



Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley

A Board Member 'Participation Agreement'

The Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley Board of Directors **will be responsible to me in several important ways:**

1. I will be sent, without request, monthly minutes, quarterly financial reports and an update of organizational activities that allow me to meet "prudent person" standards.
2. Opportunities will be offered to me to discuss with the executive director and the board president the organization's programs, goals, activities, and status; additionally, I can request such opportunities.
3. The organization will help me perform my duties by keeping me informed about issues in the industry and field in which we are working, and by offering me opportunities for professional development as a board member.
4. Board members and staff will respond in a straightforward fashion to questions that I feel are necessary to carry out my fiscal, legal and moral responsibilities to this organization. Board members and staff will always work in good faith with me towards achievement of our goals.

I, _____ understand that as a member of the Board of Directors of Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley, I have a legal and ethical responsibility to ensure that the organization does the best work possible in pursuit of its goals. I believe in the purpose and the mission of the organization, and I will act responsibly and prudently as its steward.

As part of **my responsibilities** as a board member:

1. I will interpret the organization's work and values of the community, represent the organization, and act as a spokesperson.
2. I will attend at least 75% of board meetings, committee meetings, and special events.
3. Each year I will make a personal financial contribution to JFS SV at a level that is meaningful to me.
4. Each year I will make a personal financial contribution to Jewish Federation Silicon Valley.

5. I will actively participate in one or more fundraising activities.

6. I will act in the best interests of the organization, and excuse myself from discussions and votes where I have a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest.

7. I will stay informed about what's going on in the organization. I will ask questions and request information. I will participate in and take responsibility for making decisions on issues, policies and other board matters.

8. I will work in good faith with staff and other board members as partners towards achievement of our goals.

9. If I am unable to fulfill these commitments to the organization, I will expect the board president to call me and discuss my responsibilities with me.

Signed: _____

Date: _____