Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: San Diego
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- San Diego Region
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability
Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"
No
Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

My interest in and knowledge of the developmental disability field and service system developed because I have autism and have experienced first-hand how various aspects of service for developmental disabilities operates.
My continuing work in organizations that serve people with special needs, and my ongoing guest lectures on "Living With Autism" and other disability workshops, have complemented my passion for helping people with special needs have access to education and resources that improve their well-being. In the education industry, I have seen firsthand the disturbing discrimination that thrives in post-secondary education. In the mid-2000s, I sought assistance from Department Of Rehabilitation (DOR) for my undergraduate education. From that experience, I learned that a system is only as effective as the individuals operating in it, and an individual counselor's willingness to collaborate with a client can affect whether the services are obtained. After approximately two years without obtaining an agreement by my counselor for an education and employment plan, my San Diego Regional Center case manager attended a meeting with me and DOR, in which DOR finally proposed an offer to fund the last semester of my education...if I agreed to become a Border Patrol agent. Respectfully, I declined that unsuitable offer. However, the offer set a precedent for other students with autism to be able to acquire financial assistance from DOR for college.

For law school application, the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) required extensive documentation (at least 65 pages) of my developmental disability throughout my elementary, secondary, and post-secondary education, and the testing accommodations I had throughout education. LSAC had a limited number of categories for testing accommodations, and none of these included anything related to autism. Because I have dysgraphia, which is a difficulty with handwriting, my test accommodations throughout education have included use of a laptop and more

time for writing essays or filling bubbles on a scantron. None of those accommodations were provided to me for the two attempts in the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). In the second attempt, the only accommodation I received was use of ear plugs. A class action lawsuit was made against LSAC by those with developmental disabilities, and a bill was passed into law mandating that LSAC provide test-takers with test accommodations that they had prior to taking the LSAT.

My knowledge of developmental disability service also includes that pertaining to group homes for developmental disabilities. For my law school scholarly writing project, I wrote a paper called "Home Sweet Home???: Fixing Group Homes for Human Beings Who Have Special Needs." This paper covers the background about how group homes first came to exist in the 1950s and the institutional problems they were trying to fix. Then the background reveals the problems that creating group homes has not fixed. Next, the background addresses the types of group homes and the requirements that group homes are supposed to meet. After the background section, the analysis addresses the main interrelated problems that include imbalances in resident/staff ratios, resident mistreatment, lack of oversight and staff training, and insufficient state funding for group homes. Then the paper proposes solutions for the primary problems.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

My areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system include special education law, residential care for the developmentally disabled, and post-secondary education for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities because of the opportunity to collaborate with others at the state level to bring positive state-wide reformations that California regions can implement. I would cherish an opportunity to use experience as a person with autism and gather insights on how various regions are operating, in order to help establish 1) state laws of general applicability and 2) templates for implementation that regions can apply and tailor to their regional needs.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

The strengths I would bring to the State Council include interacting and forming trusting relationships with others who have developmental disabilities and their families, legal knowledge, legal research skills, first-hand experience as a person with autism, negotiation abilities, and analytical skills.

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: Los Angeles
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: Hispanic or Latino, White

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

My sister was diagnosed with Autism and a profound Intellectual Disability when she was two years old. I have grown up in a family that is a client of Lanterman Regional Center, and my mother gave up her career to enter into Special Education in our local school district. I volunteered at various day and summer camp programs for children and adults with disabilities before studying Neuroscience at USC for my B.A. and studying Human Development for my M.A. I am a Case Manager for Behavior Frontiers and am actively involved in the policy and advocacy efforts of Lanterman Regional Center, the Lanterman Coalition, and have been developing the California Sibling Leadership Network to expand the support and empowerment of Siblings with people with disabilities. My interest and knowledge in the field has been, and continues to be, ingrained in my upbringing and personal passion.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Service Provision (I am a Case Manager for a company that provides services to clients with developmental disabilities);

Advocacy and Policy (As a sister and a service provider, I see the need for collaboration for updated policies that address the needs of the client and the provider);
Research (As a trained Neuroscientist and Behavior Analyst, I am fully aware of the important of evidence-based practices and the need to continually investigate various methods of intervention, policy, and family systems support)

