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TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | A. Lopez |
| 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM | A. Lopez |
| 3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS | A. Lopez |

4.	PUBLIC COMMENTS <i>This item is for members of the public only to provide comments and/or present information to the Council on matters not on the agenda. Each person will be afforded up to three minutes to speak. Written requests, if any, will be considered first.</i>		
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**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 25, 2015**

Members Present

April Lopez (chair, FA)
Sandra Smith (FA)
David Forderer (SA)
Linda Landry (FA)

Members Absent

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Bob Phillips
Thomas Johnson

1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chairperson April Lopez called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present introduced themselves.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 3, 2015 MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Smith(FA)/Forderer(SA)) and carried to approve the April 14, 2015 Membership Committee minutes as presented. Councilmembers Lopez (FA), Forderer (SA), Smith (FA), and Landry voted 'aye'. There were no 'nays' or 'abstentions'.

5. APPOINTMENT AND TRACKING FORM

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers reviewed the appointment and tracking form. Currently, the Governor has appointed two new members to the Council. As a result, there are currently three vacancies that the Membership Committee must fill. There is an at-large vacancy for an individual with a developmental disability who is a current or former resident of an institution or his or her immediate relative, guardian, or conservator; an at-large vacancy for anyone residing in California; and an Orange region vacancy.

Legend

Self Advocate = SA

Family Advocate = FA

6. DEMOGRAPHIC MAP

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers reviewed the Demographic Map. Updates will be made when Council membership changes and the map will be sent to AIDD to show that all region vacancies are filled.

7. REVIEW CANDIDATES

Committee members decided that they would postpone reviewing candidate applications until they receive adequate information about potential conflicts of interests from legal counsel. Therefore, the committee postponed reviewing applications until such counsel is provided, optimally before the next Membership Committee meeting on August 24.

8. SACRAMENTO REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST

It was decided that the Sacramento regional manager be granted permission to terminate the service of a particular regional advisory committee member who has not attended meetings.

9. REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT PROCESS

It was decided that former Area Board members whose terms did not expire on or before January 1, 2015 are 'grandfathered' in as RAC members. They serve until their original term under their former Area Board appointment ends, at which time they are eligible for appointment to a new 3-year term, with eligibility for a second 3-year term, starting on the date of appointment by the Membership Committee. Individuals in expired terms who wish to continue service on the RAC need to reapply. These individuals are eligible for two, 3-year terms that begin on their appointment date. All individuals serve at the pleasure of the SCDD Membership Committee.

10. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING DATES

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next Membership Committee meeting was scheduled for August 24, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Legend
Self Advocate = SA
Family Advocate = FA

Appointment and Vacancy Tracking Form

Category	Name	*1st Term Appointment	*2nd Term Appointment	Expiration Date	Expired >60	Expired >120	Sent to G.O.
At Large Institution	VACANT (July 2014)						
At Large 1	VACANT (June 2014)						
At Large 2	April Lopez (parent advocate)	2/2/2012	5/22/2013	1/1/2016			
At Large 3	Jenny Ning Yang (self-advocate)	8/19/2013	1/12/2015	1/2/2018			
At Large 4	Kecia Weller (self-advocate)	7/11/2012	5/22/2013	1/1/2016			
At Large 5	Nancy Clyde (self-advocate)	10/23/2013	1/2/2015	1/2/2018			
At Large 6	Steven Kapp (self-advocate)	4/30/2014		1/1/2017			
North Coast Region	Robert M. Taylor (self-advocate)	7/18/2014		1/1/2016			
North State Region	Charles Horne-Nutt (self-advocacy)	11/26/2014		1/1/2016			
Sacramento Region	Sandra Smith (parent advocate)	2/3/2014		1/1/2016			

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Appointment and Vacancy Tracking Form

