

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

Eligible for vacant council seat: - 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?"**

Yes

**Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a 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 in developmental disability when my son was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

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

While I have many interests within the field and the service system, I am interested in advocacy and research.

**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 able to lessen the stigma surrounding persons with developmental disabilities, and help to make a difference in their lives.

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

As a doctoral candidate with Walden University, I bring knowledge and experience.

## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

### ITEM: REVIEW REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) CANDIDATES

**BACKGROUND:** AB 1595 amendments to the Lanterman Act recast the former area boards as “regional advisory committees.” The law establishes the regional advisory committees as discretionary to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (“Council”) and requires RACs to be constituted and operated according to policies and procedures set by the Council. In November 2014, the Council chose to exercise this option and authorized the establishment of RACs in the Council’s bylaws. At its February 24, 2015 meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed policy principles further detailing RAC governance structure and specifically addressed RAC member screening, confidentiality, and appointment issues. To address screening and confidentiality issues, the Executive Committee authorized the establishment of a RAC membership committee for the limited purpose of screening and making recommendations to the Council’s Membership Committee on candidates for that RAC. In March 2015, the Council approved the proposed governance structure including the authorization of a membership committee for each RAC.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** The Membership Committee (MC) is asked to consider applications at this meeting for appointment to two regional advisory committees:

- North Bay Regional Advisory Committee
- Orange County Regional Advisory Committee

**COUNCIL STATE PLAN GOAL:** Goal 14: Public Policy

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** The Membership Committee has not made appointments to regional advisory committees to-date. At its June 25, 2015 meeting, the MC 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.

**ATTACHMENTS(S):** Redacted Applications for the North Bay Regional Advisory Committee, redacted applications for the Orange County Regional Advisory Committee and RAC Bylaws Provisions, "Policy Questions About Regional Advisory Committees".

**PREPARED:** Bob Phillips, Manager  
North Bay Regional Office

## Policy Questions About the Regional Advisory Committees (RAC)

Key:

**Bold**= Policy Question

Plain text=Policy Adopted by the Council

### **Who is eligible to be a RAC member?**

RACs should reflect the geographic, ethnic, and language diversity of the state, as described in statutes.

### **What about prior Area Board members?**

Any Area Board member on December 31, 2014 may continue to serve on the RAC for that RO area until his/her term expires.

### **Who cannot be a member of a RAC?**

Sitting SCDD Council members cannot be also be members of the RAC.

Councilmembers from a region are required to participate in his or her local RAC.

### **How many members will the RAC have?**

The goal is for each RAC to have 9-15 members, based on need, geographic area covered, or population. The Council's Membership Committee may determine the total number between 9 and 15 based on need and recommendations from the Regional Office and RAC. The RACs that inherited more than 15 members may reach the maximum number through attrition as the initial members terms expire.

### **Should every county be represented?**

The RAC should have at least one member from each county in the RAC's region.

### **Are there other limitations on membership?**

Providers are allowed to be members of a RAC. Providers are not to be more than 25% of total RAC membership.

### **What's the self-advocate percentage representation on each RAC?**

At least 35% of RAC members shall be self-advocates. At least 35% of RAC members shall be family-advocates. The remaining 30% shall be self-advocates, family advocates, or other.

### **Will there be term limits?**

Each RAC member serves at the pleasure of the Council. Each individual is eligible for two 3-year terms. The term limits begin anew as of January 1, 2015

### **What about conflicts of interest?**

While it is not anticipated that RAC members will be making governmental decisions, if that happens and an individual has a conflict, that individual is expected to not be a part of the conversation or decision for that item.

### **RAC Membership Appointments**

- Each RAC and RO can forward names to the SCDD Membership Committee for consideration.
- Each RAC may have its own Membership Committee for purposes of identifying and recruiting potential members and referring them to SCDD Membership Committee for consideration of referral to the SCDD.
- The SCDD Membership Committee will create a standardized application form/process.
- The SCDD Membership Committee makes appointments to the RACs.

### **What are the officers of the RAC?**

RAC members shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair from among its membership. The role of the Chair and Vice Chair is to run the RAC meetings.

