

**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Citizens' Advisory Committee Member Biographies**

W = Water Subcommittee member
WW = Wastewater Subcommittee member
P = Power Subcommittee member

Cal Law– Appointed by **District 1** Supervisor (P)

Cal is a software engineer specializing in iOS application development, currently working on a mobile app to support doctors in their daily practice. Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, they recently returned to the region to be closer to family and contribute to the local community. As a graduate of the Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute (BCLI), they also serve on the Geary Community Advisory Committee. As a dedicated member of the advisory committee, Cal is passionate about representing their district and championing equity and accessibility in the services provided by the SFPUC.

VACANT – Appointed by **District 2** Supervisor

Sally Chen – Appointed by **District 3** Supervisor (P)

Sally Chen is a passionate advocate on issues of economic justice and educational equity for working-class immigrant communities, with experience in nonprofit direct service, grassroots organizing, and policy advocacy. She is currently the Education Equity Policy Manager at Chinese for Affirmative Action, where she advocates for universal, no-cost, and racially diverse K–16 education for all students. Before her current position, she managed a job center for Chinese immigrants and advocated for affirmative action policies in local hiring. As a first-generation college graduate from a working-class immigrant family, she is a proud alumna of Harvard College, where she also organized for racial justice issues. Most recently, Sally has been a Women in Leadership Fellow with Coro Northern California and an active community garden member at Francisco Park.

Douglas Jacuzzi – Appointed by **District 4** Supervisor (W and WW)

I grew up steeped in the pump industry. Jacuzzi pumps provided the whirl and bubbles in *Jacuzzis*, and powered US Navy patrol boats in Vietnam, San Francisco Bay's ferry fleet, an

unknown plethora of swimming pool filtration systems, and most notably, agricultural groundwater [well] pumping and irrigation systems worldwide. A lifelong surfer, skier, swimmer, fisherman, and waterfowler—all things water-related—it is the pumping of aquifers that became my passion focus when deciding how and where to apply my ardor for the natural environment.

My education in architecture and forty-plus years designing, building, and developing trained me to become a dot-connector/problem solver. In 2020 I founded the non-profit Westside Water Resources, dedicated to solving water issues for people and all the plants and critters that depend upon it.

My favorite activity is getting out in the ocean with my beautiful wife and two beautiful daughters.

VACANT – Appointed by **District 5** Supervisor (P)

Barklee Sanders – Appointed by **District 6** Supervisor (P)

Barklee Sanders is a current Treasure Island resident who moved to the area after getting back on his feet from being a homeless veteran. After persistent hard work and dedication, he started working for Facebook, that gave him the insight into how using innovative technologies can solve systemic problems. He is now dedicated to using his knowledge and expertise to help the community that he is a part of.

Barklee became aware of the long-term issue of power outages affecting the community after moving to the Island in 2017 when there were seven sporadic outages within the first eight weeks of him living there. He realized that the community being affected is statistically at risk as a great percentage of residents are aged-out youth from foster programs, formerly homeless, veterans, and others in need of supportive housing. With his background of being a homeless veteran himself, he knew that he wanted to use his voice to raise awareness of the issues that disrupt the Island and the lives of vulnerable citizens.

Elizabeth Steele Teshara– Appointed by **District 7** Supervisor (WW)

Elizabeth Steele Teshara is a philanthropy, engagement and nonprofit board governance consultant and a committed civic and community volunteer.

Throughout her career, Elizabeth has been fortunate to work with some of the Bay Area's most vibrant organizations, delivering critical missions and services to the city and across the country, including: UCSF, The Trust for Public Land, Cameron House and Slide Ranch. Elizabeth also served as an Executive Director at CCS Fundraising, a consulting firm specializing in non-profit campaign fundraising and strategic development services, and she managed the governing board and advised on corporate governance, communications, board engagement and leadership giving strategies for the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. Elizabeth serves on the founding Advisory Board of Farming Hope and the SFPUC Citizens' Advisory Committee and is proudly engaged in her community as a volunteer for her children's school and with the League of Women Voters and as an early member of the newly formed San Francisco Farm Bureau.