Category	Name	*1st Term Appointment	*2nd Term Appointment	Expiration Date	Expired >60	Expired >120	Sent to G.O.
North Bay Region	Kraig "Max Duley (parent advocate)	2/19/2010	1/12/2015	1/1/2015			
Bay Area Region	Francis Lau (parent advocate)	6/22/2015		6/21/2018			
N. Valley Hills Region	Kerstin Williams (self-advocate)	7/6/2010		1/1/2012			
Silicon Valley-Monterey Region	David Forderer (self-advocate)	7/11/2012	4/30/2014	1/1/2017			
Sequoia Region	Rebecca Donabed (self-advocate)	1/7/2013	1/12/2015	1/2/2018			
Central Coast Region	Sandra Aldana (self-advocate)	3/17/2015		3/17/2018			
Los Angeles Region	Jay Lytton (self-advocate)	3/17/2015		3/17/2018			
Orange County Region	VACANT (January 2012)						
San Bernardino Region	Carmela Garnica (parent advocate)	1/7/2013	5/1/2014	1/1/2017			
San Diego Imperial Region	Ana Ubersmith (parent advocate)	6/22/2015		6/22/2018			

Appointment and Vacancy Tracking Form

Category	Name	*1st Term Appointment	*2nd Term Appointment	Expiration Date	Expired >60	Expired >120	Sent to G.O.
Dept. of Rehabilitation	Joe Xavier, Director Bill Moore, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
Dept. of Education	Tom Torlakson, Director Daniel Boomer, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
Dept. of Aging	Lora Connolly, Director Chisorom Okwuosa, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
CA Health & Human Services Agency	Diana Dooley, Secretary Kris Kent, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
Dept. of Developmental Services	Santi Rogers, Director Eric Gelber, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
Dept. of Health Care Services	Jennifer Kent, Director Jonathan Clarkson, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
Disability Rights CA	Catherine Blakemore, Director	Ongoing	Ongoing				
University Center for Excellence UCLA	Olivia Raynor, Director	Ongoing	Ongoing				
University Center for Excellence USC	Robert Jacobs, Director	Ongoing	Ongoing				
University Center for Excellence UCD	Robin Hansen, Director	Ongoing	Ongoing				

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Appointment and Vacancy Tracking Form

Category	Name	*1st Term Appointment	*2nd Term Appointment	Expiration Date	Expired >60	Expired >120	Sent to G.O.
Non-Governmental Agency/Group Concerned with Services to Persons with DD	Janelle Lewis	7/11/2012	1/12/2015	7/10/2018			

