



**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS**

SAN FRANCISCO  
John Arntz, Director

**Official Filing Forms – Local Office**

Please read the following carefully:

- You must file your declaration of candidacy on the same day as you file your declaration to accept or solicit campaign contributions. SF MEC § 201
- If you are a member of a City board, commission, or other body established by the San Francisco Charter, filing your declaration of candidacy may, with certain exceptions, result in forfeiture of your seat. S.F. Charter § 4.101.1

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**Declaration of Intention to Solicit or Accept Contributions For Local Office**

(CGCC § 1.122(a); SF MEC § 201)

I, Ben Kaplan, hereby declare my intention to become a candidate for the office of

Print name of candidate

Member, Community College Board of San Francisco at the forthcoming election to be held on November 5, 2024

Print name of office sought

Month, day, year

[Redacted Signature]

Candidate's signature

July 3, 2024

Date

**Declaration of Candidacy**

(CGCC § 1.122(a); CAEC §§ 13, 200, 8020, 8028(a), 8040, 8064; SF MEC § 201, 210)

I hereby declare myself a candidate for election to the office of Member, Community College Board to be voted for at the Consolidate General Election to be held on November 5th, 2024, and I declare the following to be true: my legal name, as given at birth or as established by marriage, common usage, or habit in all my affairs, or by decree of any court of competent jurisdiction is:

Benjamin

Print first name

R Kaplan

M. I. Print last name

**Addresses**

Home: [Redacted]

Number and street

San Francisco, CA 94118

City, State

ZIP Code

Mailing: [Redacted]

Number and street

San Francisco, CA 94118

City, State

ZIP Code

Telephone Number: [Redacted]; Fax: [Redacted]; Email: [Redacted]

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 3 2024, in San Francisco, California

Date

City, State

[Redacted Signature]



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John Arntz, Director

**Sworn Statement**

- I meet the statutory and/or constitutional requirements for this office including, but not limited to, citizenship and residency.
- I understand that I may withdraw no later than 67 days before the election.
- I am at present the incumbent of the following public office (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate: [REDACTED] Date: July 3 2024.

**Oath of Office**

I, Ben Kaplan, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

State of California  
County of San Francisco  SS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 7/03 day of July, 2024.

Holly Arntz  
(Notary Public (or other official))

Examined and certified by Holly Arntz this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2024  
Deputy

**For Department of Elections Use:**

Date of original registration: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of re-registration: \_\_\_\_\_

English (415) 554-4375  
Fax (415) 554-7344  
TTY (415) 554-4386

sselections.org  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
City Hall, Room 48, San Francisco, CA 94102

中文 (415) 554-4367  
Español (415) 554-4366  
Filipino (415) 554-4310



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**Official Filing Form**

**Permission to Post Personal Information on the Internet**

(CAGC § 7928.205)

Official Filing Form

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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

County Elections Official

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

- No state or local agency shall post the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official on the Internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.
- For purposes of this section, "elected or appointed official" includes, but is not limited to, all of the following: state constitutional officers; members of the legislature; judges and court commissioners; district attorneys; public defenders; members of a city council; members of a board of supervisors; appointees of the governor; appointees of the legislature; mayors; city attorneys; police chiefs and sheriffs; a public safety official, as defined in section 7920.500; state administrative law judges; federal judges and federal defenders; members of the United States Congress and appointees of the President.

In accordance with California Government Code section 7928.205, I hereby: *(please check one)*

- grant permission** to post information on the internet
- deny permission** to post information on the internet

to the San Francisco Department of Elections on *sfelections.org* for the November 5, 2024 election.  
*Month, day, year*

Permissions 1

If you deny permission, only your name will appear on the qualified candidate list posted on *sfelections.org*.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Candidate's signature*

July 23, 2024  
*Date*

**Complete these fields only if you grant permission to post.**

Information to be posted (please print):

