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Beryl Magilavy pioneered sustainability planning in San Francisco. As director of the non-profit organization, Sustainable City, she organized the community process that drafted the city's sustainability plan, eventually adopted by the city's board of supervisors (city council). She was responsible for the creation of the city's advisory commission on the environment in 1992 and its environmental department in 1996. She served as president of both commissions and was the first director of the department.

As director, she led the interdepartmental effort that resulted in the city's green building ordinance and its municipal integrated pest management plan. She drafted much of both pieces of legislation, as well as board and commission resolutions on a wide range of other environmental matters.

Magilavy ran a nonprofit recycling company for several years and was among the leadership of political campaigns to reform the city's transportation system; replace a freeway with a landscaped, surface-level boulevard; and to stop chain store expansion into a neighborhood commercial area.

She has degrees in history and physics. Earlier in her career, she was personnel manager of Dolby Laboratories and did research in optics and cryogenics at NASA, Ames Research center, where she published a paper on the properties of thallium bromo-iodide fibers.

[Beryl Magilavy](#) recently finished writing [The Third Era](#), a book on climate change, accountable government, and sustainable development programs in seven European cities: Barcelona, Berlin, Hamburg, Paris, Sienna, Stockholm, and Vienna.

She has spent much of the last decade traveling and doing Web development, and research in Europe and South America. She speaks French and English, has enough Italian, Spanish, and Catalán to do research in those languages, and can scrape together enough German to get around.

She divides her time between San Francisco and Paris and has written on food and culture in those cities.