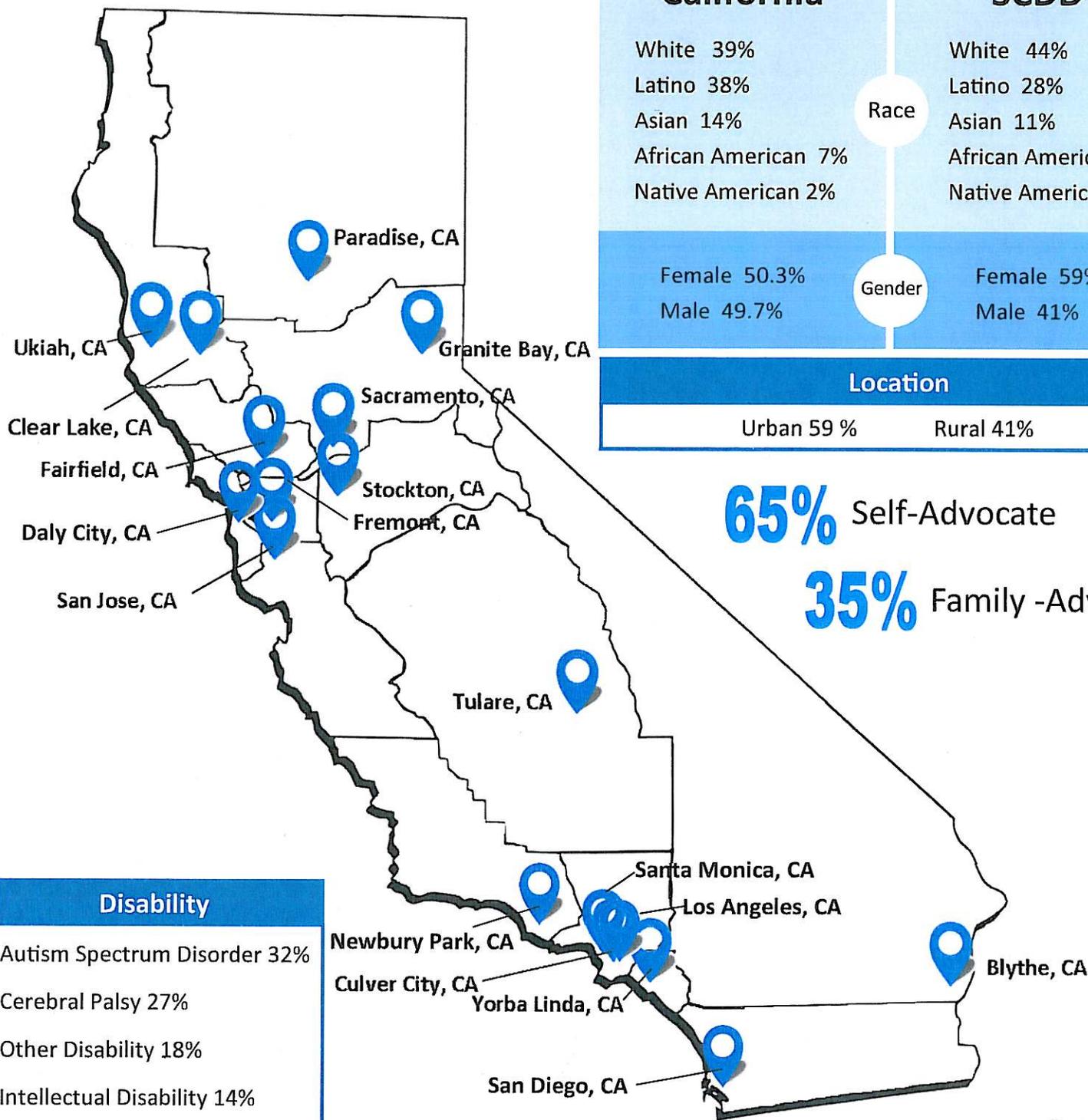
Notes:

- 1) 3- Year Term
- 2) Appointee can serve two successive terms.
- 3) Continues to serve until appointment of replacement is done.
- 4) Of the 20 non-agency members, at least 7 are people with DD and at least 7 are parent, family member, guardian or conservator of someone with DD residing in CA. All 20 must fall into one category or the other.

Who Are Our Council Members

Non-Agency

June 2015



California

White 39%
 Latino 38%
 Asian 14%
 African American 7%
 Native American 2%

SCDD

White 44%
 Latino 28%
 Asian 11%
 African American 17%
 Native American 0%

Race

Gender

Female 50.3%
 Male 49.7%

Female 59%
 Male 41%

Location

Urban 59% Rural 41%

65% Self-Advocate
35% Family -Advocate

Disability

Autism Spectrum Disorder 32%
 Cerebral Palsy 27%
 Other Disability 18%
 Intellectual Disability 14%
 Epilepsy 9%

*Note: Map displays SCDD regions
 Shaded areas display unrepresented regions*

**ORANGE COUNTY
COUNCIL
CANDIDATES**

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: Orange
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: White

Eligible for vacant council seat: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Orange County 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

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

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

I have cerebral palsy due to a birth trauma. I received Special Education services until I went High School where I was fully included. I continued my education and completed my Masters Degree in Education at UC Riverside.

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

My passion has always been the rights for disabled individuals. It has been a long journey, but I have seen significant progress in this area. Although we have come a long way, we still need to persevere!