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities because I bring a unique perspective to the efforts of Disability Service Policy. As a Sibling, I understand the needs of the families. As a service provider, I understand the needs of the organizations that hold the life quality of their clients in the highest regard. I believe my experience has cultivated in me a desire and urge to change the world of developmental service policy through action and involvement in the political systems that enable us to continue the work that we do.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I bring my perspective as a Sibling, my work as a Service Provider, my insight as a Behavior Analyst, my communication as a writer whose book is in publication (I have written a book about growing up with my sister and the ways in which a sibling with a disability impacts the "typical" Siblings), and my drive as an advocate.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Sonoma
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I suppose you could say that my interest and knowledge began while I was employed by the State of Oregon as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. Then I had my own son with developmental challenges. Within weeks I was thrown into a system that 34 years ago was not prepared to meet his needs. I have been fighting for him to have a good life ever since.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Housing is a huge need. Parents age and Developmental Centers are going to change. As our children move into adulthood, they must have humane and just care in the community. That will never happen without appropriate housing.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I have both professional and personal experiences in traveling the road needed to provide good, broad-based care and support.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I have formed my own parent-run Supported Living Agency and now gotten non-profit status for it.

Over the years I have successfully dealt with schools, hospitals, doctors, therapists, the Regional Center, supporting agencies such as CalFresh and In-Home Support, and more to have my son in the community living as independently as possible. I have created success within the system that many do not understand.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Alameda
Region: Bay Area
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I have a 21 year old son with autism I have struggled over the years to get his complex needs met and the struggles as he has gotton older have intensified I serve on alameda county's developmental disabilities council, am interested in advocacy work I also am a working physical therapist

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Services and supports for older kids and young adults helping to create the opportunity for these individuals to live active useful lives and to be valued by the culture at large

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I feel I could make a meaningful contribution and continue with my advocacy work

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

Familiarity with systems currently in place and awareness of what needs to be considered to improve services and supports

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: Santa Clara
Region: Silicon Valley – Monterey Bay
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: Asian

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability, representative of the general public

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

My interest & knowledge of the DD field grew during my 7+ years, and counting, of experiences in quality assurance, case management and intake & assessment departments of California's own Regional Center system.
I work daily with individuals, family members, services providers, and health professionals to add to our collective understanding of what an individual with developmental disability(s) needs, and how do existing state/local policies apply to support an individual with those needs.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

(1) collaboration between service systems (mental health, education, regional center, legal and human services); (2) self-determination; (3) social entrepreneurship that leads to greater efficiency and better cost saving in services provision; (4) quality of life for people

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities because (1) As a gatekeeper of the regional center services, I get to work with individuals who are transitioning from not receiving DD services to receiving DD services. I have a first-hand perspective as to the impact the services are making. That allows me to serve as a bridge between policy formulation and policy implementation for DD related policies; (2) Having worked with numerous South East Asian immigrants throughout my career, and as a South East Asian immigrant myself, I have seen cultural differences had gotten in the way to acquire services - apparently because providing language translation services is the extent of 'cultural considerations' in service provision. That is simply not enough. If I get the chance to serve on the State Council, I intend to advocate for better understanding and policy for the diverse population of California.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

As a social worker, I am adapt at working with family on an one-on-one basis. In addition, since college, I have involved in multiple advocacy efforts at local and state level. I also have good working professional relationships with service providers and health professionals in the field of DD.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Mariposa
Region: Sequoia
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I am the parent of a client of Central Valley Regional Center.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

I am interested in programs, housing and employment , plus recreation for our over 22 year olds.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I have served on the Area 8 Board for the past several years. I have done so because of the state's providing services for my child. I believe in giving back when so much has been given. I also want to be informed so that I can be of aid to other parents in my county.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I bring strengths of leadership, people skills, open mindedness and eager to serve.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability, representative of the general public

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

First I would like to say I am living with Cerebral Palsy. As a child living with this disability I learned the importance of having a voice. I knew I wanted to control my life and set goals for myself when others didn't believe that I could achieve them. As a young adult I gained my conservator-ship over myself. As I got older I moved out on my own into my own home. This is when I realized the importance of resources and opportunities for myself and my peers. I underwent many struggles of trying to gain my independence and find work. I also, wanted be an active member of my community. As an older adult I interviewed for a position at my agency for an Employer Advocate. Since being hired I have worked hard to inform and keep others with disabilities informed about policies, legislation that would affect our lives. Along with encouraging others to let their voices be heard when it came to policies and changes to our lives. I am now not only a Employer Advocate for my agency. I am also a council member for the Sacramento County Developmental Disability Planning and Advisory Committee. I attend all hearings at the Sacramento State Capital and other advocacy groups. I am always looking more way to help better serve those with disabilities whether they are a child or an adult.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