Candidate Information 2

Candidate name: Ben Kaplan

Office Sought: Community College Board

Address (physical or mailing): 60 Temescal Terrace, San Francisco, CA 94118

Phone Number: (415) 565-1510

Email address: ben @ votebenkaplan.com

Website: votebenkaplan.com

Fax: N/A



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John Arntz, Director

November 5, 2024, Consolidated General Election

**Acknowledgements Related to:**

- City Attorney, District Attorney, Sheriff, Treasurer, Board of Education, and Community College Board contests only
- Financial Disclosures
- Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee Petition
- Nomination Petition
- Petition Signatures and Form

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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

By: HE County Elections Official  
Date Issued: 7/3/24

<b>Candidate Name and Office</b>	1	Candidate Name: <u>Ben Kaplan</u> Office Sought: <u>Member, Community College Board</u> Signature: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> Date: <u>July 3, 2024</u>
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**Please initial to acknowledge the following:**

<b>Campaign Finance</b>	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local, state, and federal regulations require candidates and campaigns to disclose certain financial information, including campaign contributions and spending, and conflicts of interest.</li> <li>• All campaign finance-related inquiries, including requirements and schedules, are to be directed to the San Francisco Ethics Commission or the California Fair Political Practices Commission.</li> </ul>	Candidate Initials <u>BK</u>
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<b>Signatures in Lieu (SIL) of Filing Fee Period</b>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 16, 2024 – July 10, 2024</li> <li>• The SIL Petition form is issued and must be returned during the SIL period above.</li> <li>• Within 10 days of receipt of a petition, the Department will notify the candidate of any deficiency and issue a petition form for Supplemental Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee. The candidate shall submit the supplemental petition or pay the prorated portion of the filing fee prior to the nomination deadline.</li> <li>• The legal deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday; the deadline will move forward to the next working day. (CA Gov. Code §6707)</li> </ul>	Candidate Initials <u>BK</u>
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<b>Nomination Petition</b>	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 15, 2024 – August 9, 2024</li> <li>• The Nomination Petition form is issued and must be returned during the nomination period above.</li> <li>• Candidate filing fee or prorated fee is due when nomination documents are filed.</li> <li>• The filing fee is non-refundable.</li> </ul>	Candidate Initials <u>BK</u>
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<b>Petition Signatures and Form</b>	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petitions are issued and must be returned as two-sided forms. A front page stapled to a back page will not be accepted.</li> <li>• All petitions must be submitted in person by the candidate or the candidate's authorized representative. Faxed, emailed, or mailed petitions will not be accepted.</li> <li>• All information, including the circulator's affidavit, must be completed by hand. Preprinted or typed information will invalidate signatures.</li> <li>• Incomplete or inaccurate signer information should be crossed out, as it could affect a random sampling.</li> <li>• By law the review of nomination signatures is limited to viewing the documents only. Copies via any media device or distribution of copies containing voter signatures is not permitted. (CAEC §17100)</li> </ul>	Candidate Initials <u>BK</u>
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California Secretary of State  
BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

November 5, 2024, General Election (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5; California Code of Regulations § 20711)

This entire form **must be completed**, or it will not be accepted, and you will **not** be entitled to a ballot designation. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY RESPONSE SPACES BLANK.** If information requested is not applicable, please write "N/A" in the space provided, otherwise the information **MUST** be provided. **UPON FILING, THIS WORKSHEET WILL BE A PUBLIC DOCUMENT.**

**Candidate Information** 1

Candidate Name: Ben Kaplan

Office: Community College Board Email: ben@votebenkaplan.com

Home Address: [REDACTED], San Francisco, CA 94118

Mailing Address: [REDACTED] San Francisco, CA 94118

Business Address: N/A

Phone Number(s)  
Business: N/A Home/Mobile: [REDACTED] Fax: N/A

**Attorney or Other Authorized Person Information** 2

Attorney Name (or other person authorized to act on your behalf): N/A

Address: N/A

Phone Number(s)  
Business: N/A Mobile: N/A Fax: N/A

You may select as your ballot designation one of the following designations:

- (a) Your current principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) [maximum total of three words, separated by a slash ("/")].
- (b) The full title of the public office you currently occupy and to which you were elected.
- (c) "Appointed [full title of public office]" if you currently serve by appointment in an elective public office and are seeking election to the same office or to some other office.
- (d) "Incumbent" if you were elected (or, if you are a Superior Court Judge, you are a candidate for the same office that you hold) to your current public office and seek election to the same office.
- (e) "Appointed Incumbent" if you were appointed to your current elective public office and seek election to the same office.