### **What subcommittees may a RAC have?**

A RAC may convene a Membership Committee for the purpose of screening and making recommendations to the Council's Membership Committee on candidates for the RAC.

### **What is the role of the RAC?**

Per statute, the role of the RAC is to:

- Advise SCDD and its RO on local issues and identify and provide input regarding local systemic needs within its communities;
- Provide input and be a source for data for the SCDD to consider in the formulation of the state plan;
- Provide public information programs for consumers, families, professional groups, and the general public to increase professional and public awareness of areas identified within the state plan;
- Engage in other activities as requested by SCDD.

The RAC may make recommendations to the Council. **The RAC may not take positions independent of the Council.**

**NORTH BAY  
REGIONAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE CANDIDATES**

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Race: White

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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?"**

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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.

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

My adult daughter is severely disabled. We have received considerable services through the offices of the Marin and Sonoma Offices of Education, Golden Gate and North Bay Regional Centers and other agencies serving the disabled. I saw that these services were not equally distributed and there were many disabled individuals and their families who were not receiving the services they were entitled to.

In this light, I joined the Area Board 4 in 2009 and have served as a member, and as Chair, of that body until it was dissolved at the end of 2014.

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

Expanding services to underserved communities, protecting the rights of individuals and their families and advocacy.

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

See above.

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

I am a strong advocate for the rights of the disabled. I have considerable experience managing both non-profit and for profit businesses.

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**County of Residence:** Solano

**Region:** North Bay

**Race:** African-American and Chinese

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

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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.

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**County of Residence:** Solano

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**Race:** Asian

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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

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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)

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No

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

I am the mother of three boys. My middle son was diagnosed with autism when he was 3 years old and ever since, I have dedicated my time and energy in learning how to best provide for his needs. I have extensive experience in working with school districts, with the regional center system as well as some limited time dealing with insurance. My son is now 12 and has made much progress in his development.

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

I specifically focus on serving children and school aged children with autism, Aspergers. I also have some experience with learning disabilities and speech and language disorders.

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

I am at a point in my life where my children are now older and my time is much more flexible. I am passionate about helping families who have children with developmental disabilities, specifically autism spectrum disorder. Instead of taking

on full time work, I am looking for a way to enrich my community and give back while still maintaining flexibility to care for my family.

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

I am very experienced in the array of services needed to meet the needs of those in my community with ASD. I speak with parents and know what goes on in day to day happenings, yet stay very involved in legislative and legal developments that impact them as well. I am articulate and passionate and would bring a balanced and experienced view to the committee.

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**Region:** North Bay

**Race:** Hispanic or Latino

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

My knowledge and interest developed when I was 14 years old and had two siblings with developmental needs. I served as the primary care giver while my mother was at work. I also served in many meetings to translate for my mother who did not speak english. I became very passionate and started advocating for people in the community didn't feel that they had the voice to do so. In addition, I started working with Early Learning Institute as an Early Intervention Specialist and felt in love with serving under-represented populations including those with developmental needs. Currently, my two year old has developmental needs. He is in the autism spectrum.

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

My interest is working with children and parents that do not know how to navigate the system well.

**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 I can make a difference because I am very passionate in providing services to those in needs. I also feel that I have the personal and cultural experience to advocate for representatives from underrepresented populations that struggle with advocacy with their developmental needs. I am also a mother of a child, a sister and an aunt to family members that have developmental needs. I can

be their voice! I am also a Social Worker and have MFT, which provides me with the experience and background to know how to advocate for my community.

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

I am passionate for advocating for those in needs. I have a personal and professional interest in this area. I am bilingual and bicultural. I know about most services and resouces. I am connected to my community and know what the needs are.

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County of Residence: Solano

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Race: African- American

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I am a: representative of the general public

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

I began my career as a Recreation Leader as a youth. I invited children with disabilities to interact with the children in our recreation program, which later I learned I was engaging in integration/inclusion. I enjoyed working with individuals with disabilities, so I decided to complete my college internship at an Autism Center.