As a person living with Cerebral Palsy, I am interested in many fields that have a direct impact on my life. I have high service needs so care-giving and in-home support services are a must. I also, am passionate about education and work opportunities for people with disabilities. I also, have recently did some work on housing for those with development disabilities. Another field I am interest in is providing resources needed for one's own independence including transportation, healthcare, financial stability and many more.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I believe with my experience, hard working and determined attitude. I would be an asset to the State Council on Development Disabilities Council or Regional Advisory Committees. I hold the values of equality and equal opportunity for all despite having a disability. I also, know first hand what it is like to live with a disability and all the struggles that come with one trying to navigate through life. This would be the perfect opportunity for me to get involved at professional level with my community and really make an impact. That is why I believe I would be a excellent candidate for the State Council on Development Disabilities or the Regional Advisory Committees.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I am living with Cerebral Palsy. I can identify not only with people who have a severe disability but with those who do not. I am fearless when it comes to standing up for people or children with a disability. I have the ability to communicate effectively to officials or my peers. To help them understand their rights or how things affect them. I am independent and hardworking along with a happy attitude. I have a first hand look with my community because I am apart of it. I think it is always a strength to have someone like myself with a disability living and working in the community. That can show and inspire others to do better or the same.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Solano
Region: North Bay
Race: **African-American and Chinese**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability, representative of the general public

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

With Cindy Ruder from the local council and through my volunteer advocacy at my People 1st chapter. I am the secretary for the Chapter at my job site.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

To make changes to the bus systems so there is more of this service available. Also we need more opportunity for employment and school for both kids and adults.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

Because it helps the people out who are disabled.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

Keeping tracking of time, good at math, and reading. Talk about issues and how a disable person is impacted. I would be able to talk to the council about schools, work, and people in general.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Alameda
Region: Bay Area
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

Since 1991 when my son with autism was first diagnosed, I have been involved in his special education and needs.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Day programs that teach a skill to even the severely autistic community since they are often left out of training due to behavioral problems, which might interfere with learning or staying on task.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

Would like see services kept and improved so I know when my husband and I pass, my son will be protected by being conserved and by the state laws in place.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I bring perseverance to getting a problem solved since I've been problem-solving for my now 26 yo son for almost that long a time. I know how the regional services works but see a lack of opportunity for schooling and combined housing for the lower-functioning disability groups.

Name: REDACTED
County of Residence: Ventura
Region: Central Coast
Race:

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

As a parent of a disabled individual, I have been around the "system" for over 30 years. Recently, I decided the system needs to change.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

I think the current methods and systems are not transparent.
I think that funding has been cut to bone for service providers.
I think if the system doesn't change large non profit care providers will driven to bankruptcy. As a result, the State of California will become responsible for the care of thousands of clients.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I think I could make a difference

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I have a broad background in business covering a variety of discipline. This includes: web technology, instructional design, strategic planning, new business development, marketing and sales. I pride myself on an ability to think both systematically and creatively.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Solano
Region: North Bay
Race: **Asian**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability, representative of the general public

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

Served as director NorthBay Regional Center in the 1990's for 4 years. Father of 30 year old autistic adult who lives with me.I'm an elected Mayor in Suisun City. Councilmember since 1994, Mayor since 2006

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Housing and funding efforts to support the disabled.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

To help mitigate the deplorable condition of the less fortunate .

