On August 24, 2020, the San Francisco Small Business Commission unanimously approved San Francisco Natural Medicine Clinic (SFNM) as a San Francisco Legacy Business.

“As the first licensed Naturopathic Medical Clinic in San Francisco, we are deeply grateful and honored to be awarded Legacy Business status in our great city,” said Dr. Carl Hangee-Bauer, clinic founder and director. “We hope to continue to offer our fellow San Franciscans effective choices to improve their health for years to come.”

The Legacy Business Registry was created in 2015 by the SF Board of Supervisors. The Legacy Business Program acknowledges longstanding, community-serving businesses, having been in business at least 30 years, and are valuable cultural assets to San Francisco. Preserving Legacy Businesses is critical to maintaining what makes the city a unique and special place. [https://sfosb.org/legacy-business](https://sfosb.org/legacy-business)

Dr. Carl Hangee-Bauer—A leader in his profession

In 1985 when Dr. Hangee-Bauer moved to San Francisco after graduating and completing a residency at Bastyr University in Seattle, naturopathic medicine was not a licensed health care profession in California. That same year he became one of the founders of the California Naturopathic Doctors Association, serving in many roles including president.
With naturopathic medicine not licensed in California, he furthered his acupuncture training in San Francisco and became a licensed acupuncturist in 1989, starting his practice as SOMA Acupuncture & Natural Health Clinic.

Dr. Hangee-Bauer was one of the key people who worked tirelessly for years to get naturopathic doctors licensed in California, culminating in passage of the Naturopathic Doctors Practice Act in 2003. Dr Hangee-Bauer was issued License #2 and was appointed by Gov. Schwarzenegger to the California Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Council where he served as Chair from October 2004 to June 2008.

In 2010, Dr. Hangee-Bauer was elected President of the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP) for a two year term, and served on the AANP Board for 5 years.

In 1998, SOMA Acupuncture moved to its now current location on 20th Street on Potrero Hill. With ND licensure in 2005, the clinic was incorporated and renamed San Francisco Natural Medicine where Dr. Hangee-Bauer continues to practice today as Clinic Director. Both he and his wife Michele live on Potrero Hill and have been active members of the Potrero Hill business and neighborhood community. Michele served for nine years as treasurer of the Potrero Dogpatch Merchants Association (PDMA) and both are members of the Potrero Boosters and the Potrero Hill Garden Club.

“We have put down deep roots in the 35 years we have lived on Potrero Hill—loving every minute of it. You may have seen us walking our two greyhounds, Pepe and Lexy, around the hill or walking our 2-block commute to work!” Carl Hangee-Bauer, ND, LAc

For further information about SFNM, see our website at SFnatmed.com.

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