

Myrna Melgar Biography

Myrna Melgar was elected to the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco representing District 7 in 2020 and reelected in 2024. She is the Chair of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, the SF County Transportation Authority, and the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Authority. She represents San Francisco on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and serves as the Vice-Chair on its Programming and Allocations Committee.

Myrna was appointed by then Mayor Gavin Newsom to serve as the Director of Homeownership Programs for the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing, where she managed a yearly budget of \$42 million and supervised 27 professional staff members and contractors. During her tenure, she managed down payment assistance programs that expanded home-ownership opportunities for low income and middle-class families and created the city's first down payment assistance program for teachers and police officers. Myrna also managed the city's inclusionary housing program that helped increase the affordable housing stock and helped secure permanent housing for public housing residents. At the Mission Economic Development Agency, Myrna led programs serving low-income immigrant families find affordable housing opportunities, connecting them with critical financial services and giving them small business development assistance. During her time there, she helped double the size of the agency and triple the yearly budget. Myrna then became the Executive Director of Jamestown Community Center, a 45-year-old organization providing family support and enrichment opportunities for low-income, at-risk youth. In her five-year tenure as executive director, Jamestown's budget and the number of young people served by the organization tripled.

A dedicated public servant, Myrna has served as President of the San Francisco Planning Commission, Vice President of the Building Inspection Commission, President of the Building Inspection Commission's Board of Appeals, and member of the Francisco Asthma Task Force's Environmental Committee. She has also served on the Board of Directors of Dolores Street Community Services, Mission Economic Development Agency, Instituto Familiar de la Raza and, most recently, the Jewish Community Relations Council. Myrna is also one of the co-founders of HomeownershipSF, a nonprofit agency supporting homeownership access and opportunities for low- and moderate-income San Franciscans.

Myrna attended San Francisco State University, graduated from Excelsior College and Columbia University where she obtained a Master's Degree in Urban Planning with a concentration in housing development. Myrna is bilingual in English and Spanish, fluent in French and proficient in Swedish.