

Insight on Coaching – Guest Bio

Barry Hermanson

Candidate for U.S. Congress (CA – 12th District)

Introduction

Barry Hermanson is the Green party candidate running for the 12th California District Congressional seat. He is currently an equity investor and a former small business owner of Hermanson's Employment Service employing more than 3,000 workers during its 25 years in operation. He served as vice president and was former president of the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro, one of the largest neighborhood merchant associations in San Francisco. Barry is the co-author of San Francisco's 2003 minimum wage initiative and is on the chair of the board of a non-profit housing corporation which provides low income housing in San Francisco. He was also one of the recipients of the *San Francisco Bay Guardian* Local Hero Award in 2006.

Experience

Barry was a candidate for California State Assembly (District 12) in 2006 and a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, California (District 12) in 2004. Barry was co-chair of the San Francisco Living Wage Coalition in 1999 and 2000, passing legislation that increased wages and provided health care for 20,000 workers. He was former co-chair of the S.F. Local Homeless Coordinating Board.

Prior to owning and operating Hermanson's Employment Services, Barry's professional experience included a position as a Vista Volunteer at Asian Inc., a non-profit technical assistance and research organization and store manager at Baskin-Robbins.

Education

Barry received a Masters of Divinity at the San Francisco Theological Seminary and earned his B.S. degree at California State University, Los Angeles.

Professional Affiliations, Publications and Recognition

Barry is a member of numerous organizations including the program resource committee of the San Francisco Workforce Investment Board, Health Care for All, the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, Responsible Wealth, Californians for Fair Wages and the San Francisco Local Homeless Coordinating Board. He also serves as chairperson at the San Francisco Network Ministries Housing Corporation and is a board member of the San Francisco Network Ministries.