



Biographies of New Governing Board Members



Aaron Peskin is a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, representing District 3, which is comprised of North Beach, Chinatown, Fisherman’s Wharf, Polk Gulch, Union Square/Financial District and Russian, Nob and Telegraph Hills. He has lived in District 3 for almost thirty years.

He is currently serving his fourth non-consecutive term on the Board of Supervisors, including two terms as the unanimously elected President of the Board. On the Board of Supervisors, Aaron Peskin continues to lead the City's work to preserve and expand its affordable housing stock, as well as set regional standards for environmental conservation and sustainable transit planning.

Aaron Peskin has brought his 20-year experience as the President of Great Basin Land & Water, an environmental nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of land and water resources for public purposes, to his work at the Board of Supervisors.

He has also championed regional collaboration while serving at the Trust for Public Land, the Golden Gate Bridge Authority, the Bay Conservation & Development Commission, the Sea-Level Rise Coordinating Committee and now as the Chair of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority.



Greg Scharff was elected to the Palo Alto City Council in 2009 and first served as Mayor of Palo Alto in 2013 and again now in 2017. Mayor Scharff serves on several regional bodies involving utilities, green energy and the environment.

He is a Commissioner for the Northern California Power Authority and a Commissioner for the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission. He has a strong commitment to our Bay and the environment having taken the lead in promoting a commitment to a carbon neutral electric portfolio with electric rates at least 25 percent lower than the private sector.

He has also shown a strong commitment to solar energy and electric vehicle infrastructure in Palo Alto and is the proud owner of a Tesla Model S, an all-electric vehicle.

A summa cum laude graduate in economics from Bowdoin College, Mayor Scharff received his law degree from Columbia University School of Law in New York City.



Marin County Supervisor Kathrin “Kate” Sears is a Bay Area native and a long-time resident of Sausalito. She has been a member of the Marin Board of Supervisors since 2011, representing southern Marin. Prior to joining the Board, she was a Supervising Deputy Attorney General in the Consumer Law Section of the California Attorney General’s Office, and was in private practice for sixteen years before that.

As a member of the Board of Supervisors, Kate has been particularly focused on the effects of climate change and sea level rise. She has championed several local projects that have engaged the public and the cities and towns in recognizing the threats that climate change poses, as well as the opportunities to work collaboratively to find adaptation solutions.

Though much of her attention has been focused on Marin, her work as a Commissioner on the Bay Conservation and Development Commission has given her a great deal of experience with the regional scope of the impacts of sea level rise. Adaptation planning must take into account that all of our systems are connected, as water does not recognize our geographic and jurisdictional boundaries.

In addition to BCDC, Kate also represents Marin County on various other Boards and Commissions, including MCE Clean Energy, Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART), Marin Transit, and the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District. This is her first term as a member of the SFBRA Board.