

## GOVERNING BODY MEMBER BIOS



**Sascha Bittner**  
*President*  
Older Consumer

Sascha Bittner is a lifelong community activist, with a particular focus on disability and domestic workers' rights. She was recently appointed by Mayor Breed to the San Francisco Disability and Aging Services Commission and serves as a member of the IHSS Public Authority Governing Board, as chair of the Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities, and previously as chair of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. For 20 years, Sascha was the program coordinator for KIDS Project, co-facilitating disability education workshops for thousands of students in SF schools to promote inclusion and combat bullying.

Sascha currently serves on the national steering committee and local chapter of Hand-in-Hand, the Domestic Employers Network, working with the National Domestic Workers Alliance, SIEU and UDW to ensure good working conditions that benefit both employers and workers. She has worked with former supervisors Eric Mar and Norman Yee on a pilot program to provide affordable, long-term homecare for middle class San Franciscans.



**Robin Wilson-Beattie**  
*Vice President*  
Younger Consumer

Robin Wilson-Beattie (she, her) is a speaker, writer, and advocate for disability and sexuality as well as one of the first people to talk about disability, sexuality, and marketing to adult product retailers and manufacturers. She combines years of personal experience with medically sound research to provide a unique perspective on how life and identity impacts one's sexual expression. Her speaking engagements include multiple keynotes and panels, including three consecutive years speaking at the Adult Video News convention in Las Vegas.

Robin is a member of the Association of American Sexual Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT), the Women of Color Sexual Health Network (WOCSHN), and a graduate and member of the San Francisco Sexuality Information Training (SFSI). Currently drafting her memoir, she looks forward to sharing her wild journey of Blackness, acquiring a disability via rare illness while pregnant, motherhood, sexuality, and her experiences searching for answers. Robin is a deep-fried Southern woman, mid-century buff, and proud Mama of one son.





**Alex Madrid**  
*Treasurer*  
Younger Consumer

Alex Madrid was born in Manila, Philippines with Cerebral Palsy. In 1996, he moved to San Francisco and later attended the University of California, Berkeley. While he was a student at UC Berkeley, Alex became a strong advocate for disability rights. Currently, Alex is the Housing and Peer Support Coordinator at the Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities in San Mateo. In his position, he assists people with disabilities to identify resources, strategies, and equipment for achieving maximum independence. He joined the San Francisco Mayor's Disability Council in 2017 and continues to be a champion for the rights of people with disabilities in his community. His areas of interest are accessible transportation, programmatic access, and accessible information technology. He also on the board member of SF IHSS PA, and SF GGRC.



**Daisy McArthur**  
*Secretary*  
Union Representative

Daisy McArthur has been a San Francisco IHSS IP for over two decades. She has also been a member of the union representing IP's (now SEIU Local 2015) for 20 years. She has resided in SF District 3 for 37 years. Her extensive work experience has given her a unique understanding of both IHSS and union issues and how the two groups best work together. Her community involvement spans many years and includes working with various SF mayors and the Board of Supervisors on tenant rights and affordable, accessible health care. Ms. McArthur states that "I am committed to providing quality services for IHSS consumers and building relationships with the Human Services Agency, the Public Authority and SEIU Local 2015."





**Haydee Hernandez**  
Worker/Provider Representative

I'm a Latina female who has been working as an IHSS Provider in San Francisco for 19 years. I joined the Public Authority Registry in 2005 and worked as an On-Call Provider for San Francisco IHSS Public Authority since 2006. The IHSS Recipients I work with come from all different demographics and range in types of disabilities. I'm a grandmother and helping with the care of my children.



**Jesse Nichols**  
Older Consumer

Jesse is originally from Georgia. He has called San Francisco home and has been an IHSS recipient for 16 years. He lives in Bayview with his partner, cat, and dog. He enjoys gardening, traveling and watching live music.

Jesse served on the Age and Disability Friendly City Taskforce in 2018. As a person with a disability, he sees the importance of contributing his voice to help promote equity and fight ableism.





**Rita Semel**  
DHS Commissioner

Longtime San Franciscan Rita Semel has been a well-known community activist in the City for many years. A founder and past chair of the San Francisco Interfaith Council, she is also a former president of the Family Service Agency. A graduate of Barnard College, Rita worked as a reporter at the San Francisco Chronicle during World War II. She and her late husband Max were married for 51 years. They had two daughters, Elisabeth and Jane. Among her many other activities, Rita serves on the Board of Trustees for Grace Cathedral and the Board of Directors for the New Israel Fund. She was the First Chair of the Global Council of United Religions Initiative and is the Executive Director Emeritus of the Jewish Community Relations Council. In addition, she was a member of the San Francisco Homeless Board. Rita brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her latest role as a member of our Governing Body.



**Edda Mai Johnson**  
Older Consumer

Edda Mai Johnson- Seat 1 -Older Consumer Edda Mai grew up in Portland OR. She received a BS from University of Oregon in Developmental Psychology and Special Education. Her 5-year experience as committee head for the U of O “Exceptional Friends “Big Brothers-Big Sisters-inspired her career focus in SPED. She received her MA from Sarah Lawrence College in Child Phycology- Practicum with Head Start- partnership with service providers to support effective inclusion implementation. Edda Mai’s classroom teaching included Parent and Student IEP Rights and Representation advocacy. Edda Mai has lived in SF for 11 years and is currently employed by St Mark’s Lutheran SF as Nursery Coordinator and Events Host. She participates through the 250% Disabled SF workers program. She represents her Senior-Disabled BMR tenet community - advocating for Housing Accommodation rights. Edda Mai enjoys spending time with her adult children, 3 grandchildren and dog Skippy.





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