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

Retired auditor(sales and property taxes) Past president of Fil-Am associations of Fairfield ,Suisun and Cacaville. City council person for 20 years ,recently re-elected Mayor(unopposed)

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Amador
Region: North Valley Hills
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I am a sibling of a person with a developmental disability. Having grown up with my sister and seeing what her needs were as an individual, I became interested in learning more about what services were available.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Policy and implementation, making the process for services provided more efficient while maintaining a high quality of services for persons served.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I want to gain a better understanding on how the system works and hopefully improve it for the people it serves. I have served on the Board of Directors at the local chapter level of The Arc and currently serve on the Board of Directors of The Arc Ca. I wish to further expand my knowledge of the system.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

Prior experience at the Board of Directors level for chapter and State level for The Arc of Amador and Calaveras, and The Arc Ca, respectively. An interest in 'big picture' policy issues, a desire to streamline the process of services provided in order to make it more efficient while providing the best quality service available.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Napa
Region: North Bay
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I was born with down syndrome and am part of the community with people with disabilities. I currently use some of the services provided.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Being born with a disability I don't think there's an area of interest which I'm not interested in. I want to promote awareness, education and acceptance in society now and for future generations.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I want to be in the role of government as an advocate for people with disabilities. It started back when I was a young teenager then when I was a late teen I was asked by Easter Seals if I was interested in being an Ambassador which I did for two years. I was also nominated for National Ambassador. I didn't receive the nomination but I realized that representing and speaking on behalf of people with disabilities would become my lifelong dream. I've also battled leukemia after graduating high school and will be officially cured this October of 2015 for 5 years.. I don't think anything

can stop me from my dream of representing people with disabilities and this October will prove it.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I not only would bring my passion and voice for people of disabilities but also my energy. I'm a team player who has great stage presence and loves public speaking. In my family we have several generations of lawyers and I've known since I was a young teen I was meant to be in government.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

When I first got started I worked with the Dept. of Rehab and went through a supported employment agency. They lead me to a variety of different groups and I was a member of the Disability Advisory Committee for Yolo County.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

I am interested in the rights for people with I/DD, I have knowledge of supported employment for people with I/DD, and recreation options.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I feel that with my prior experience in many areas I bring a lot of strengths in different areas. I serviced as President of Yolo County People's First. I was a board member for 6 years for Vocational Training and Employment. After being employed with the State, I attended the State Governor's committee on employing people with disabilities at the Capitol. I served as a safety officer and would inspect different work sites where people with I/DD worked. We would do evaluations and submitted them to CARF.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

Expertise in the above mentioned areas. I am willing and able to attend meetings. I was a union activist. I like to speak up for the rights of people with developmental disabilities. I wouldn't have achieved all this without being a member of Yolo County People's First and learning to speak up for myself and others.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: SONOMA
Region: North Bay
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I have worked in the field of developmental services for over forty years. I started volunteering at a program for children when I was 14. Got my doctorate in Neuro-sciences in Boulder in 1978 and my Ph.D. in Psychology from Berkeley in 1992. I have worked in different aspects of the field this entire time from residential treatment programs to the region resource development program at Sonoma State. I adopted my first boy diagnosed with Autism when he was five. He is now 33. My other two sons are also diagnosed as having Autism as well.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Areas that I feel as though I know fairly well -
Autism
Language disorders
Developmental neurological disorders
My interest has been in -
Research, diagnosis, treatment, behavioral instruction, education and enhanced day treatment.

I am trying to learn more about Long term care, special needs trusts, supported-living programs.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

This is not a vocation for me but an avocation as well. I feel strongly that we must do more to help people labeled with "disabilities" to have a greater opportunity in life in all ways. I am very happy to see my sons grow and learn skills that allow them to be more social, interactive, accepted and in turn they benefit from having a fuller richer life. I think I might be able to help give input if possible to enhance opportunities state-wide for many others.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

Thirty three years as a parent of three sons diagnosed with Autism. Forty plus years in the field working with people diagnosed with Autism and Asperger's and similar disorders in schools, day treatment, residential settings. I think I have a good knowledge of both the professional side of things as well as what a parent goes through. I hope that I might be of assistance in some meaningful way if possible. Thank-you!

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: El Dorado
Region: Sacramento
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I am a parent of a developmentally disabled child, and her current IHSS provider (until she transitions to SLS services in August). In working to plan for her future, I have attended a variety of conferences pertaining to the developmentally disabled including two ARC policy conferences, and the 2014 Housing Conference sponsored by the San Francisco Autism Society. Having been through both the Fair Hearing and 4731 processes with no advocacy support, I have put hundreds of hours into reading and re-reading the Lanterman Act, Title 17 and Title 22, and their interpretations by Disability Rights and others.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

