

Mission

Strengthen and unify the voice of Small Business in San Francisco.

Who We Are

With thousands of affiliate members, the SBN is an organization of small business member associations representing diverse small business interests.

What We Do For Small Business

- Promote growth and opportunity
- Work for reasonable taxation and regulation
- Speak with a unified voice to both City government and the public about small business' benefit and value to a vibrant community and healthy social fabric
- Add the strength of a centralized political and economic platform for all member organizations
- Conduct ongoing dialogue with the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor emphasizing the value and needs of the small business community
- Develop proactive programs and solutions for small business growth
- Conduct forums for group members to share concerns and mutual opportunities

Why Join?

- The San Francisco Small Business Network (SBN) serves as a strong, clear, and unified voice for small business in San Francisco
- The SBN works closely with the Mayor, members of the Board of Supervisors, District Merchants and other member organizations to achieve the quality of life that can be found “*Only in San Francisco*”
- Member organizations make a difference in our community by advocating for a diverse base of business constituents who face the challenges of doing business in San Francisco

SBN History and Recent Accomplishments

- Founded in 1984 by Elliot Hoffman of Just Desserts and Bruce Lilienthal, Head of Business School at San Francisco City College
- Drove the defeat of Prop K (Gross Receipts Tax)
- Advocated for the creation of the Small Business Commission
- Sponsored “candidate nights” with mayoral candidates
- Instrumental in persuading Mayor Willie Brown, Jr. to fund and staff the Small Business Advisory Commission, now a Charter commission
- Engages with the Mayor and Board of Supervisors regarding:
 - Public policy
 - Fairness to small business
 - The cost of doing business in San Francisco
 - Effective management and fairness of City procurement policies
 - Mayoral and community support for locally owned businesses
 - Start-up of Small Business Assistance Center ballot measure – Prop. I

Support for Small Business

Annual Small Business Recognition and Awards Celebration

- Identify and reward small business owners who demonstrate a commitment to community service, outstanding business practices, and an economically and environmentally healthy City
- Honor top contributors at a widely publicized grand gala fundraising awards banquet

On-Going Goals

- Strengthen our commitment to identify, encourage, and support candidates and elected officials who understand the importance and impact of a healthy, economically viable small business community to the quality of life and well being of San Franciscans
- Lead a collective effort by a coalition of organizations to make this City a better place to live and do business
- Partner with City Hall, the Small Business Commission and our member organizations to reduce the cost and bureaucracy of doing business in San Francisco
- Positively develop and support programs and measures that will protect and benefit small business

Member Organizations

Bay Area Development Corporation
Building Owners & Managers
Association
Chinese Real Estate Association of
America
Coalition for Better Housing
San Francisco Electrical Contractors
Association, Inc.
Golden Gate Business Association
MSA Planning & Design Consultants,
Inc.
National Association of the Remodeling
Industry
National Association of Women
Business Owners
Plumbing, Heating & Cooling
Contractors
Professional Property Management
Association
Property Management Systems
Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center
Russian American Business Owners
Trade Association
SF Association of Realtors
SF Chamber of Commerce
SF Council of District Merchants
Associations
SF Small Business Advocates
Small Business Development Center
Union Square Association
Urban Solutions
Women's Initiative for Self-
Employment

Join today

General members \$395 annually
Affiliate members \$300 annually
Associate members \$95 annually

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Recent Award Winners

Small Business Owners, 25 or fewer employees

Erin Bowes, MSA Planning & Design
Consultants, Inc.
Virginia Donohue, Pet Camp
Cynthia Fassler, TSS Personnel Agency, Inc.
Patrick Aaron, Floordesigns, Inc.
David Becker, Philippe Becker Design, Inc.
Bill English, San Francisco Playhouse

Small Business Owners, 25 or more employees

Terry Asten Bennett, Cliff's Variety
Chris Martin, The Cannery
Joe Bayliss, Flying Bear Media/Energy 92.7fm
Tom Creedon, Scoma's Restaurant

Small Business Advocate of the Year (Individual)

Scott Hauge, CAL Insurance & Associates
William Pailhe, Clown Alley
Everett J. Collier, Collier Ostrom Enterprises
Jim Maxwell, Architects II

Small Business Advocate of the Year (Organization)

Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, Sharon
Miller, CEO
Small Business Development Center, Al Dixon
Northern California Independent Booksellers
Association, Hut Landon

Certified Green Business

CAV Winebar & Kitchen, Pamela Busch
PhilippeBecker, David Becker
Waldeck's Office Supply, Clifford Waldeck
Orchard Garden Hotel



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