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

Legislation, Quality Assurance, IEP Implementation, School/Residential Services, Transitional Services, Parent Rights & Advocacy, Vocational Services-Home & Adult Programs

**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 be an instrumental member of the State Council to assist in improving the quality of services and lives for individuals with developmental disabilities, which includes their entire care team.

**What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?** Here are the strengths I will bring to the council:

1. Passion & desire to assist individuals with disabilities. 2. Knowledgeable of disability and special education laws 3. Experience as a service provider and direct contact with families, agencies, districts, counties, and other programs serving individuals with disabilities 4. Doctoral level education and training 5. Effective communication skills 6. Experienced speaker, instructor, and teacher 7. Highly organized and schedule oriented and 8. Team player and leader as directed

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**County of Residence:** Napa

**Region:** North Bay

**Race:** White

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**I am a:** person with a developmental disability

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No

**Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a 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.

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**County of Residence:** Sonoma

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

I've been mom to my beautiful, quirky, brilliant and challenging autistic daughter for 25 years. Always involved, always learning, always humbled.

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

Autism services and keeping up with the needs, social, educational, vocational and aging for persons on the spectrum. Helping to influence the enactment of meaningful legislation that might truly benefit those on the spectrum and the people who work with them and love them. Help looking to the future and evaluating the past.

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

I believe I have a lot to offer both as a parent and as someone who has been a student of autism since my daughter was born 25 years ago. I am in awe of the wonderful people in this field and believe that I can be of help in articulating ideas and proposals in moving forward with legislation and cutting through the red tape to evaluate what can and does work.

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

I am smart, a good listener, dependable, fun, hard worker, I have worked collaboratively on school boards, theatre companies, as a band leader, teacher of music and workshop leader. I am a team player and have been to numerous autism conferences ,read many books, have written successful proposals and have worked closely with North Bay Regional Center successfully on behalf of my daughter. I am a good networker and have brought people together for symposiums and workshops. I've been helpful to parents needing assistance over the years. I like to communicate about autism. I enjoy attempting to make a difference for the better.

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

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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 Neurosciences 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!

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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 43 year old son who is developmentally disabled. I am his conservator and also a long time educator in California public schools. I have been involved through the years with special education, local regional centers, area boards, community living-ICF-DDH homes and adult day programs. I was involved with Citizen Advocacy as a parent-to -parent outreach support and served as a board member for the Ukiah Valley Association for the Handicapped (UVAH).

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

I am especially interested in maintaining and expanding resources, funding, therapy and training for community homes and adult day programs.

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

As a family member of a person with developmental disabilities I hope to advocate and help support the best possible programs for my son and other people with developmental disabilities. I hope to be able to serve not only my son but others in a broader context and wider arena as a member of a Regional Advisory Committee.

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

I have been a bilingual educator for over 30 years in the CA public school system. I have good communication skills in English and Spanish. I have good organizational and leadership skills. I have the sensitivity and awareness of family issues, especially for those with a family member with disabilities.

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

My interest developed because I have a son that was diagnosed with Autism and I always want to be the best informed I can be to help my son or any other person in any way I can.

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

My areas of interest are the transitions to adult hood for a person with disabilities, like how they can go to a college or university.

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

I think its a good opportunity to learn more about the system, be more prepared to help my son and another person that may need information or help in the community

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

I don't like un justice, I'm a critical thinker, caring towards others, communicative, always curios about knowing new things and share any information that can be useful to someone.

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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.

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

I have been privileged with having a younger brother with a developmental disability that I am a conservator for. Growing up, I was very much involved in his educational meetings (IEP's) and residential placements. Because of my brother's needs and the experiences I had, I chose to gain more experience within the field of special education. This led me into working towards gaining degrees in education and working for nonpublic schools for the last 18 years.

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

Areas of interest that I have would consist of housing/residential options, vocational programs/day program options and readiness, behavioral supports, parent/care-provider supports and trainings and educational needs.

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

In working in the field that serves individuals with developmental disabilities as well as being a conservator and advocate for my brother, I have seen gaps in our systems that can hinder equal access for individuals. I do believe that we have made huge progress in addressing areas of needs, however, there is much more we as a community can identify and make recommendation for positive change.