With the upcoming HCBS and self-determination transitions, the potential introduction of overtime for personal care providers, and other growing cost pressures, we are facing significant regulatory change coupled with the obligation to manage cost. At the same time, the ongoing explosion of new enabling technologies built upon cloud, wireless and wearable innovations are providing us with unprecedented opportunities to deliver better service for IDD consumers at lower cost.
My interests are:

First, create or adapt policies to ease the adoption of emerging and evolving technology solutions that can improve outcomes and independence, while reducing service costs for the IDD population.
Second, improving information flow to this population to facilitate choice, deliver information about new solutions and training opportunities, and enable self-advocacy.
Third, adapt or create policies to improve availability of new and existing housing solutions. There is a huge wave of aging care providers who soon will no longer be able to care for their IDD charges; another wave of young autistic consumers who will soon age out of the school system and require housing solutions; and a declining supply of housing for the IDD population in California. Given the state's legal obligations to the IDD population, the financial impact of providing housing will be increasingly painful if not addressed promptly through more cost effective solutions.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

The association of regional centers has described its current status as a system on the verge of collapse. It will take more than money to address the many changes and challenges facing the system. The SCDD has a pressing and vital role to play in updating and creating policies to help DDS and regional centers succeed.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

1. Technology Expertise: I have worked with technology companies for the better part of 3 decades in various analytical, strategic and financial capacities. There is an emerging explosion of new solutions that will revolutionize care for the IDD population at lower cost -- but only if they can be adopted.
2. Executing Positive Change: For most of the 1990s, I consulted with distressed companies to create and execute new strategies to succeed.
3. Knowledge of Lanterman Act, Title 17 and Title 22 gained through advocacy.
4. Strategic Planning and Drafting Skills. Both as a consultant and Executive Vice President of Emulex Corporation, I drafted and monitored execution of corporate strategic plans. This was a collaborative process which required that differences be explored and compromises be created, and resistance to change be overcome, all within a legal framework.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: San Mateo
Region: Bay Area
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

One day, Gabriel came to the Horizons Apartments. He introduced himself to me and was explaining all about what the State Council does.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

I would like to see people who are lower functioning to get out into the community and work with people who are higher functioning. I would also like to see people live as normal a life as possible.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I feel that I could give plenty of input on what we can do to make a persons life less complicated. I like to be involved and I like to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I would bring knowledge, new ideas, and I am very flexible with decisions that are made during the meetings.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento
Race: **Hispanic or Latino**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

Learned about it at the SCDD Sacramento Information Table at the Self-Advocacy Conference (this application was completed on paper and mailed to the Sacramento office. I am submitting it online. Sonya Bingaman)

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

No info provided.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

No info provided.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

"I used to be on a Board in Area 8.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Solano
Region: North Bay
Race: **Asian**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I am a Care Provider of my two boys who has Autism and by doing this gives me interest and knowledge about Developmental Disability.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Housing or Dormitory or Day Care for Development Disability Group of Kids and Recreational Facility like Summer Camps.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

To help and be the voice of People with developmental disabilities who cannot fight for themselves.To improve the System and make the life of People with Developmental Disability more meaningful,productive and enjoyable.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

Leadership,Hard Work,Sincerity and Generosity.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento
Race: **African- American**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I have experience in several board committees like the Alta CAC that makes recommendations to the board of directors. I am the chair, I involved in a planning team of two conference related to people with disabilties

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Advocating for those of the developmental disabled and making a positive impact.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I like to be the voice for those who cant speak

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

Advocacy, Chairing Meeting, Ideas

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

Me being a woman with developmental disabilities myself started getting on different boards; serving on boards such as Alta Regional Center and Capitol People First to advocate for myself and others.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

My interest in the developmental disability field and service system is self-advocating and independent living.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

With my past experience on different developmental disabilities committees, I feel I can bring new ideas a well as my talent tohelp advocate for the committee.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

My strengths are talking and speaking up for what I believe is right and self advocacy.

