AWARD RECIPIENTS’ BIOGRAPHIES

DANA CORVIN | HANNAH G. SOLOMON AWARD

Dana is a third generation San Franciscan. She was a principal and Vice President of Cal-Steam, a wholesale plumbing supply distributor. Since selling the business in 2006, she has concentrated her efforts in the non-profit world. Dana currently serves on the boards of the Contemporary Jewish Museum, Morris Stulsaft Foundation, JVS, Mt Zion Health Fund and SF State University Foundation. She has been active in the JCF since 2000 serving as a board member & officer as well as on the Jewish Community Endowment Fund. Dana is a former board member of Congregation Emanuel, American Red Cross, JFCS and United Way of the Bay Area for Alameda Co. Dana is a graduate of UC Berkeley and earned a master’s degree in Special Education from SF State University. She resides in Piedmont with her husband, Harris Weinberg.

RABBI DOUGLAS KAHN | OUTSTANDING VISIONARY AWARD AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rabbi Douglas Kahn is Executive Director of the San Francisco-based Jewish Community Relations Council, a position he assumed in 1989. He served on the Global Council of United Religions Initiative, an international grassroots interfaith organization and serves on the JCPA Civility Committee. He previously served as co-chair of the Intergroup Clearinghouse, San Francisco’s major organization addressing issues of intergroup tensions, and President of the CRC Directors Association. Prior to joining the JCRC staff in 1982, he was the Executive Director of Hillel at George Washington University.

A fourth generation San Franciscan, Doug received his rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and his B.A. from U.C. Berkeley. He is the recipient of the Jewish Community Federation’s Executive of the Year Award and the community’s Israel in our Hearts award. He has written extensively on topical issues. He is married to Ellen, an estate planning attorney, and they have two sons.

CANDICE GOLD | OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Candice Gold is a former executive of the women’s apparel industry in New York. She relocated to the Bay Area in 1998 and became consultant to the industry. Candice has volunteered in areas of Human Rights and Social, Environmental and Food Justice. She served for several years on the Board of Standing Against Global Exploitation (SAGE) Project, a group on the forefront of human trafficking victims’ protection and assistance. Candice also served on various committees of the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking and participated in the convening effort to create the Collaborative. She is currently a member of the Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking’s Steering Committee and New Israel Fund’s regional Board. Candice served on various positions on the Board of the National Council of Jewish Women San Francisco Section and is currently Board President.
Katy Tang was appointed by San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee to serve on the Board of Supervisors as the District 4 representative in February 2013, and then elected in November 2013 and November 2014. She is currently Vice Chair of the Budget & Finance Committee and the Rules Committee.

As District 4 Supervisor, Katy has worked on a number of issues to improve the quality of life for residents. She spearheaded the first ever district-wide strategic planning effort, called the Sunset District Blueprint, to identify short-term and long-term initiatives to improve the neighborhood; introduced legislation unanimously adopted by the Board of Supervisors to provide our city with additional enforcement tools over massage establishments serving as potential fronts for human trafficking; launched the city’s first Front Yard Ambassador Program to assist residents with front yard landscaping installations and to divert 30,000 gallons of rainwater from the city’s sewer system in the first phase of the program; and initiated efforts with the Planning Department to identify land use opportunity sites with the Sunset District to address the city’s housing challenges.

Katy is a member of the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking, where she works with city agencies and partners to end human trafficking through education, outreach, advocacy, and supporting human trafficking survivors. She also works closely with the Ocean Beach Master Plan steering committee, where she has been engaging with city agencies and partners to implement recommendations for a more sustainable future on San Francisco’s Pacific Coast. Katy previously served as Supervisor Carmen Chu’s Legislative Aide for over five years, drafting legislation to create neighborhood commercial districts for District Four business corridors, increasing protections for victims of domestic violence, streamlining complex City contracting processes, facilitating prompt payment to City contractors, and instituting increased penalties for crimes committed in and around public transit.

As Legislative Aide, Katy served as an adviser on policy issues before the Board of Supervisors, analyzed legislation, served as lead staff in developing the City’s first two-year budget that balanced a $6.8 billion annual City budget and closed budget shortfalls of $380 million, and worked with District Four neighbors and businesses to implement community improvement projects, including the completion of a pilot Storefront Improvement Project on Noriega and Taraval streets that improved 15 neighborhood businesses and created a model for small businesses citywide. Katy also spearheaded efforts to assist small businesses in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, helping to create access for all San Franciscans while also protecting businesses.

Katy also served in Mayor Gavin Newsom’s administration in the Office of Public Policy & Finance where she led neighborhood involvement efforts in the development of the City’s first Community Justice Center, in addition to her work assisting with development of the City’s budget.

Keeping San Francisco family-friendly, improving Muni service, encouraging economic development, enhancing pedestrian and public safety, and ensuring fiscal accountability are among her top priorities. Katy grew up in the Outer Sunset District and attended neighborhood grammar, middle and high schools.