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

I am retired now, however have worked in the field of social work and advocacy for persons with developmental disabilities for almost 30 years. I continue to be involved with the developmentally disabled community through volunteering with

agencies I have worked for in the past. I would be interested in being on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

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

I have worked as a case manager and Supervisor/ Area Manager with the Regional Center of Orange County for 12 years. I was also employed at Dayle McIntosh Center for 7 years as a client advocate. I have a passion for helping those in need. For several years, I was the program director for UCP adult program. I feel confident in my experiences and education that I would be an asset to you committee.

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: Orange
Region: Orange
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: White

Eligible for vacant council seat: - Orange County Region - 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

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

My personal background with disabilities started as a child when my brother was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and continued at Goodwill of Orange County where I served as a Job Seeking Skills Training Instructor for 20 years. My experience in these areas taught me the value of patience that parents, siblings and teachers need to have for children with disabilities. The Goodwill population I worked with consisted of youth transitioning from school to work and adults transitioning from long-term periods of unemployment back into the workforce. My joint counseling and instruction entailed me using strong code of ethics to provide confidential counseling to students with disabilities, with the goal of empowering and providing them with individualized guidance to reach their success. I coordinated instructional matters, and was on the team to maintain high accreditation standards through the California Accreditation Rehabilitation Foundation (CARF), taught occupational skills to students with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, military veterans and other barriers to employment. I have even done networking and collaboration with colleges such as California State University, Fullerton, to share ideas for education enhancement. I take pride in my commitment to building partnerships with students and their families, collaborating

with them and with other instructors, and referring vocational counselors to help students accomplish their goals.

MY PHILOSOPHY:

Inclusion and Collaboration Go Hand-in-Hand:

Every student with special needs should have the opportunity to learn in an inclusive educational environment with education team and the student with special needs, using collaboration to enhance academic and social skills to make a positive difference.

Every Student has unique qualities:

Each student has unique qualities that he or she is born with and those qualities need to be discovered by building trust and a strong professional relationship with the student and do the appropriate assessment to determine those qualities. Each student with special needs to be encouraged to take the leadership role in decision-making in his or her education. It is too often that when children reach adulthood and transition to college/continued education or the workforce, they are not taught this and have been socialized to express their goals and dreams. They are too caught up in what their support team of teachers, administrators, case managers and parents deem appropriate.

Education Should Be Individualized:

Every student has individual needs and, with every child and adult with disabilities whom I have worked with, I have been mindful of implementing the appropriate assessments and speaking to them one-on-one about those needs. Each individual also benefits from different ways of learning. Technology plays a major role in learning. Many students with special needs have increased learning through computer technology with interactive modules with video modeling.

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

1. Inclusion for students in grade school and college, adults transitioning from high school to employment and housing for seniors with developmental disabilities.
2. An expanded childcare system for children with developmental disabilities.
3. Educational technology for children and adults with developmental disabilities, integrated with counseling to give them empowerment.

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

People with developmental disabilities is my life. I have cousin who is 21 years old with Autism Spectrum Disorder and he is nonverbal. His mother is my Godsister. I have many years of bonding with adults with disabilities who I worked side-by-side with at Goodwill of Orange County. Many training and supported employment programs have decreased in funding and support, which leaves them sitting home at their board and care. This makes me sad and I want to be an integral part of a committee to help empower them and have their lives be productive to increase their self-esteem and happiness. The best part of helping people with developmental disabilities that I miss at Goodwill was the clients/students simply telling me, "Thank You" and "I Love You Lori."