This form was completed online by Sonya Bingaman, SCDD Sacramento Manager, on behalf of Sheryl.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Tulare
Region: Sequoia
Race: **Hispanic or Latino**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I have a disability. I received help from childhood to the present with my disability,from Central Valley Regional and Children's Hospital. I have Cerebral Palsy in my feet and legs. I have a learning disability which I over came due to many people assisting me. I became involved with the Disability Advocacy Team and The No Stigma Speakers Bureau of Tulare County. The No Stigma Speakers Bureau allows me to tell my story of the verbal abuse I was subject to during elementary school, I have persevered. If my story helps others then I will continue telling my story.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

My areas of interest are assisting those that have learning disabilities and physical disabilities.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I wish to be where I can make a difference, be a voice for the disabled people. Because I have a disability I know the challenges people with disabilities face every day

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I have serviced as Co facilitator and now Facilitator of the Disability Advocacy Team. I also have and continue to do presentations on my lived experience with disabilities. I also serve as a greeter for the Health and Human Service Agency. I greet people as they come in the facility for services.

Name: REDACTED
County of Residence: Lake
Region: North Coast
Race: White

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I am currently serving on a State Council on Developmental Disabilties Regional Advisory Committee North Coast (formerly called Area Board 1), and have followed the actions of the SCDD.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

My primary interests are: word opportunities, housing, rural transportation and its effect on people's lives, and the aging population of our consumers/clients. I am also concerned that the constant cuts over the years of budgetary problems have not been restored and how this affects the success and availability of support service vendors.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I have served 9 years with the Redwood Coast Regional Center, including terms as president, vice-president, secretary and Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA), and am now in my 2nd term with the local Regional Advisory Committee for the SCDD. I feel it is time to spread my wings to the larger scale afforded by participating directly in the SCDD at the state level.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

In addition to having 18 years experience as a disability advocate, I have authored the Redwood Coast Regional Center's Purchase of Service Guidelines to be

in compliance with the then new Person-Centered requirements. This was the first such revised POSG approved by the State of California. I have a good deal of experience in public speaking and have spoken before the State Subcommittee on Finance to represent consumers and vendors during Gov. Schwartzenegger's term of office. I have attended and hosted workshops on a wide range of disability issues. I am a co-founder of an online support network for families of children with Down syndrome. Our son, Sam, is 18 years old with Down syndrome. I bring passion, creativity and a collaborative spirit to every project I undertake.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento Region
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I heard it through friends and through the SCDD.CA.GOV website. The person who told me about it was Sonya Bingaman.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

My interest is making people who have developmental disabilities be heard. To make things happen and to get help in whatever needs and wants for people with developmental disabilities.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities or the Regional Advisory Committee to get information about what's going on in the State for people with developmental disabilities to get what they need. To be heard and have a chance to get in on what's important and make things happen.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I would help people with disabilities get all the help that they need. I would help get the important projects get started. I would help in any way that I can do.
Teran submitted hand written copy. Online version entered by Sonya Bingaman, SCDD Sac office.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento Region
Race: **African- American**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability, parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

By working in Valley Mountain Regional, Stockton, CA; Kern Regional Center, Bakersfield, Ca; Riverside Association for Developmental Disabilities clients, Riverside, CA

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

My interest would be to continue working and providing help for those people especially the one who is confined to Porterville State Hospital and the Disabled Veterans.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I would like to voice my opinion on how much service needs are in the community. I would like to see that the Veterans with disabilities get and receive the proper care and service.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I have been around working in and out as a social worker for people with disabilities for the past thirty-eight plus years. I have and will continue voicing my positive opinion for people with Developmental Disabilities. I have very strong feelings because of my two sisters, one partially blind and the other a Downs Syndrome.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: San Bernardino
Region: San Bernardino
Race: Hispanic or Latino

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

My son was diagnosed with ADHD, but he actually had autism and epilepsy.Although he was in general education classes I soon realized that the school district did not know what to do to help(2008). He is now in high school and is doing great because unlike the K-8 school district the high school district has given substantial support.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Education, independence and freedom to choose what makes them happy.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I volunteer as parent support to many families especially Spanish speaking parents because nobody treats them as an equal participant at iep meetings. I share with all parents and school administrators new information about disabilities. I want to bring awareness that although our children with disabilities have several challenges they also have the ability to contribute to our communities.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I have had to step of my comfort zone as a full time employee of a big corporation and a 'mommy' to advocate for my son. During all these years the school administrators and myself collaborate in meeting to make improvement with special education. This year the school district did a summer camp for special education.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: Los Angeles
Region: Los Angeles
Race: White

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I am the father of Eveline Landry, who was born in 1986 with significant developmental and physical disabilities. Eveline died in 1999. Her mother and I were active in the disabilities community while she was alive, and since her death, we continue our work to make the world a better place for persons with developmental disabilities and their families.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