**Proposed Ballot Designation(s)** 3

Proposed Ballot Designation(s): College Author / Economist

Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Ballot Designation(s) 2: \_\_\_\_\_

**If your proposed ballot designation is pursuant to Elections Code § 13107(a)(3):**

The professions, vocations or occupations relied upon to support my proposed ballot designation(s) constitute my primary, main or leading professions, vocations or occupations. Initial BK

**Translation of Proposed Designation:** Gender specific translations will default to the masculine form for uniformity in translation unless you specify otherwise: (  ) Masculine (  ) Feminine

In the spaces provided on the next page(s):

- (a) Describe why you believe you are entitled to use the proposed ballot designation.
- (b) If your proposed ballot designation contains one or more slashes ("/") separating words in your ballot designation for separate principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (collectively known as "PVOs"), complete a justification section for each separate PVO.
- (c) Attach any documents or exhibits that you believe support your proposed ballot designation. (Note: It is not necessary to provide copies of Certificates of Election if you are currently a seated member for a voter-nominated office).
- (d) If using the title of an elective office, attach a copy of your certificate of election or appointment.
- (e) Any supporting documents will not be returned to you. **Do not submit originals.**

It is your responsibility to justify your proposed ballot designation and to provide all requested details.



If your proposed ballot designation includes the word "volunteer," indicate the title of your volunteer position and the name of the entity for which you volunteer along with a brief description of the type of volunteer work you do and the approximate amount of time involved. You may only use the ballot designation "community volunteer" if you volunteer for a 501(c)(3) charitable, educational, or religious organization, a governmental agency or an educational institution. You may not use "community volunteer" together with another designation.

If your proposed ballot designation contains one or more slashes ("/") separating multiple principal profession(s), vocation(s), or occupation(s) (collectively known as "PVOs"), complete a justification section for each separate PVO.

Justification for use of Proposed Ballot Designation(s)  
If you are proposing alternate ballot designations, please provide justification for use of those on Page 3.

4	<b>Justification for use of 1<sup>st</sup> PVO:</b>		
	Ben Kaplan is the author of multiple books about college and currently is on an author speaking tour where he speaks about college as an author on the subject.		
	Current or most recent job title:	College Author	Start Date: 9/1/99 End Date: Ongoing
	Employer Name or Business:	Decisiv Media / Scholaroo	
	<b>Person who can verify this information:</b>		
	Name:	Eduardo Morales	Phone Number(s): (775) 379-0429 Email: eduardo.morales@decisivmedia.com
	<b>Justification for use of 2<sup>nd</sup> PVO:</b>		
	Ben Kaplan serves as the Lead Economist / Chief Economist at TOP Data where he analyzes economic issues for companies and cable news outlets (as well as other media outlets).		
	Current or most recent job title:	Lead Economist/Chief Economist	Start Date: 1/1/15 End Date: Ongoing
	Employer Name or Business:	TOP Data	
	<b>Person who can verify this information:</b>		
	Name:	Monica Majors	Phone Number(s): (802) 696-2378 Email: monica.majors@topagency.com
<b>Justification for use of 3<sup>rd</sup> PVO:</b>			
Current or most recent job title:		Start Date: End Date:	
Employer Name or Business:			
<b>Person who can verify this information:</b>			
Name:		Phone Number(s): Email:	

Before signing below, answer/initial the following questions. Does your proposed ballot designation:

- |  |   |                   |
|--|---|-------------------|
| 1) Use only a portion of the title of your current elected office?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Initial <u>BK</u> |
| 2) Non-judicial candidates: Use only the word "Incumbent" for an elective office to which you were appointed?                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Initial <u>BK</u> |
| 3) Use more than three total words for your principal professions, vocations, or occupations?                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Initial <u>BK</u> |
| 4) Suggest an evaluation of you, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent?                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Initial <u>BK</u> |
| 5) Refer to a status (Veteran, Activist, Founder, Scholar), rather than a profession, vocation, or occupations?                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Initial <u>BK</u> |
| 6) Abbreviate the word "retired"?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Initial <u>BK</u> |
| 7) Place the word "retired" after the words it modifies? Example: Accountant, retired  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Initial <u>BK</u> |
| 8) Use a word or prefix (except "retired") such as "former" or "ex-" to refer to a former profession, vocation, or occupation? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Initial <u>BK</u> |
| 9) Use the word "retired" along with a current profession, vocation, or occupation? Example: Retired Firefighter/Teacher       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Initial <u>BK</u> |
| 10) Use the name of a political party or political body?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Initial <u>BK</u> |
| 11) Refer to a racial, religious, or ethnic group?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Initial <u>BK</u> |
| 12) Refer to any activity prohibited by law?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Initial <u>BK</u> |

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," your proposed ballot designation is likely to be rejected.

X [Redacted Signature] July 23, 2024  
Date Signed: Month/Day/Year

For your reference, attached are Elections Code sections 13107, 13107.3, and 13107.5, and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 2, section 20711. You also may wish to consult CCR, title 2, sections, 20712-20719 (found at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)).





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COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY IF one or more Alternate Ballot Designation(s) are provided. If this page is not applicable, please initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Justification for  
Alternate Ballot  
Designation(s) 1

A

<b>Justification for use of 1<sup>st</sup> PVO:</b>		
Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
Employer Name or Business:		
<b>Person who can verify this information:</b>		
Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:
<b>Justification for use of 2<sup>nd</sup> PVO:</b>		
Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
Employer Name or Business:		
<b>Person who can verify this information:</b>		
Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:
<b>Justification for use of 3<sup>rd</sup> PVO:</b>		
Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
Employer Name or Business:		
<b>Person who can verify this information:</b>		
Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:

Justification for  
Alternate Ballot  
Designation(s) 2

B

<b>Justification for use of 1<sup>st</sup> PVO:</b>		
Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
Employer Name or Business:		
<b>Person who can verify this information:</b>		
Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:
<b>Justification for use of 2<sup>nd</sup> PVO:</b>		
Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
Employer Name or Business:		
<b>Person who can verify this information:</b>		
Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:
<b>Justification for use of 3<sup>rd</sup> PVO:</b>		
Current or most recent job title:	Start Date:	End Date:
Employer Name or Business:		
<b>Person who can verify this information:</b>		
Name:	Phone Number(s):	Email:



**For your reference, the relevant provisions of Elections Code section 13107 are reproduced below:**

(a) With the exception of candidates for Justice of the State Supreme Court or court of appeal, immediately under the name of each candidate, and not separated from the name by any line, unless the designation made by the candidate pursuant to Section 8002.5 must be listed immediately below the name of the candidate pursuant to Section 13105, and in that case immediately under the designation, may appear at the option of the candidate only one of the following designations:

(1) Words designating the elective city, county, district, state, or federal office which the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination documents to which the candidate was elected by vote of the people.

(2) The word "incumbent" if the candidate is a candidate for the same office which the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination papers, and was elected to that office by a vote of the people. A candidate shall not use the word "incumbent" if the candidate was elected to their office in an at-large election and is a candidate in a district-based election.

(3) No more than three words designating either the current principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate, or the principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(4) The phrase "appointed incumbent" if the candidate holds an office by virtue of appointment, and the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office, or, if the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office or to some other office, the word "appointed" and the title of the office. In either instance, the candidate may not use the unmodified word "incumbent" or any words designating the office unmodified by the word "appointed." However, the phrase "appointed incumbent" shall not be required of a candidate who seeks reelection to an office which the candidate holds and to which the candidate was appointed, as a nominated candidate, in lieu of an election, pursuant to Sections 5326 and 5328 of the Education Code or Section 7228, 7423, 7673, 10229, or 10515 of this code.

(b) (1) Except as specified in paragraph (2), for candidates for judicial office, immediately under the name of each candidate, and not separated from the name by any line, only one of the following designations may appear at the option of the candidate:

(A) Words designating the city, county, district, state, or federal office held by the candidate at the time of filing the nomination documents.