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

- Curriculum Development
- Instruction Development
- Leadership/Supervision
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Developmental Disabilities
- Physical and Cognitive Disabilities
- Mental Health/Crisis Intervention
- Communication Skills Training
- Customer Service Skills Training
- Computer Software Applications Training
- Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
- CEC Knowledge and Skillsets
- Inclusion, Collaboration, Technology and Ethics
- Value Diverse Cultural and Ethnic Backgrounds
- Value Persons from Socioeconomic Backgrounds
- Occupational Skills Training
- Disability Awareness Training
- Evaluation of Academic Deficiencies
- Case Management/Counseling
- Score and Interpret Assessments

- Interview and Assessment of Reading and Math
- Develop and Monitor Individual Work Plan (IWP)
- Produce Monthly Progress Reports for 40+ Students
- Collaboration with Agency Partners
- Behavior Plan Development
- Functional Behavior Analysis
- elearning and ePortfolio Technology

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: ORANGE
Region: Orange
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: White

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- Orange County Region
- 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

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

I WAS BORN WITH SEVERE CEREBRAL PALSY AND I KNOW HOW HARD LIFE IS WITH DISABILITIES. I WANT TO HELP SENIOR AND DISABLED PEOPLE

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

I NEED TO HELP EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT LIFE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES. I WAS THE ONLY DISABLED ADVOCATE EVER TO BE ON A EXEC BOARD OF A UNION FOR CAREPROVIDERS AND MY PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ME IN EVERY COUNTY OF CALIF TO HELP.

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

REGIONAL CTR HELPS US WHEN EVERYTHING ELSE DENIES TO HELP US. I THINK RC IS VERY VALUABLE AND HAVE BEEN ON THE COUNCIL FOR MANY MANY YEARS.

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

I HAVE BEEN ON THE IHSS ADVISORY COUNCIL SINCE 1999 UNTIL A YEAR AGO. I AM USE TO TALKING TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATORS EVEN THOUGH I HAVE SEVERE CEREBRAL , MY MENTAL ABILITY IS NORMALI WAS ON THE UDW EXECUTIVE BD FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND STILL ON RCOC ADVISORY BD

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: Orange
Region: Orange
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: Asian

Eligible for vacant council seat: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Orange County Region- 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

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

My interest, knowledge and passion for the developmental disability field and service system came when 911 and Hurricane Katrina occurred. At the time, my son, who is diagnosed with Autism was 6 years old. He was unable to communicate. Watching the news from those two incidents, I wanted to reach out to support the first responders in responding to the special needs population.

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

My education is in public safety with a specialization in emergency management. I am also a consultant on Autism. Therefore, I am interested in the disaster preparedness for the developmental disability population.

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 serve on the State Council representing the Vietnamese population bringing my disaster preparedness knowledge in servicing the special needs population. I have both personal and professional experience with Autism for almost two decades.

For the Regional Advisory Committee, I would like to be a resource for disaster preparedness for families with developmental disabilities.

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

My strengths:

experience and knowledge of Autism

education with public safety - specialize in emergency management

bilingual in Vietnamese

organizational skills

public speaking

passionate for the special needs population

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: Orange
Region: Orange
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: White

Eligible for vacant council seat: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Orange County 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?"

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

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

I don't know if this is under the umbrella of developmental disability, but I have diagnosed learning disabilities. I am also all but dissertation for an Ed.D. in education.

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

High IQ adults with learning disabilities.

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

There was no help for me. I don't want others to struggle like I did.

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

Conviction that the differently abled have strengths that benefit us all and that they must be as valued as any other stakeholder in our culture.

Name: Redacted
Address: Redacted
County of Residence: Orange
Region: Orange
Race: Hispanic or Latino

Eligible for vacant county seat: - Orange County Region - At Large 1
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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

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

I have two kids with disabilities, they have inspired me to be a better mom, to be informed, and to be the best advocate they can have to help them reach their maximum potential.

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

The school system. This is such an interesting and complex system that I believe it can offer more opportunities to this unique and wonderful kids.

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

I strongly believe that if parents are informed, are part of the process where the decisions are taken in benefit of the kids, and work together as a big team, we can make a huge difference in the lives of the kids with disabilities, and their families.