I am a strong advocate for systemic change — helping the agencies we create to more effectively fulfill their responsibilities. Whether that's my State Council, my local school district, my local legislators, or my local Boy Scout council, we need to do a better job in so many areas of disability support and advocacy. Personally, I am especially interested the protection of persons with disabilities in their contacts with the justice system, and improvements in the State Council's governance.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

The state of California has a responsibility to provide support and services to persons with disabilities, their families and supporters. As complicated as the system is, I know that there are opportunities to significantly impact the quality of people's lives by the work done by the SCDD and the RACs. I have years of

experience in helping various organizations provide service with persons with disabilities, and at this stage in my life, I look forward to continuing to help in this area.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

DD EXPERIENCE. In 1993, I was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson to the Developmental Disabilities Board for Area 10 (serving LA County). In 1998, I was appointed by Governor Wilson to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for my last year on the Area Board. In 2003, was reappointed to AB 10 by County Supervisor Gloria Molina, and I continue to serve on the Los Angeles Regional Advisory Committee.

Since 1996, I have been a member of several advisory committees for the Chanda Smith Consent Decree, which settled a federal class-action lawsuit concerning Los Angeles Unified School District's failure to provide special education services to its students. Until 2003, I was a member of the Executive Committee of the Community Planning Committee. Since 2003, I have been a member of the Modified Consent Decree's Parents' Council. Since 2001, I have been a parent member of the LAUSD Steering Committee for the Integrated Student Information. In 2009, I started the Verdugo Hills Council's Committee on Scouts with Disabilities and Special Needs, and I continue to serve as a member of that committee. I have provided training and counseling for troop leaders, families, Scouts, and other neighboring councils.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE. I served as the chair of Area Board 10 for three years and the Organization of Area Boards for one year. For ten years, I served as the president of my professional organization. Recently, I was elected the president of my neighborhood organization. I serve on the board of directors for the Verdugo Hills Council, Boy Scouts of America. I have been the council's Training Committee chair for 15 years, and I am the council's Youth Protection "Champion."
Several times, I have taught the section on boardsmanship for the "Partners In Policymaking" training course for parents and advocates in the DD community, and I have provided boardsmanship training for several nonprofit organizations. I teach various leadership courses for the Boy Scouts of America.

In 2012, I retired after working 27 years for the Southern California Edison Company, most recently as the manager of energy efficiency program evaluation. For seven years, I was a facilitator of the corporate diversity training to SCE employees. After retiring from SCE, I now serve on the California Technical Forum, a statewide advisory group for utility energy efficiency programs.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Los Angeles
Region: Los Angeles
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I am a parent of an 11 year old child with both Down syndrome and Autism so I have been involved for the entire 11 years of my son's life.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Self Determination is at the forefront for me right now. It is my belief that it will change so many consumers lives in the disability community, for the better. Also, improving the system for transitioning into adulthood.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I have been a member of the Los Angeles RAC/ Area Board 10, since 2009 and am looking to stay involved as I have "termed out" It has been an honor to be a part of the organization with such an amazing group of individuals!

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I have a very strong commitment to disability community and advocating for what is needed to better the lives of all involved. I am well connected to many different organizations with in the community and social media.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Contra Costa
Region: Bay Area
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

My second daughter was born in 1977 at the cusp of the disability civil rights movement. She, and I, have grown up with the movement. I joined by first advocacy group when she was three and finally diagnosed. As I struggled to have her receive services (she was denied by CCS at age 3), I realized that my education, drive, and ability to advocate put me in a position of responsibility to all the other families with disabled members who might not be so endowed.

I became a full-time law student while the parent of three young daughters. Not only was it difficult to attend school with a family, but my husband and I were subjected to additional strains because of our disabled daughter who had developed seizures. My experiences only made me more determined than ever to advocate for systemic reforms.

In addition, as a newly licensed lawyer working in the field of labor and employment, I became familiar with the new ADA at a time when the AIDS epidemic was just beginning to gain momentum in San Francisco.

I recognized, yet again, how civil rights legislation can pave the way for significant societal change.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

As a lawyer, I am particularly interested in institutional and systemic reforms which have the greatest impact on the disabled population, their families and communities. My daughter is a client of the Regional Center of the East Bay where her burdened case manager handles sixty-plus clients in maze of meetings and crises.

