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Ellyn Parker

Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Senior Community Development Specialist

Ellyn Parker works in the Office of Economic Workforce and Development (OEWD) as part of the Invest in Neighborhood Team with a focus on Divisadero Street, Central Market, and the Tenderloin neighborhoods. She is a longtime advocate for the arts and music communities as a former gallery owner, art teacher, musician and artist herself.

Gina Fromer

Bayview Hunters Point YMCA, Executive Director
YMCA, District Vice President

Gina Fromer is the executive director of the Bayview Hunters Point YMCA and was born and raised in the Bayview Hunters Point community.

Carrie Leilam-Love

Bay Area Video Coalition, Youth Programs Manager

Carrie Leilam Love is a writer and literary arts teacher. She serves as a community artist in sites throughout the Bayview, most recently as a teaching artist for WritersCorps. She has an MFA in fiction from San Francisco State University and has been published by Drunk N Sailor Press and Intersection for the Arts.

Lyslynn Lacoste

B*Magic, Program Director

Lyslynn Lacoste is a New York Bar licensed attorney from Boston, Massachusetts and the Program Director of BMAGIC. Lyslynn's work includes hosting three annual community events: BVHP Youth Summit, Literacy is Freedom Book Fair, and Back to School Celebration, Backpack Giveaway serving over 4,000 children, youth and families.

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Liz Jackson Simpson

Success Center SF, Executive Director

For the past thirty two years, Liz Jackson-Simpson, Executive Director of Success Center SF, has serve youth involved with the juvenile justice and foster care systems through the provisions of alternative education and employment. With formal training as an industrial designer, Liz uses performing, visual and digital arts to motivate her young people to re-engaging into their education and taking charge of their lives.

Kristine Mays

Bayview Hunters Point Shipyard, Artist-in-Residence

Kristine Mays is a native San Franciscan that received her bachelor degree in Arts Administration from DePaul University and has been creating and exhibiting her artwork for since 1993. In 2009, Kristine was a featured artist in San Francisco Arts Commission's Bayview Art in Storefronts pilot program. For two years, she served on the Board of Directors for ArtSpan, and has participated in several of their committees.