

CHRISTINE VERTIZ

Opportunity Build 2023 Graduate

San Francisco/Oakland Native



Trades of Interest: Carpentry, Sprinkler Fitting and Sheet Metal

I enjoy being intellectually and physically stimulated while working with my hands. While in college, I worked as a facilities maintenance person for the apartment building I lived in to make ends meet. After my mentor passed unexpectedly, I was tasked with handling two of Oakland's oldest Victorians, along with the multi-million development deal we had barely begun. I spent two years growling over details to relocate and retrofit the Victorians to achieve Alameda County standards. I worked closely with the neighboring build's development team to minimize delays and change orders. I even assisted in rewiring a house I was subleasing, which passed Alameda County inspection! During those two years, I developed an insatiable hunger for construction-related knowledge. I fell in love with the magnificent madness that is commercial construction. There is nothing quite like building something that serves your community.

Since joining the Rising Sun family, I have gained more hands-on experience, knowledge about building methods that support decarbonization, an appreciation, multiple certifications, and a more profound sense of community. I could not feel more privileged to have had the chance to partake in such an impactful organization. I look forward to building off my experience in the trades throughout the next 20-30 years.

