



SAY San Diego
Board of Directors
Prospective Member Nomination Form

Dear Prospective Board Member: Thank you for your interest in SAY San Diego! Together, we aim high and strive to achieve our vision of opportunity, equity and well-being for all San Diegans. Across our organization, we share the belief that all San Diego children, youth, and families can achieve greatness – positive health, safety and security, creative and productive educational and occupational opportunities, and an overall high quality of life. This has been a guiding belief since SAY San Diego’s beginnings in 1971. It is our mission to partner with youth, adults, families and communities to reach their full potential.

SAY San Diego does not do this work alone. We are very fortunate to have robust collaborations with government at the county, state, and federal levels; with all branches of the military; with schools, faith institutions, philanthropic, nonprofit, and corporate partners; and with hundreds of talented individuals who give of their time as volunteers each year. Board members are a key part of this community collaboration. Board members hold the public stake in our nonprofit organization. Board service is voluntary and provides needed governance in the form of fiscal, legal, strategic and creative oversight to ensure SAY San Diego is effective, responsive and sustainable.

Candidate Information

Full name: Robert Gaan

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Employment/Position: Financial Advisor



Please check-off any of the following skills or experiences that the candidate possesses:

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| ☒ Business development | ☒ Finance, accounting, insurance expertise |
| ☐ Community leadership | ☒ Fund raising, donors, philanthropy |
| ☒ Contacts, networking | ☐ Human resources |
| ☐ Culturally diverse life experience | ☐ Media, public relations |
| ☒ Educational programming (early age to college) | ☐ Public health |
| ☐ Equity, diversity and inclusion | ☐ Public policy, advocacy, social justice |
| ☐ Evidence based practices | ☒ Real estate |
| ☒ Entrepreneurial, social enterprise | ☐ Research, data and/or evaluation |
| ☐ Faith community leadership | ☐ Volunteer management, service enterprise |
| ☐ Practice of law/legal services | ☐ Youth/family support partner |

- ☐ Other, please say more if you wish:

Please confirm candidate agreement with the following board member requirements:

- ☒ Will attend Board meetings with the exception of extenuating circumstances.
- ☒ Will support the goal of 100% of board members giving to the organization with an annual cash contribution that honors the urgency of SAY San Diego's mission.
- ☒ Will be a vocal champion for SAY San Diego and to invite others to give their time and financial support to SAY San Diego.

Narrative Questions:

- Please tell us how the candidate will contribute to advancing SAY's vision, mission and goals:

As a professional investor, I am always on the lookout for a ground floor opportunity. While SAY is certainly not a start up, the organization is pivoting in a direction which is very exciting to me. Now, more than ever, we need non-profits that are nimble, impactful and entrepreneurial in spirit. I have direct experience working with non-profits that had a "big, hairy, audacious goal" and succeeded by being innovative and by amplifying partnerships with both the public and private sector. I am a candidate with a background in Board governance, best practices, financial management and stakeholder relations. I would welcome the opportunity to do what I can to help SAY continue with its mission of creating positive change.



- Please describe the candidate's previous board and/or governance experience (if any) with (name or org):

I served for 10 years on the Board of the San Diego Youth Symphony, my last three years as Board Chair. SDYS was the recipient of the Kaleidoscope Award for Good Governance from the Nonprofit Institute at the University of San Diego as well as the grand prize winner of BoardSource's Prudential Award for outstanding governance. I currently volunteer on the Board of Advisors for Life Science Cares San Diego, where I serve as Finance Committee Chair.

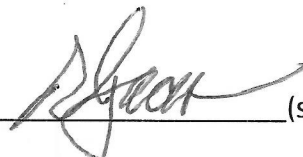
- Please list past or present affiliations, organizations, educational experiences of note (e.g., membership, professional, civic):

I have been a principal at Christopher Weil & Company for over 25 years. The firm believes that philanthropy is a critical element of a robust financial planning process. We work with our clients to maximize "smart giving". Employees are encouraged to give back to the community by serving on non-profit boards and commissions. This gives me insight into how the local non-profit community operates and access to the collective board experience of others on the WEIL team. I have completed the Financial Management for NonProfit Organizations course offered through UC San Diego Extended Studies.

- How will the candidate help to promote and uphold SAY San Diego's commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion?

As the child of immigrants, I grew up in a multicultural neighborhood where I learned firsthand the value that different backgrounds and perspectives bring to a community. This foundation has guided my professional life, where I have been fortunate to work with people from all walks of life and have made it a priority to build diverse teams. I have consistently found that a variety of viewpoints not only fosters a more dynamic and respectful environment but also drives superior results. I am a firm believer that talent is universal, but opportunity is not. I would work hard to help this organization uphold its commitment by championing policies that ensure smart, hard-working individuals can succeed based on their ability and drive, irrespective of their race, sex, religion, or orientation.

Please feel free to attach any additional information, including a bio and/or recommendations from others.

Submitted by:  (signature)

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Name:

Robert Gaan

If not a self-nomination, please provide nominator's phone number and email contact:

Please submit via email to:

Nancy Gannon Hornberger, CEO: nancy@saysandiego.org

Or by mail:

Nancy Gannon Hornberger, CEO at the address in the footer below.