

THE SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE NETWORK



Missions Statement:

The Socially Responsible Network advocates for social justice by fostering and supporting a network of strategic relationships with community based and youth organizations.

Purpose:

- *Carry on the rich legacy of Bay Area activism.
- *Promote and develop active leadership for the future
- *Encourage and increase civil participation through education, advocacy, and organizing.
- *Facilitate networking, resource sharing, and outreach

How We Do It:

The SRN provides resources, technical assistance, legislative information, and facilitates networking and communication amongst community based organization to enhance the work that they are doing in the community and provide tools to increase their organizational effectiveness.

The Socially Responsible Network (SRN) has an organizational membership of over 200 Community Based Organizations representing a wide variety of interests and backgrounds throughout the Greater Bay Area. Over the last seven years we have sponsored bi-annual community programs surveying the needs and interests of the progressive community and providing informational resources and services. We published resource manuals for non-profits and hosted distinguished policy panels, including a very popular annual local, state, and federal budget update. These budget and legislative panel presentations provide insightful coverage of budget impacts and policy that affect community service providers and their work in our neighborhoods. We strive to empower and provide important communication links to members within our community and strengthen our ability to provide services and support and develop new leadership.

For more information about the SRN, its programs, membership and services log on to www.sociallyresponsiblenetwork.org.

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Organizational Overview of the SRN

Founded in 1999 by Supervisor Keith Carson, the Socially Responsible Network (SRN) was created as a way to facilitate ongoing communication and networking among community based organizations and service providers. Members of our organization are a collective of politically progressive organizations that share the challenge of advocating for social justice, and improving the quality of life for Alameda County residents. In 2004 we worked to establish our 501(c)(3) status and created an Advisory Board to lead and serve the SRN as we head towards the future. We currently have a five member Board of Directors that we will be expanding to seven in the next year. The Advisory Board meets quarterly and these meetings are open to all SRN members who wish to participate.

Over the past seven years we have accomplished so much in the way of providing resources to community organizations. In previous surveys we identified education/youth issues and economic justice as the highest priorities within our social justice vision. For the last year we have been working with youth through a series of outreach meetings to get feedback on their needs and interests and how the SRN can work closer with young people in our community to ensure the health and prosperity of future socially responsible generations.

At our September 04 meeting we had a wonderful panel of young leaders shared their stories of organizing and activism and we now have a number of youth working on a leadership and entrepreneurial training series with youth age 16-23 that is running through the end of August. At the September meeting we also had a panel of skilled non-profit attorney's, community activists, and a representative from the SF Foundation talk about how non-profits can increase their political influence and work toward progressive causes without jeopardizing their 501(C)(3)status. We worked with the Spin Project to publish an Organizing Resource Manual for Community Based Groups detailing permissible organizing activities to increase our voices in making public policy.

We have also created a new website for the SRN that has a wealth of resources and information for you to access. For more information about the progress of the SRN and to find out more about past and future events please log on to our website at www.sociallyresponsiblenetwork.org. You can also email Felicia.jordan@acgov.org to list your events on our community calendar or add your organization to our member directory.

We look forward to working with you to build progressive networks and to strengthen our vibrant community.