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

I am the parent of two kids with disabilities, I am involved in the school the kids attend, I am always learning, attending workshops, seminars, and conferences about special education, I have helped families to learn about the school system and get the evaluations the kids need to be able to get the services they have the right to. I am always eager to learn and help, as a volunteer, or as a parent of two wonderful and awesome kids!

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Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: Orange
Region: Orange
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: White

Eligible for vacant council seat: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Orange County Region- 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

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

I have a disabled daughter and teach elementary school in a site where 25% of our students have some form of disability. My knowledge is first hand and backed by my education in public policy and politics.

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

Service provision and the evaluation of gate keeping agencies.

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 on several County Committees in areas of my interest over the past 25 years. This area seems to have many opportunities for my learning and for my expertise to work with difficult policy issues.

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

I am a Certified Mediator and willing to listen carefully to many sides of issues. I hold a PhD in Public Policy and Administration from a state institution and focus my reactions to information based as much as possible on information and statistics as possible.

I have worked in and around government for many years and have no desire to fill an elected position.

AT LARGE 1 COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: Santa Clara
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: Hispanic or Latino

Eligible for vacant council seat: - At Large 1

I am a:

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

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?

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

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

I am very interested in serving on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for the following reasons:

1) I am successfully serving on the Regional Advisory Committee- Silicon Valley & Monterey Bay (appointed and reappointed by the governor in 2013 and 2014).

2) Presently I am active in the following committees:

- Education Committee (Chair)
- Legislative Committee (member)
- Disparity Cohort Task Force (member)
- Executive Committee (attendee)

3) I provided input for the selection of the 2014 Get Safe grant - training to prepare first responders to better assist the disabled community during emergency situations.

4) During my time serving the Regional Advisory Committee, I have been able to reach out and establish connections with the Latino disabled community and leaders. I have made several well received presentations on Self Determination and other issues. I am particularly proud of my audience-friendly presentation about: Bullying Awareness for People with Disabilities.

As a passionate Latina parent of a child with special needs, I am ready to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities as a Family Advocate Representative (at large) and take my advocacy skills to the next level.

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

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: San Diego
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
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 the mother of 3 children. My youngest daughter, Kelsey, has developmental disabilities. Kelsey was diagnosed at birth with Dandy- Walker Syndrome, cerebral palsy, hydrocephalus, seizures and developmental delay. Kelsey and I have worked hard to help her achieve goals, milestones, appropriate education, leisure activities, medical services and therapies. I have watched her blossom and grow and it has inspired me to help make a difference to others with developmental disabilities.

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

I am particularly interested in helping individuals with disabilities enrolled in special education and people with disabilities that are medically fragile.

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

My daughter is non-verbal. I know that if she could talk, she would be the one serving on the Area Boards, sub committees and State Council. I feel I am her voice. I was appointed by Governor Brown to the former Area Board 13, now State Council on Developmental Disabilities- San Diego, Imperial Office in 2012. I love every minute of the time I have spent on Area Board 13.

I am participating in a sub committee to do community outreach for early identification of infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities because we know that early intervention can have a positive outcome for children with disabilities.

I believe serving on the State Council would be the natural next step to continue to serve and advocate for individuals in the community with disabilities.

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

My biggest strength is my passion for helping and serving the developmentally disabled community. I also have strengths, experience and skills in public speaking, a deep understanding of IDEA, special education law, mediation and a huge commitment to individuals that are disabled.

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: Santa Clara Country
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: Asian

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

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

I live with Cerebral Palsy daily minor form 1

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

everything

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

both

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

knowledge and insights

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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

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

Worked for the Poway Unified School District

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

Mainly Autism

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

I am now retired and have the extra time with a strong interest in Autism

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

My past experience

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Race:

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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

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

I work with a young man in vision Therapy that attended the conference last year in Sacramento. When he returned he shared his experience with me and we have continued our conversation though out the year. He had inspired me.

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

My interest is to assist in developing programs that will support those with a developmental disability to have their maximum quality of life.