Elizabeth received her BA in Communications and Business Administration at Saint Mary's College of California. She was born and raised on a farm in a small town in the Central Valley and now has roots firmly planted in San Francisco where she and her husband are raising two native San Franciscans who love urban hikes and visiting and playing in every SF park, playground and garden they find.

Amy Nagengast – **Wastewater Subcommittee Chair**, Appointed by **District 8** Supervisor (W & WW)

Amy is the San Francisco International Airport's Energy Manager on topics related to energy planning, analysis, commissioning, and management. Previously, Amy worked as a Senior Energy Engineer at Bright Power where she designed and implemented water and energy retrofits in large low-income and market rate multifamily properties throughout California. To support California's Climate Goals, Amy has experience in retrofitting large central domestic hot water systems from natural gas to electricity using heat pump water heaters. Early in her career, Amy designed and oversaw capital improvement projects for water and wastewater treatment plants and distribution networks. Amy enjoys tackling problems using integrated data modeling and visualization to facilitate strategic decision making surrounding interrelated issues

of climate, energy, resource planning, growth, building construction and infrastructure systems. As a proud resident of District 8, Amy is excited to contribute her knowledge and passion to advance important issues facing San Francisco's power, water, and sewer services. Amy holds a Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and a B.S in Civil Engineering from University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP) and a registered Professional Engineer.

Moisés García – Full CAC Chair, Power Subcommittee Chair, Appointed by **District 9** Supervisor (P and WW)

Moisés has worked in the nonprofit sector for more than 10 years focused on LGBT youth empowerment, providing healthcare and mental health services to under-served communities. Currently, he works as an independent consultant specializing in community and economic development as well as nonprofit administration. Prior to consulting, he was the manager of the Latino Cultural District where he was responsible for implementing a community-driven economic development strategy which aimed to protect and strengthen residents, businesses, and community institutions. To ensure equity among cultural districts, he and other leaders co-founded the San Francisco Cultural District Coalition. He currently serves as legislative chair of the Castro Queer Cultural District which is in the process of being designated a cultural district. He is a member and secretary of Danza Azteca Xitlalli which preserves the indigenous traditions of Aztec dance while instilling and strengthening cultural pride and respect for Mother Earth. His parents immigrated from Aguascalientes, Mexico, and settled in Southern California where they raised six children. He is a graduate of UC Berkeley with a degree in political economy and public policy focused on development and the environment.

VACANT – Appointed by **District 10** Supervisor

Jennifer Clary – Water Subcommittee Chair, Appointed by District 11 Supervisor (W)

Jennifer Clary has served as the Water Program Manager for Clean Water Action's California program since 2003 and was appointed California State Director in July 2020. She works to advance key water quality and funding policies in California; address barriers to safe and affordable drinking water in California communities; and serves on key stakeholder committees

that advise state agencies on actions to monitor and protect groundwater quality and invest in water infrastructure. She currently coordinates the NGO Groundwater Collaborative, a coalition of groups that are working together to ensure successful implementation of California's 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Jennifer is a well-known Bay Area environmental advocate and holds a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley.

Michelle J. Pierce – Appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors, representing **Environmental Justice (WW)**

Bio forthcoming.

Andrea Baker– Appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors, representing **Small Businesses**

Andrea has provided community development and outreach services to both for profit and nonprofit projects in the Bay Area. Her work is informed by a deep commitment to ensuring that communities have a voice in changes that impact their vision for neighborhoods that they call 'home'. Recently, her work has included conducting outreach for San Francisco Unified District where she facilitated discussions for the proposed \$40 Million Bond fund modernization of Buena Vista Horace Mann, the Waterfront Resilience Program for the Port of San Francisco, and leading the outreach and engagement for University of California, San Francisco's \$1.5 Billion build for their Parnassus Campus. Her work has involved the coordination of multiple parties, outreach to community residents, merchants, and other stakeholders; as well as the facilitation of group meetings in culturally diverse neighborhoods like East Palo Alto, Bayview-Hunters Point, Fillmore, Oceanview/Merced/Ingleside, Chinatown/North Beach, and Mission communities. She has significant experience in engaging community stakeholders to facilitate productive visioning and planning discussions. This has been impactful in developing plans that incorporate and meet the needs of the community. Board Membership and Awards Andrea has served on several boards including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, Berkeley Arts Center, and Women's Alliance, and the Fillmore Merchants Association. She has served as the Chair of the African American Shakespeare Company and is currently a Board member of Bayview Merchants Association and Shipyard Trust for the Arts (STAR), and the San Francisco Disability Business Association. In 2015, Andrea received the Entrepreneurship award from the National Coalition for 100 Black Women at the 10th Annual

Golden Girls "Bridging the Generations" Hats & Gloves Tea Party. She was recently appointed to the SFPUC Citizens Advisory Committee as the Small Business representative. She has also been recognized with a Bronze Jefferson Award.