(B) The word "incumbent" if the candidate is a candidate for the same office that the candidate holds at the time of filing the nomination papers.

(C) No more than three words designating either the current principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate, or the principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(2) For a candidate for judicial office who is an active member of the State Bar employed by a city, county, district, state, or by the United States, the designation shall appear as one of the following:

(A) Words designating the actual job title, as defined by statute, charter, or other governing instrument.

(B) One of the following ballot designations: "Attorney," "Attorney at Law," "Lawyer," or "Counselor at Law." The designations "Attorney" and "Lawyer" may be used in combination with one other current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate, or the principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(3) A designation made pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) shall also contain relevant qualifiers, as follows:

(A) If the candidate is an official or employee of a city, the name of the city shall appear preceded by the words "City of."

(B) If the candidate is an official or employee of a county, the name of the county shall appear preceded by the words "County of."

(C) If the candidate is an official or employee of a city and county, the name of the city and county shall appear preceded by the words "City and County."

(D) If the candidate performs quasi-judicial functions for a governmental agency, the full name of the agency shall be included.

(c) A candidate for superior court judge who is an active member of the State Bar and practices law as one of the candidate's principal professions shall use one of the following ballot designations as the candidate's ballot designation: "Attorney," "Attorney at Law," "Lawyer," or "Counselor at Law." The designations "Attorney" and "Lawyer" may be used in combination with one other current principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate, or the principal profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate during the calendar year immediately preceding the filing of nomination documents.

(d) For purposes of this section, all California geographical names shall be considered to be one word. Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, including a generally available standard reference dictionary published online, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.

(e) The Secretary of State and any other elections official shall not accept a designation of which any of the following would be true:





California Secretary of State  
BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET

November 5, 2024, General Election (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3, 13107.5; California Code of Regulations § 20711)

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- (1) It would mislead the voter.
  - (2) It would suggest an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert, virtuous, or eminent.
  - (3) It abbreviates the word "retired" or places it following any word or words which it modifies.
  - (4) It uses a word or prefix, such as "former" or "ex-," which means a prior status. The only exception is the use of the word "retired."
  - (5) It uses the name of any political party, whether or not it has qualified for the ballot.
  - (6) It uses a word or words referring to a racial, religious, or ethnic group.
  - (7) It refers to any activity prohibited by law.
- (f) If, upon checking the nomination documents and the ballot designation worksheet described in Section 13107.3, the elections official finds the designation to be in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in this section, the elections official shall notify the candidate by registered or certified mail return receipt requested, addressed to the mailing address provided on the candidate's ballot designation worksheet.
- (1) The candidate shall, within three days, excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays, from the date the candidate receives notice by registered or certified mail, or from the date the candidate receives actual notice of the violation, whichever occurs first, appear before the elections official or, in the case of the Secretary of State, notify the Secretary of State by telephone, and provide a designation that complies with subdivision (a) or (b).
  - (2) If a candidate fails to provide a designation that complies with subdivision (a) or (b) within the three-day period specified in paragraph (1), a designation shall not appear after the candidate's name.
  - (g) A designation given by a candidate shall not be changed by the candidate after the final date for filing nomination documents, except as specifically requested by the elections official as specified in subdivision (f) or as provided in subdivision (h). The elections official shall maintain a copy of the ballot designation worksheet for each candidate that appears on the ballot in the county for the same period of time as applied to nomination documents pursuant to Section 17100.
  - (h) The designation shall remain the same for all purposes of both primary and general elections, unless the candidate, at least 98 days before the general election, requests in writing a different designation which the candidate is entitled to use at the time of the request.
  - (i) In all cases, the words so used shall be printed in a manner consistent with the space requirements of Sections 13207 and 13211.
  - (j) If a foreign language translation of a candidate's designation is required under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.), as amended, to appear on the ballot in addition to the English language version, it shall be as short as possible, as consistent as is practicable with this section, and shall employ abbreviations and initials wherever possible in order to avoid undue length.