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

I work with developmental Disabilities. It is an underserved population that I would like to serve, with a vision of assisting in services systems that bring their development to their full protincel out.

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

My strengths are in communication with each group Developmentally disabled person, Parents and other group.

I have the ability to observe and bring clarity to any given challenge.

I work with others for a solutions to challenges.

I can be emotionally removed to see the solutions.

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County of Residence: Santa Clara
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Phone: REDACTED
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

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

I was born with cerebral palsy and have had to navigate through the service system to achieve my life goals. I wanted to attend college and was told by others that this was something I could not do. I was able to get my masters degree in social work. This was an accomplishment because at every level someone would tell me I could never be an effective social worker. As I went through my career I began to notice that a lot of people with developmental disabilities were unable to reach their goals due to an individual or system telling them that they weren't able to do what they desired. I have used my education and experience to enforce with people with developmental disabilities that they can do whatever they want with or without help to live a fulfilling life. At times I've been told that I need to curve my passion because I really don't know what's going on. But if I can continue to make a difference in others lives I will always have my own passion and keep pursuing it.

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

Making sure that I'm a voice for people who can't speak for themselves. Being a part of system change due to the changes in the DD system in California and to make a

different for people with developmental disabilities so that they can achieve their hopes and dreams, whatever they may be.

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

I feel this would allow me to build up my advocacy skills and also improve them while making an impact at a state and local level. It would also allow me to develop relationships among other members that can be great resources while also develop friendships. My past and present work includes the State Self Advocacy Chair, I developed a grass roots advocacy group in the Silicon Valley/Monterey Bay SCDD office which dealt with housing issues for people with developmental disabilities. We met directly with the regional center regarding these issues. I also am serving as a member of the SCDD Silicon Valley/Monterey Bay office. I was also involved in testifying at the Federal level regarding disability and poverty.

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

I have excellent follow-through and get the job done. I'm willing to negotiate with others for a positive outcome. I use my experiences to build strong relationships with those who can make changes and am always willing to work with others. I don't need to be in the front just as long as the outcome is being met.

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Phone: REDACTED
Race: Hispanic or Latino

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?"

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

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

Ever since I started working in this field I never really realized how grateful we should be for the simplest things in life we are able to do. Once I started being more familiar with more individuals with developmental disabilities I realized that they deserve so much more than what they are normally exposed to. They are amazing individuals that are only limited to some resources because sometimes they are not aware of them or they don't think they are able to learn or do certain things.

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

I would mainly like to get involved in community service, helping with projects, volunteering at events, and help be a resource to families that need the assistance. I also speak Spanish and I've come to learn that a lot of families that don't speak English are much more limited to resources because at times they are timid of just communication and that way they don't shy away from great opportunities. I want to be able to help families as much as I can.

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

I really want to be part of this council because I want to be able to transform the lives of individuals and families with developmental disabilities. I would like to provide support, knowledge, and help open the doors to a fuller life that they truly deserve.

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

I am a very motivated, organized, responsible, problem-solver, positive, high energy individual that can establish great relationships with people that I come across with. I have patience, knowledge, and open communication skills based on what I've learned in my 5 years that I've worked in this field as a Program Director. I have also organized and been a part of many community events that service those with developmental disabilities. Some of the events I've been a part of are Autism walk, Buddy walk for down syndrome, Los Angeles Special Olympics, Annual Toy drives, food drives and many more.

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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

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

It comes naturally. I was born into it, I have cerebral palsy. Through challenges of my own and of others who I have met, I realized that more could and should be done to simplify the systems upon which we rely.

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

First and foremost, transportation and travel. Also, accessibility of public spaces and places, including hotels and housing.

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 share my experience and knowledge regarding the challenges that face so many citizens in so many areas. The public transportation available to us is dismal. If I could help improve this one area, I would be very grateful.