We must speak forcefully and often to bolster are system's failing infrastructure, while we advocate for adequate funding for both the Regional Centers and our incredibly strained community service providers.Without such funding, hard-won civil rights are without meaning.

I wish to secure both a continuum of appropriate services for the broad range of disabled individuals and the opportunity for these individuals to work in a meaningful, integrated, and inclusive way in our society.

We need look to the future as well to be innovative in order to serve the needs of a more diverse and often younger disabled population. We must expect many youngsters who are on the autism spectrum, are ethnically or linguistically diverse. At the same time, we must plan for serving an aging developmentally delayed population.

In relationship to our need to look ahead, I also am interested in seeing a strengthening of transition services for students in our secondary schools. Our Employment First policy requires that we adequately prepare students for meaningful life in the community and for work, in whatever form that takes for the individual. We must collaborate with the school systems , DOR, DDS, and the legislature to create and fund services which implement what is otherwise an empty legislative promise.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I believe that the State Council and the RACs are important advocacy organizations which we cannot afford to ignore in our quest for systemic reform of the DD system. The next few years in our newly reconfigured system will be significant ones during which we will breathe life into the framework. It is important that we create a vibrant Council which leads with courage, and an active grassroots system through the RACs.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

As a passionate advocate and a parent, I believe that I can adequately express the interests of my community with which I have worked for over 35 years. I am articulate,and well-versed in the baroque system which supports the disabled. As a lawyer, I am comfortable with government policy, legislation, and court case law. As an actively involved parent, I can provide a unique perspective of a family member and caregiver who knows the difficulties and deficits of the current system of supports and services.

I have served on the Contra Costa Developmental Disability Council for a number of terms, beginning when my daughter was a child. Currently, I am the liaison from that Council to a coalition which works for legislative and policy changes called the East Bay Legislative Coalition.

In addition to attending meetings of the Co.Co.DD Council, I attend all meetings of the Alameda DD Council to keep abreast of our sister council's work. I am currently serving as a member of The East Bay Criminal Justice Committee, and the East Bay Employment Task Force.

My term of service on the former Area Board 5 Board of Directors has just expired. I have served multiple terms on the Board, and committees, including the mini-grant and membership committees.

I have been deeply involved in interviewing and selecting our current East Bay leadership. I have served both on the committee which selected our Director of the RCEB, Jim Burton, and our current Office Manager of the Bay Area Office of the SCDD, Gabriel Rogin. Last, I have served on the committee which selected our past staff to the Contra Costa DD Council, John Rodriguez.

Name: **Redacted**
Region: Los Angeles
Race: **African- American**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability, parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability, representative of the general public

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I was in Special Education when I was in school. I worked for a service provider that gave me experience working with people with disabilities.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Helping people with disabilities with their rights. Safety and good service coordination for people with disabilities.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I have experience as a person with a disability, work experience working with people with disabilities, I believe I will do a good job working on the State Council of Developmental Disabilities.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

Experience and served on the board for over 2 years. I have over 14 years experience working with people with disabilities. I am motivated and determined to do a good job.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: California
Region: Los Angeles
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: representative of the general public

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I was diagnosed with a mild form of dyslexia as a child, but my passion for the developmentally disabled came about because of several friends who have children with Down's Syndrome and their struggle to get the needed services and just to get people to understand what they were going through in general. Also, volunteering in different areas of mental health, I have run across many developmentally disabled persons and I just have a tremendous amount of empathy for them and want to do anything that I can to help them.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Helping to make sure that the services that they need to function somewhat or completely independently are provided for them as these services can be expensive and draining on the funds of families. Something needs to be in place so that the developmentally disabled are not left "out of the loop" to fend for themselves. They need the services and compassion of others.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

Because I feel that, especially at the state level, that things can be thought of and followed through with in order to provide the necessary programs for the developmentally disabled. It is such an important aspect of their lives; if they can get help being trained for jobs and then being able to find jobs, they are going to rely on public assistance less than if they had nothing and no one to help them in the first place.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I am a very strong leader and I am also very outspoken when I'm very passionate about something and helping and serving others is something that I have always been passionate about and I think that passion would transfer well to the State Council or Regional Advisory Committee and help get programs established and begin helping the people they are meant to provide assistance to.