**For your reference, Elections Code section 13107.3 is reproduced below:**

- (a) A candidate who submits a ballot designation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 13107 shall file a ballot designation worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation by the candidate, in a format prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- (b) The ballot designation worksheet shall be filed with the elections official at the same time that the candidate files his or her declaration of candidacy.
- (c) In the event that a candidate fails to file a ballot designation worksheet in accordance with subdivision (a), no designation shall appear under the candidate's name on the ballot.

**For your reference, Elections Code section 13107.5 is reproduced below:**

- (a) A candidate's ballot designation as "community volunteer" shall constitute a valid principal vocation or occupation for purposes of subdivision (a) of Section 13107, if not otherwise in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in that section, and subject to the following conditions:
  - (1) A candidate's community volunteer activities constitute his or her principal profession, vocation, or occupation.
  - (2) A candidate is not engaged concurrently in another principal profession, vocation, or occupation.
  - (3) A candidate may not use the designation of "community volunteer" in combination with any other principal profession, vocation, or occupation designation.
- (b) The Secretary of State shall by regulation define what constitutes a community volunteer for purposes of this section.



*For your reference, California Code of Regulations section 20711 is reproduced below:*

(a) In order to facilitate review of a candidate's proposed ballot designation by the Secretary of State pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, the candidate shall submit, at the time of filing his or her proposed ballot designation on the Declaration of Candidacy, a completed Ballot Designation Worksheet on a form provided by the Secretary of State.

(b) All Ballot Designation Worksheets filed with the Office of the Secretary of State or the county elections officials pursuant to this section shall be public records and shall be available for inspection and copying at the public counter of the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, Fifth Floor, 1500 11th Street, Sacramento, California 95814, or at the office of the applicable county elections official.

(c) The Secretary of State shall provide a master copy or copies of the Ballot Designation Worksheet to all elections officials responsible for providing and accepting the nomination documents for candidates in elections for offices certified by the Secretary of State. The Ballot Designation Worksheet shall request that the candidate proposing the ballot designation provide the following information:

(1) The candidate's name, home, business and mailing addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail address, if available, and fax number;

(2) A designation of the office for which the candidate is seeking election;

(3) The name, home, business and mailing addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail address, if available, and fax number of the attorney representing the candidate or for any other person to be contacted in the event the Secretary of State requires further information regarding the proposed ballot designation;

(4) The proposed ballot designation submitted by the candidate;

(5) The candidate may submit one or more proposed alternate ballot designations ranked in order of the candidate's preference;

(6) A brief statement identifying the factual basis upon which the candidate claims the proposed ballot designation and each proposed alternate ballot designation, including the following:

(A) If the candidate holds elected office and is submitting his or her proposed ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, subdivisions (a)(1) or (a)(2), the candidate shall indicate the elective office he or she currently occupies and may attach a copy of his or her Certificate of Election;

(B) If the candidate is a judicial officer and is submitting his or her proposed ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, subdivisions (a)(1) or (a)(2), the candidate shall indicate the elective office he or she currently holds and may attach either (A) a copy of his or her Certificate of Election or (B) a copy of his or her commission or certificate of appointment, issued at the time the candidate was appointed to the judicial office which he or she currently occupies;

(C) If the candidate submits a ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, subdivision (a)(3), the candidate shall indicate:

(i) The title of the position or positions which he or she claims supports the proposed ballot designation;

(ii) The dates during which the candidate held such position;

(iii) A description of the work he or she performs in the position;

(iv) The name of the candidate's business or employer;

(v) The name and telephone number of a person or persons who could verify such information; and

(vi) A statement that the professions, vocations or occupations relied upon to support the proposed ballot designation constitute the primary, main or leading professions, vocations or occupations of the candidate, in accordance with the definition of the term "principal" as set forth at § 20714, subdivision (b).

(D) If the candidate submits a ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107, subdivision (a)(4), the candidate shall indicate the date on which he or she was appointed to the office for which he or she is an appointed incumbent.

(d) The candidate may attach or append any supporting documents or other exhibits to his or her Ballot Designation Worksheet which he or she believes support his or her proposed ballot designation. Such attached documents or other exhibits shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference as part of the candidate's Ballot Designation Worksheet and shall be considered as such by the Secretary of State.

