

Joanne Brion Resume

Joanne Brion has over 30 years of experience in urban economics, strategy planning, and public policy. She is principal of Brion Economics, Inc. (BEI), a Northern California urban economics consulting firm founded in the Bay Area. Ms. Brion's expertise includes early learning and child care policy, fiscal impact studies, economic impact assessments, development impact fee nexus studies, housing assessments, market studies, financial analysis, demographic forecasting, and policy analysis. She has also recently served as Executive Director of Tara Mandala, an international Buddhist 501c3 non-profit organization while continuing to consult.

Key Skills and Competencies

- Economic Modeling, Budget Analysis, and Projections
- Strategic Planning, Visioning, and Implementation
- Leadership and Nonprofit Management
- Sustainability Fund Management and Fundraising
- Policy Development and Business Analysis
- Program Design and Implementation
- Market Studies, Housing Assessments, and Retail Demand Analysis
- Financial Management and Fiscal Analysis
- Public Policy and Policy Analysis
- Child Care Planning, Early Learning, and Policy
- Demographic Forecasting
- Public Presentations, Working with Task Forces, Surveys, and Community Input

Professional Experience

July 2000 -	President, Owner, Urban Economist
Present	Brion Economics, Inc. (formerly Brion & Associates) Berkeley, CA
July 2017 -	Executive Director
July 2022	Tara Mandala Buddhist Organization, Pagosa Springs, CO
1990 - 2000	Vice President, Urban Economist
	Inc., Berkeley, CA Economic & Planning Systems,
August 1989 -	Data Analyst (under NYU Professor)
December 1989	Wharton Econometrics Forecasting (WEFA), New York, NY
August 1989 -	Research Analyst (under NYU Professor)
December 1989	Regional Plan Association, New York, NY

January 1988 - Staff Research Analyst for Director
July 1989 Urban Research Center, New York University, New York, NY

July 1985 - Associate, Planning and Economics Division
January 1988 Environmental Science Associates, San Francisco, CA

Spring 1986; Planning Internships
Fall 1984 San Francisco Department of City Planning, SF, CA

Education, Other Training and Activities

- Master of Urban Planning, New York University, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service; Public Policy and Urban Economics focus. Thesis: "Economic Impact of Foreign Investment in the US"
- Bachelor of Arts, San Francisco State University, Urban Studies Program with City Planning - Public Policy focus. Senior Project: Land Use Surveys of Northern Waterfront and South of Market.
- Phi Beta Kappa, SFSU
- Authentic Leadership Training Program, Naropa University
- Emotional Intelligence Training with Goleman EI and Key Step Media
- Rangjung Yeshe Gomde CA, Finance Director/Treasurer – Volunteer (2007 – 2017)