

**First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco
Biographical Sketch and Personal Statement
(Nominating Committee)**

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Date you joined UUSF: Attending since 2012

Church activities, committees, or group involvement: Current member of the Nominating Committee and Personnel Committee; former member of the Family Ministry Committee; former chair of the Family Ministry Committee; Sunday School teacher

Profession/career: Attorney at the law firm Goodwin Procter focused on real estate/hotel transactional matters

Other community, volunteer, or personal/professional experience you'd like to share: I am a Board member of City Hope, a non-profit that serves as a living room for those without enough living space in the Tenderloin by providing a café for neighbors to meet and receive services and breakfasts/dinners complete with trivia and movies. I have also performed pro bono legal work for local organizations like the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and the Community Foundation of Moraga. I serve in leadership positions at my firm, including chairing our SF office's Women's Initiative for many years, serving as global head of my practice area, and serving as a member of the firm partnership committee. I currently serve as co-chair of the firm's Pro Bono Committee.

Why would you like to serve on the Nominating Committee, and how will it benefit our church community and/or the denomination? As a lifelong UU, my connection to UUSF is one of the most important connections in my life. My son has gone through the Church's RE program (as I did in my congregation as a child), and I see how this experience has benefited him. I want to contribute to the continued growth and flourishing of our community to facilitate this experience for others and help develop a sustainable model of lay leadership to supplement the wonderful ministers we have.