(e) If a candidate requests a change of his or her ballot designation pursuant to Elections Code § 13107(e), that request shall be accompanied by a Ballot Designation Worksheet.





**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS**

SAN FRANCISCO  
John Arntz, Director

For the Ballot  
(CAEC §§ 13104, 13106- 13107, 13211.7; SF MEC §§ 205, 225, 401)

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County Elections Official By: _____ Date Issued: _____

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** A ballot designation is optional. If one is requested, a completed **BALLOT DESIGNATION WORKSHEET** must be submitted. If no ballot designation is requested, write "NONE" and initial in the box. (Elections Code §§ 13107, 13107.3)

Ballot Information  
Name and ballot designation to appear on the ballot

1

I request my name and ballot designation to appear on the ballot as follows:

Ben Kaplan

Print Your Name for Use on the Ballot

Candidate initials box if NO ballot designation is preferred.

College Author / Economist

Print Ballot Designation Requested



Name in Chinese Characters

2

The names of candidates appear on the official ballot in traditional Chinese characters as well as in English. The Department of Elections can provide this transliteration or translation for candidates for local office, or the candidate may provide documentation of established use of a name in Chinese.

If a candidate has a character-based name by birth, that can be verified by birth certificate or other valid identification, the candidate may use that name on the ballot instead of a phonetic transliteration. A candidate who does not have a character-based name by birth, but who identifies by a particular character-based name and can demonstrate that they have been known and identified within the public sphere by that name over the past two years, may use that name instead of a phonetic transliteration.

**Check one option (provide supporting documentation):**

- I request that the Department of Elections, working with a qualified Chinese-language translator, provide a Chinese transliteration or translation of my name for all materials where it is legally required.
- I am providing documentation of established use of a particular Chinese transliteration or translation of my name for the Department to review. I understand that the Department's decision whether to accept a proposed transliteration or translation is final.
- I have a character-based name by birth and am providing supporting documentation of this name.





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Supplemental Form  
Chinese-Characters-Based Name  
(SF MEC § 401)

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County Elections Official

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

**Self-Declaration Affirming Candidate's Use of a Chinese-Character-Based Name Since Birth**

**Self-Declaration of Candidate**

Use this form if you are a candidate who received a Chinese-character-based name at birth and you are unable to obtain a declaration from a family member regarding your receiving the name, and you cannot provide other documentation supporting your use of this name.

The character-based name must be provided using traditional Chinese characters.

<b>Declaration</b>	<p>I, <u>Ben Kaplan</u>, solemnly swear (or affirm) that:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Print Candidate Name</small></p> <p>1. I have been known, since birth, by the following Chinese-character-based name:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>班勇杰</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Print Character-Based Name</small></p> <p>2. I have no documentation or statement of family members to support this statement.</p> <p><b>I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.</b></p> <p>Dated this <u>23<sup>rd</sup></u> day of <u>July</u>, 2023</p>	<p><b>X</b> </p> <p><b>Signature of Declarant</b></p>
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STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS  
COVER PAGE  
A PUBLIC DOCUMENT

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Kaplan Ben

1. Office, Agency, or Court

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)  
San Francisco Community College District

Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable Your Position  
City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees Member

► If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)

- State  Judge, Retired Judge, Pro Tem Judge, or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction)
- Multi-County \_\_\_\_\_  County of \_\_\_\_\_
- City of San Francisco  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)

- Annual: The period covered is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.  Leaving Office: Date Left \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Check one circle.)
- or-  The period covered is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, through December 31, 2023.  The period covered is January 1, 2023, through the date of leaving office.
- Assuming Office: Date assumed \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ -or-  The period covered is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, through the date of leaving office.
- Candidate: Date of Election November 2024 and office sought, if different than Part 1: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Schedule Summary (required)

► Total number of pages including this cover page: \_\_\_\_\_

Schedules attached

- Schedule A-1 - Investments - schedule attached  Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions - schedule attached
- Schedule A-2 - Investments - schedule attached  Schedule D - Income - Gifts - schedule attached
- Schedule B - Real Property - schedule attached  Schedule E - Income - Gifts - Travel Payments - schedule attached

-or-  None - No reportable interests on any schedule

5. Verification

MAILING ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
(Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public Document)

San Francisco, CA 94118

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS  
ben@votebenkaplan.com

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed July 23, 2024  
(month, day, year)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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# SCHEDULE A-1 Investments

## Stocks, Bonds, and Other Interests (Ownership Interest is Less Than 10%)

Investments must be itemized.  
Do not attach brokerage or financial statements.