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

I am passionate about being a voice for individuals with developmental disabilities and working with families who are seeking that support and information. I have fist hand knowledge in special education and the laws that protect our students/families. I have strong communication skills and have 18 years of experience in supervising and working with families and educators in the special education field.

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

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**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 Regional Advisory Committee*

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

Well, I have asperger's syndrome and really I do want to make other's lives better. Over 10 years ago I was diagnosed with Autism. I read several copies of The Autism File magazine as well as an online member of Autism Speaks. As a daughter to a retired elementary School teacher I'd like to see our girls with aspergers syndrome succeed in school. This means more support systems for women who wish to find a place their own with some assistance. This is the situation that I find myself in. I toured group homes, but I realized that some of them aren't a good fit for everyone. In my case, I preferred the privacy of an individual Community Placement through Aldea's Supportive living services. Also I realized that privacy is very important.

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

My area is education for female students with Autism succeed in the public school system. As well as a foreign curriculum that's designed with the learning disabled in mind, that way this generation will get the foreign language as well as outreach to those are living at home with one or both parents. This can put the burden on their families. More of an effort to get those people into a situation where they'll be asked to be treated more like adults.

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

The education I received as a young lady made a real difference. As a female member of the Autistim Community and as a client of the Regional Center made a huge impact on me. Not only that, but my family helped me find a sutibel place to live. More of an effort needs to be made to transition the more severe cases where the person is concerved by one or both parents. In my case, Aldea has really stepped up to the plate, even though my parents live in different cities.( they broke up a very long time a go.) I know my rights as person. This knowledge will be put to good use.

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

I'd bring some compassion , common sense, as well as language capacity. With this comes dignity and respect for those who have already served. Also, I have prior experience, and don't legislate from the chair or the bench. Well, with that in mind, I can really use the above to describe my charter traits. Also, I'd bring some class to the table.

**ORANGE COUNTY  
REGIONAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE CANDIDATES**

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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 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.

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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 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 CP.

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

Continue to serve as an advocate for the developmentally disabled -- advocating for those who are unable to advocate for themselves. I continue to speak up for common sense policy advocacy for the disabled community as a 32 year-old physically disabled man.

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

As I explained in my previous answer, I will continue to advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves.

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

Living with Cerebral Palsy, I offer a first-person view and perspective into the very disabled population the SCDD serves.

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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?"**

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 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 24 year old son who is developmentally disabled.

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

Housing, employment, and community supports with an emphasis on access to appropriate and quality mental health services.

**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 Board member of Area Board XI of the SCDD for 2 years, have found this affiliation very rewarding, have not missed any Board meetings, and would like to continue serving in this capacity at the Orange County Regional Office of the SCDD.

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

I have advocated for services for my 24 year-old developmentally disabled son his whole life and will continue to do so.

I am an experienced Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with a successful private practice in Costa Mesa.

I have served as a Board member of Area Board XI of the SCDD for approximately 2 years.

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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 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 been serving already on the Advisory Committee, as a Governor's appointee, since last year

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

I am interested in all areas, particularly employment and transportation

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

So I can help to ensure that there are services provided to the developmentally disabled like myself.

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

I am involved in many aspects of the disabled community, and as a self-advocate, I would do my best to improve the lives of those who are developmentally disabled.

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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?**

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

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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

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Race: White

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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?**

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.

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**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

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Race: White

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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 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 person with a developmental disability and want to work with Orange County's regional office to help our population to have better lives. I was the Orange County representative on the State Council from 2003-2009.

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

I would like to work to help the federal and state governments understand that people with developmental disabilities are just like everybody else and need the same services. We shouldn't be treated like second class citizens just because we have a disability.

**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 work with the regional advisory committee to make sure that people who need services can get information about them. I want to help people understand

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what they are voting for in elections so that the people who make decisions know our wants and needs.

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

Speaking up for the rights of people with disabilities by writing letters to local and state representatives.

I am a current member of DDS's Consumer Advisory Committee and can bring information from that committee to the regional advisory committee.

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Race: White

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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 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 thirteen years on the RCOC Board of Directors.

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

I've lived with people with developmental disabilities all my life.

