

FERNANDO MARTI

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Fernando Martí (he/him) is a housing activist, community architect, writer and artist. He has lived in San Francisco, traditional unceded Ramaytush Ohlone land, since the early 90s. His work brings together his background in organizing, policy, design, and artistic cultural work.

Fernando is currently working with SF Rising and the SF Unity Map Coalition around reforms to San Francisco's redistricting process. In 2011, Fernando worked closely with the Community Unity Coalition, developing a redistricting map that reflected the integrity of communities of interest, particularly maintaining access to representation of communities of color throughout the city.

For the last decade, Fernando was Co-Director of the Council of Community Housing Organizations (CCHO), a citywide coalition of 21 community-based affordable housing developers and housing justice advocates. Prior to joining CCHO, Fernando worked for 7 years as architect at the nonprofit community design center Asian Neighborhood Design, and before that at Mission Housing Development Corporation. Fernando is a licensed California architect, with a joint Masters degree in Architecture and City & Regional Planning from UC Berkeley (2000), and has taught housing design studios at UC Berkeley, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and the University of San Francisco. He was a founding member of the San Francisco Community Land Trust, and currently serves on the board of environmental justice organization PODER and the San Francisco Public Bank Reinvestment Working Group. He cut his teeth organizing for community self-determination with the Mission Anti-Displacement Coalition in the late 90s and early 2000s. He has facilitated community plans for organizations in San Francisco's Mission District (with MAC), Excelsior (with CUHJ), South of Market (with SOMCAN), and Chinatown (with CDC).