

2024 GREEN BENEFIT DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES

Dogpatch Property Owner – Vote for Two



Katherine Doumani

Incumbent - I will continue to bring community leadership continuity, advocacy and proven commitment to the GBD Board. I am also an avid gardener and serial entrepreneur, and offer a can-do problem solving approach when needed.

Michael Joseph Spain

Greetings I am Michael Spain. I have lived at 946 Minnesota since 2000. My principal interest is in the enhancement of Wood Yards Park on 22nd street between Minnesota and Indiana. Since the closing of Esprit Park for repairs, traffic through Woods Yard has increased dramatically. I believe all weather Picnic Tables placed inside the 2 sets of concrete pillars, affectionately known by some as "Dogpatch Stonehedge", would offer an alternative to the tables and chairs already in place. Picnic Tables are colorful seating where small groups can meet, rest, eat lunch and converse. Evening lighting in the trees in Woods Yard would greatly enhance the area when the Sun goes down. 22nd Street sees lots of foot traffic at night because of the Restaurants and those walking their Dogs. Lighting in the trees would give the Park a welcoming protective feeling in the evening. Lights can be powered by Solar Panels and Battery packs on timers. Somewhat more ambitious is an Industrial Roof over the aforementioned "Dogpatch Stonehedge". Steel beams for supports and corrugated tin roofing would give the Pillars purpose and fit the Industrial character of Dogpatch. A tent like structure would give the seating some protection from harsh weather and rain. Additionally, a tin roof offers GBD an opportunity to paint an acknowledgement of its contribution to the neighborhood. Thank You for your support. Michael Spain



Barb Fritz

Incumbent - I've been a Dogpatch resident for 10 years, and our neighborhood is the reason I love living in SF. The mix of leafy green, industrial and residential spaces, friendly neighbors and animals is special. Getting to know more and more of my neighbors, through my last three years of involvement in the GBD, has made this a home like no other. I've loved

having the opportunity to build new gardens, bring outdoor music events to life and strategize on the urban fabric of Dogpatch. My background is design, and I'm a maker who loves a good pop-up and also volunteers at SCRAP to keep creative materials in the hands of dreamers and out of landfills. I help out with social media for the GBD and am passionate about connecting our community.



Rebecca Groves

I fell in love with Dogpatch and Potrero Hill when my daughter started preschool at La Scuola in 2020, and we were lucky enough to buy a house on Minnesota Street in the fall of 2021. Every day my family and I appreciate the design and care of interstitial green spaces that the GBD has transformed here. We always look forward to the GBD and DNA community cleanups, Dog Patch Music Series, and Spooky Stroll – we're keen on participating in all neighborhood activities, especially ones that enhance everyone's enjoyment of the urban beauty of Dogpatch and Potrero Hill. My professional background is in visual and performing arts administration, working with companies from the state-funded Ballett Frankfurt in Germany to smaller nonprofits such as the Forsythe Foundation, McEvoy Foundation for the Arts, and The Nocturnists. I'd love the opportunity to share my professional skills to support the mission of the GBD and the renewal of its charter, collaborating with neighbors as an active member of the Board of Directors. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Dogpatch Tenant or Property Owner – Vote for One



John Litster

I've been a member of the Dogpatch community for twenty years - Both as an owner and now as a tenant. I strongly believe in the mission of this GBD and would like to help steer its future to the benefit of our community at large.



Tabitha McCallum

My background is interior design but I've been working for the last 5 years on the PM side managing design and construction projects for clients. I love cities and all they offer. Having lived in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and outside NYC gives me a broader lens and perspective. Making cities more human-centric is why I would love to participate.

NW Potrero Hill Property Owner – Vote for One



Matt Lewis

I've been a San Francisco resident for 17 years now, and have lived in Northwest Potrero Hill for 5 of those years. I'm passionate about our community taking responsibility for our own neighborhood, and leading by example.

I hold a Masters degree from Duke University and have a 20 year career in technology. I'd love to be able to contribute to the growth and success of our neighborhood by partnering with employers and businesses operating in the GBD.

NW Potrero Hill Tenant – Vote for One



Joyce Lavey

Incumbent - With 25 years' experience working as an HR Consultant with businesses and nonprofits, I can offer these strong skills to the GBD Board: situational analysis; project planning; goal setting; strategizing; problem solving; and relationship building. I've been a resident of NW Potrero Hill for 37 years, love this community, and want to see it thrive

Note: You may cast a vote for all seats, irrespective of whether you live in Dogpatch or NW Potrero. Learn more about the election process and sign up for the monthly GBD updates at GreenBenefit.org