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

I believe I have good experience and knowledge of the Orange County community.

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

Experience, knowledge and how I care for people with developmental disabilities.

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Race: White

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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 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 mom who has advocated for supports and services for my two sons who have autism and my daughter who has autism and mental illness, for many years. I seek to learn all I can.

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

Presently I am interested in housing, employment development and community social support building.

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 do whatever I can to assure that all people with developmental disabilities are aware of and have access to the resources they need to achieve their hopes and dreams and enjoy their lives to the fullest so they can help and inspire others to do the same.

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

I am reliable, hardworking, and enjoy working as a team to make a positive difference in the lives of others. I delight in communicating information that could benefit others. I have enthusiasm and lots of dedication. I am bilingual.

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**Address:** REDACTED

**County of Residence:** Orange County

**Region:** Orange County

**Email:** REDACTED

**Phone:** REDACTED

**Race:** Asian, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, White

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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 Regional Advisory Committee*

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

I'm a committed parent of a Classic Autistic Adult who is 25 years old. I have devoted my time and my passionate service in advocacy and support to the special needs and services related to the community of developmental disabilities.

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

My particular expertise and vast personal experience is with the population of The Autistic Community and their families.

I have a special interest in identification and development that of new ideas and innovation in the areas of future independence and self employment for those with Developmental Disabilities, with my personal involvement, understanding and experience. As my son's mission is to bring awareness to the concept of Entrepreneurship, relevant to ( meaningful) employment .

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

I bring a depth of unique understanding, and have had a wealth of personal challenges, which bring foresight for those faced with disability. Because I am a tireless parent. Because I am active in my advocacy, commitment and passion to the support of those with disability. Because I have experience, and have gained a vast wisdom in the many areas of community and its services, education, law, and health care. Because, I am "hands on" in the community to which I live, and because My Personal ethics and standards are illuminated in my service to others.

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

My strength is my undying commitment for the "betterment of all humanity." This is an absolute in my life's pursuit as a parent of an Autistic Son.

I choose everyday of my life to serve others from my neighbor to my county, to my State to my Country and to my Global family.

[included are my academic, pro-active energy, parental grassroots, and community action] leadership skills

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Race: Asian

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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?"

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 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

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Race: White

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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?**

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

County of Residence: Orange

Region: Orange

Race: Hispanic or Latino

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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*

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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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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 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.

## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

### ITEM:       **AUTHORIZE REGIONAL OFFICE APPOINTMENTS TO RC SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**BACKGROUND:**       SB 468 (Emmerson), which was signed by Governor Brown in October 2013, required the Department of Developmental Services to implement a statewide Self-Determination Program in every regional center catchment area to provide participants and their families with an individual budget, increased flexibility and choice, and greater control over decisions, resources, and needed and desired services and supports to implement their Individual Program Plan (IPP).

SB 468 required each regional center to establish a local volunteer advisory committee to provide oversight of the Self-Determination Program. The regional center and the area board were to appoint one-half of the membership of the committee. Collaboration began between area boards and regional centers and continued with the regional offices, and by June 2015, every regional center had a local self-determination advisory committee.

The law stated that the committees, "... shall consist of the regional center clients' rights advocate, consumers, family members, and other advocates, and community leaders. A majority of the committee shall be consumers and their family members. The committee shall reflect the multicultural diversity and geographic profile of the catchment area. The committee shall review the development and ongoing progress of the Self-Determination Program, including whether the program advances the principles of self-determination and is operating consistent with the requirements of this section, and may make ongoing recommendations for improvement to the regional center and the department."

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** AB 1595 (Chesbro) made changes in state law to conform to federal law. Among the changes to existing law, SB 468 was amended and the State Council appoints half the members of the local self-determination advisory committees.

The Membership Committee is asked to authorize the appointments made by the Council's former area boards and regional offices to the self-determination advisory committees.

**COUNCIL STATE PLAN GOAL:** Goal 3, Quality Assurance and Innovation; and, Goal 14, Public Policy.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** This is the first time this item has come to the Membership Committee.

**ATTACHMENTS(S):** none

**PREPARED:** Bob Phillips, Manager  
North Bay Regional Office