I am eager to get involved in the GBD to support the contributions to our neighborhood that I actively use and appreciate, utilize my professional experience, and develop new expertise.

I am a people connector, a characteristic that is advanced through my work as a recruiter and offer previous board experience. I am known to be sensible, enabling me to balance the organization's goals and the neighbor's contributions. I am trustworthy, highly organized, and responsive.



Sarah Miers

Senior Investment Principal at the Mulago Foundation (a foundation committed to addressing global poverty and climate/conservation)

Northern Dogpatch

While I love working in global development, I am eager to use my skills to have a tangible impact in my own community. I'm excited about the GBD's mission and unique governance structure that empowers residents to make our growing mixed industrial and residential neighborhood more walkable, bikeable, and green. I want to work with the GBD to maximize the presence of well-designed, climate-smart public spaces for our diverse residents (and importantly, kids!) to safely access and build community in. I have over 10 years of experience developing and funding high-impact social programs. Skills I hope to bring to the board include: Budget analysis and organizational financial management; Strategic planning and program evaluation; Relationship management with doers and funders to get buy-in and move projects forward; Written communications and reports on use of funds and program impact. I'm also an arts and design enthusiast and amateur gardener, so hope to contribute to both the plans and planting of well-designed greenspaces!



Sean Harris

Communications Professional

I live in Dogpatch (north) and work from home most days.

What interests you most about the GBD? Maintaining the unique character of Dogpatch/NW Potrero Hill and their vibrant green spaces that have only become more vital after two years of living during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

As a communicator, I want to help connect neighbors by sharing their stories and inspiring action. I also have experience in the grants space and fundraising, and look forward to volunteering my time on projects across the district.



An Van de Moortel

I am taking a break in my Fashion Design training to work on my own clothing collection while following-up on an extensive home remodel for the moment.

I live in central Dogpatch, very close to Piccino restaurant and Esprit park.

I enjoy what the GBD has accomplished every day; the park, small green pockets of plants and flowers, little oases of green to enjoy alone or with friends and which give me a connection to nature and a feeling of calm and awe (and all that despite a busy highway in the background) I would like to help to bring more green, help create more places of calm and bliss and beauty with the people of my community. More trees, some type of sound proof barrier along the highway, hanging gardens and roof gardens, community vegetable gardens are some of the things I would love to help realize. I have the energy and time at this point, my experience on following through on (remodel) projects can be of use, support fundraising efforts and follow through of projects to get things done.

DOGPATCH TENANT

(2 Seats: 1 @ 3 yr, 1 @ 1 yr)



Erin Epperson

Real Estate Development, Power Station
AIC North

Participating in an organization that has been able to successfully navigate relationships with complicated partners (CalTrans, SFPW, Muni, etc.) is interesting to me.

I have been doing real estate development work for 20+ years, with over 10 years working in San Francisco. Over this time I have become familiar with navigating the many jurisdictional hurdles that are necessary to build in San Francisco and can't wait to contribute to your efforts.



Paul Selmants

Environmental Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey
North Dogpatch (Parcel 2 of GBD Zone 1)

As an environmental scientist and avid bicyclist, I have witnessed the community benefit of green spaces and protected bike lanes in my neighborhood. I am passionate about open space, green infrastructure, and good governance, and would like to contribute my knowledge and expertise in service to the GBD as a Board Member.

Having served on several advisory boards (California GIS Council, USGS Menlo/Moffett Science Advisory Council), I bring experience with both sound ecological practices and transparent governing practices.

POTRERO PROPERTY OWNER

(1 Seat @ 3 yrs)



Daphne Magnawa

Managing Director of Programs at Renaissance Journalism
I live on the 300 block of Utah Street.

I have lived and worked in Potrero Hill for over 25 years. I was an active parent at Daniel Webster elementary and helped build and launch Potrero Kids preschool. I'd like to continue serving our community as a board member and advocate for open spaces that are inclusive and accessible to everyone.

I have worked in finance and operations in the corporate and nonprofit sectors and can successfully bring together people from diverse communities to work towards a shared goal.

GREENSPACE ADVOCATE

(1 Seat)



Terri McFarland

Landscape Architect
Potrero Hill

I'm running for a second term to serve as one of two Green Space Advocates on the GBD Board. I enjoy contributing my design skills and plant knowledge to the community that visits our green spaces, humans - but also birds, bees and butterflies. It's rewarding to activate the patches of our neighborhoods with living habitat. Serving on the Board with motivated neighbors has been a key connection for me during the pandemic, and I look forward to meeting more neighbors in our revitalized spaces.