Maika Pinkston – Appointed by the Mayor, representing a **Regional or Statewide Environmental Group** (WW)

A Cheerful, open-minded, calm "people person". Proven people skills while working with patients in a clinical setting at UCSF, California Pacific Medical Center, Providence Foundation youth summer day camp and after-school program, transitional housing, and Armstrong Senior Housing. Providing customer service, teamwork, and leadership. Maika Pinkston is the founder of FROM THE HEART a community-based organization in Bayview Hunters Point District 10. Providing food security, community beautification and community clean-ups, environmental justice, youth employment, violence prevention, and tenant advocacy.

Maika Pinkston Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocate is known for her extensive community planning and strategic maintaining prominent relationships. She has successfully executed presentations and public testimonies to elected officials at the state and local level, regarding the needs and services for tenant/housing advocacy, community inclusion, system improvements, and racial equity. Commissioner of Environmental Justice SFPUC & Community Activist.

In 2018 she began educating the community on living a natural and healthy lifestyle. Maika educates the community by using social media and Healthy Events using sound healing, paint therapy, and providing organic healthy groceries to the community with healthy recipes. Also providing a healthy living environment for the tenants in housing redevelopments in regard to inhabitable living conditions, unsafe, misleading, abused, creating hostile environments, stress, and neglect in our Urban Communities. She organized volunteers to distribute healthy organic groceries, healthy delicious hot meals, Personal Protective Equipment, and emergency supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic. She partnered with several other nonprofits in the community such as Young Community Developers Alpha Philip Randolph Institute and YMCA. She worked closely with Shoreview Environmentalist and Environmental Justice. She was an Ambassador for CENSUS 2020 for Bayview District, Fillmore District & Chinatown. She continues to love and support urban communities. Providing youth with employment and cleaning the community streets." A clean environment is a healthy and safe environment".

Jodi Soboll – Appointed by the Mayor, representing **Engineering or Finance (P)**

Jodi is a proud San Francisco resident and Chemical Engineer bringing over 35 years of Design, Construction, Manufacturing, and Management experience to the SFPUC CAC. She has enjoyed supporting and mentoring young women in these fields throughout her career.

During Jodi's career, she worked on the design & and installation of utilities and distribution systems for High-tech commercial buildings including Pharmaceuticals, Semiconductors, Biotech and Medical Research Labs, and Server Farms. She also worked on educational facilities and campuses including high schools, community colleges, and University of California campuses. Jodi is a proponent and practitioner of LEAN processes and Six Sigma analysis for continuous improvement programs with a focus on MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) systems.

With a passion for carbon neutrality, water conservation, and other environmental initiatives, Jodi's work has resulted in significant energy and water savings throughout her career. Her technical understanding of hospital, research, manufacturing, and higher education has contributed to providing resilient, efficient, and cost-effective facility and manufacturing operations. As a Team Leader, she has especially enjoyed building highly effective teams that personally and professionally thrive while having fun!

Jodi and her husband live in San Francisco and have been together for almost 40 years. They have two grown sons living in the Bay Area and are active in their community.

Eliahu Perszyk – **Full CAC Vice Chair**, Appointed by the Mayor, representing **Large San Francisco Water User (W)**

Eli Perszyk is the Conservation Program Manager at the University of California San Francisco, developing sustainability programs and implementing water and energy efficiency projects. Before working at UCSF, he was the Facility Manager for the College of Environmental Design at UC Berkeley. He earned his M.B.A. from San Francisco State University in 2019 and received his B.A. in 2002 from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, OH. Eli lives with his family in Walnut Creek.