CALIFORNIA FORM **700**  
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Name

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY  
Vanguard 401k

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS

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FAIR MARKET VALUE  
 \$2,000 - \$10,000       \$10,001 - \$100,000  
 \$100,001 - \$1,000,000       Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT  
 Stock       Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Describe)  
 Partnership     Income Received of \$0 - \$499  
 Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:  
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**SCHEDULE D**  
**Income – Gifts**

**CALIFORNIA FORM 700**  
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

▶ NAME OF SOURCE (Not an Acronym)

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

DATE (mm/dd/yy)	VALUE	DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S)
___/___/___	\$ _____	_____
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**SCHEDULE E**  
**Income – Gifts**  
**Travel Payments, Advances,**  
**and Reimbursements**

CALIFORNIA FORM **700**  
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Name

- Mark either the gift or income box.
- Mark the "501(c)(3)" box for a travel payment received from a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization or the "Speech" box if you made a speech or participated in a panel. Per Government Code Section 89506, these payments may not be subject to the gift limit. However, they may result in a disqualifying conflict of interest.
- For gifts of travel, provide the travel destination.

▶ NAME OF SOURCE (Not an Acronym) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable) \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY AND STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESSACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE(S): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ AMT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(If gift)  
▶ MUST CHECK ONE:  Gift -or-  Income  
 Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel  
 Other - Provide Description \_\_\_\_\_  
▶ If Gift, Provide Travel Destination \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY AND STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS**

John Arntz, Director

Candidate Statement of Qualifications  
(CAEC §§ 13307-13308)  
November 5, 2024, General Election

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County Elections Official
By: _____
Date Issued: _____

Candidate Name: Ben Kaplan  
Office Sought: Community College Board

1	Please complete the following sections:
	<input type="checkbox"/> I will NOT file a Candidate Statement of Qualifications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will file a Candidate Statement of Qualifications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will send an electronic copy of my statement in Word format to the Department at <a href="mailto:publications@sfgov.org">publications@sfgov.org</a> no later than 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. Signature of Candidate: _____ Date <u>July 23, 2024</u>
2	<i>This statement will be reproduced exactly as written. You may not make changes or corrections after the statement has been submitted. Please type or print neatly. If handwritten information or a revision is unclear, Department staff will interpret the provided information to the best of their abilities. This interpretation is final.</i>
3	Name as it will appear with statement: <u>Ben Kaplan</u> My occupation is: <u>College Author / Economist</u> My qualifications are:

Keep Text Within the Vertical Lines. Word count starts here:

I'm a higher education advocate, speaker, and author of *How to Go to College Almost for Free*. I'm also a current adult returning student at City College of San Francisco. I'm running for the Board of Trustees because City College holds the key to solving San Francisco's toughest challenges — but we need a plan of action now.

City College was originally founded to provide a pipeline of skilled workers. But currently, the college doesn't produce nearly enough future police officers, drug counselors, or mental health professionals. The result? San Francisco has a critical worker shortage that is compounded by City College's plummeting enrollment. It doesn't have to be this way.

We need to (1) create new worker pipelines in San Francisco priority areas, (2) achieve permanent financial stability by ensuring ample financial reserves, and (3) reignite declining enrollment by tailoring outreach to each type of City College student.

I can deliver on this plan because I'm a Harvard-trained economist (financial experience), San Francisco political columnist and podcast host (government experience), marketing agency CEO (small business experience), and Asian-American organizer (community experience). And I'm not a politician.

To fix San Francisco, we must fix City College. Will you join me? Visit [votebenkapan.com](http://votebenkapan.com)