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

I have 21 years of experience in the travel and transportation business as owner of my own travel agency. I have excellent communication skills. I have knowledge of the practices and accommodations for people facing challenges in 25 countries and more than half of these United States. I know that California could be doing so much better.

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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.

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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?

My interest developed because I have always felt strongly about advocating for myself as well as others. I have become a better advocate by all the information I have learn by being on this committee. I have been able to share these resources with people who needed help and did not know where to go for help.

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

My areas of interest are becoming more educated about self advocacy and to help others use self advocacy. Another interest for me is teaching the information I have learned about self advocacy to TRACE classes as well as elementary schools.

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 serve on the State Council because I want to become more educated so I can help other people to become more educated.

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

I would be able to share how I have used self advocacy in my life. A strength I have is sharing information with people who are not aware of what it is like to have a disability.

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County of Residence: Sonoma
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Phone: REDACTED
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

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.

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Region: Bay Area
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Phone: REDACTED
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

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 gotten 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

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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

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.

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Race: Hispanic or Latino

Eligible for vacant council seat: - At Large 1

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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

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

I have been a foster parent to many children that have had varying developmental disabilities. I adopted two children that have presented with significant developmental disabilities. I now have experienced how important it is to increase both awareness and education about identifying these disabilities in children as soon as possible in order to provide the needed services.

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

I have a great interest in helping identify children with developmental disabilities as early as possible in order to match them with services that are in place to help them thrive.

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

I am very committed to helping this segment of our population as much as possible. I believe the greater number of people available to be a voice for those in need help to implement services available in a successful way.

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

As a parent I have direct experience in the challenges that those responsible for the well being of individuals with developmental disabilities go through. As a lay person the experience of working in the system to educate oneself about every aspect of the needs, processes and hurdles is a unique one most parents/caregivers.

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Eligible for vacant council seat: - At Large 1

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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

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

I have a 2 year old granddaughter that was born with Down syndrome. I have another family member with Down syndrome and she is 35 years old and I have a 17 year old family member that has Autism. A member of Area Board 10 went I spoke at Club 21 on a day I had volunteered and I sat through his presentation. I learned a lot but then I realized that there was another way I could be part of the solution.

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

I want to be part of the solution and educating others on what families really go through. Not the perception.

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

Like I mentioned I want to be part of the committed to address real issues when it comes to challenges. I want to educate people on what they can accomplish.

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

I bring my military background, my people skills and my ability to want to learn and speak out in support of all people with Developmental Disabilities. As I mentioned I have a second family member with Down syndrome who is well into her thirties and her parents never reached out to anyone. They tell me it was out of fear and embarrassment. I want to talk to people and groups and help bring them out so they can be helped, talked too, share information.

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County of Residence: San Diego
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: White, my children are Af/Am

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

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

I have been working in the field of Special Education since the late 70s (both here in CA, in WA, and in Morocco). I am presently a Program Manager (for SpED Division of San Diego Unified). As well, I was a foster parent serving special needs children for 17 years. AND, I am the parent of a daughter who receives services through SD Regional Center.

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

Now that my daughter is 23, and living in an adult care facility, I am finding myself more and more interested in the services available to persons AFTER they leave the public education system.

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 put my passion and commitment to the betterment of the lives of people with Developmental Disabilities to work within our communities. I have a vast array of experiences both as a parent and as a professional and feel I can help make a positive difference.

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

A deep knowledge of disabilities both professionally and how it impacts the lives of families; a knowledge of how different cultural groups accept (or don't) people with disabilities - having worked with families on the Colville Reservation, spending 6 years working as a birth-to-three teachers serving children and families who were migrant workers, living and working (in special education) in Morocco for 3 years, and being the parent of African-American (now adult) children and developing personal and professional connections within the African-American community here in San Diego. As well, I have personal skills to bring to "the table" - being the coordinator/lead of SDUSD's dispute resolution team.

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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

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.

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Race: Hispanic or Latino, White

Eligible for vacant council seat: - At Large 1

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Yes

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