



**Golden Gate Business Association**  
THE FIRST LGBT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## **Declaration of Candidacy for the Board of Directors 2009 Board Elections**

**Deadline to Declare Candidacy: September 1, 2009**

Election to be held on October 6, 2009, at the October Make Contact meeting

The GGBA's mission is to grow, promote and increase the visibility of LGBT businesses and those businesses in the community that support them. We are looking for candidates for the GGBA Board with at least some of the following qualities or experiences:

- Interest in helping to grow, promote and increase the visibility of LGBT businesses;
- Fundraising experience;
- Finance or accounting experience;
- Previous experience on governing boards;
- Diversity of background and experience;
- Commitment to advancing the needs and goals of LGBT businesses; and
- Willingness and time availability to participate in monthly Board meetings, special meetings, and more frequent committee work.

We encourage any interested GGBA members to run for a position on the GGBA Board of Directors. Directors hold office for terms of up to three years, and all candidates must read and agree to abide by the Board of Directors Commitment Statement the Conflict of Interest (Directors) and Confidentiality Policy Statement, and all applicable guidelines.

To declare your candidacy for a Board position, you must be a member of the GGBA in good standing. **The deadline for our receipt of your declaration is September 1, 2009. Declarations may be submitted by fax, mail or in person to Tony Moraga, the General Manager.** Ballots will be mailed to the membership on or before September 15, 2009. Voting will be done both by mail and in person at our October 6, 2009, Make Contact event at the offices of Spectrum Federal Credit Union at 50 Beale Street, San Francisco. Candidates will be notified of the results shortly after the election. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Stephen Chien, Chair of the Nominating Committee, through the GGBA office.

Please complete the information below to declare your intention to run for a position on the GGBA Board of Directors:

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Since (year): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Contact: Morning Afternoon Evening

**Please mail completed Declaration of Candidacy, Conflict of Interest Policy and a signed Board Commitment Statement to:  
GGBA Membership Committee, 1800 Market Street, PMB 91, San Francisco, CA 94102**

Have you been on the GGBA Board before (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Positions held at the board level: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why you would like to run for this position? (Up to 250 words to appear on the ballot.)

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Please provide some information about you and your business, and attach a resume:

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What are the skills you will bring to the Board?

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What do you hope to gain from serving on the GGBA Board?

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Are you currently involved with other organizations that may present a conflict of interest?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No                      \_\_\_\_\_ Not Sure

If yes or not sure, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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The GGBA Board holds a minimum of 12 Board meetings a year, which typically have been held the fourth Tuesday of every month. These are face-to-face meetings. Additional meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis. Would you be able to commit to attending these Board meetings? Please note: The GGBA Bylaws (Section 4.3) provide that directors who miss either three consecutive Board meetings or three Board meetings within a six-month period are generally subject to removal.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No                      \_\_\_\_\_ Not Sure

If no or not sure, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you available to participate in committee work that includes monthly (or more frequent) conference calls?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No                      \_\_\_\_\_ Not Sure

If no or not sure, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe what programs or activities you would like to Chair, why you are choosing those programs or activities, and three specific examples of how you would change/grow/or improve them:

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The GGBA appreciates your interest in joining the Board and encourages all interested members to stay involved and serve on committees and participate in our events and programs. We wish you the best of luck with the Board elections.

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