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DATE: April 14, 2015
TIME: 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
MEETING LOCATION: State Council on Developmental Disabilities
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AGENDA

- 1. **CALL TO ORDER** A. Lopez
- 2. **ESTABLISH A QUORUM** A. Lopez
- 3. **INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** A. Lopez
- 4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2015

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Others Attending

Mike Clark
Aaron Carruthers
Bob Phillips
Natalie Bocanegra
Thomas Johnson

1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Chairperson April Lopez called the meeting to order at 1:10 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 JUNE 19, 2014 MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Smith/Forderer) and carried to approve the January 20, 2015 Membership Committee minutes as presented. Councilmembers Lopez, Smith, Landry, and Forderer voted aye. There were no nays or abstentions.

5. APPOINTMENT AND VACANCIES TRACKING FORM

Executive Director Mike Clark reviewed the appointment and vacancies tracking form with committee members. He notes that there are no additional updates to the form, including vacancies, and that the information within the form is current and correct.

6. COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Chief Deputy Director Aaron Carruthers provided a brief overview of the Membership Committee report that was presented to the full council in January.

7. RECRUITMENT FLYER AND APPLICATION

During the committee report to the council, Chief Deputy Director Aaron Carruthers also discussed the solicitation of candidate recommendations for the council. He notes that the recruitment flyer provides adequate information about what the council is about, gives interested candidates an email that sends them to an online survey which collects their basic demographic information, and asks individuals their interest in serving on the council or an advisory committee. This survey will be sent out via e-mail and will be posted online. Once it is filled out and submitted, staff is immediately alerted so the vetting process can begin to determine a future interview or screening.

A copy of this recruitment flyer can be viewed on page 11 at the following hyperlink:

<http://scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Membership%20Committee/2015/HQ-%20Membership%20Comm.%20Packet%203.3.15.pdf>

Deputy Director Carruthers also told the committee that the surveys allow staff to create a list of e-mails and names that has been sent to us through the survey process. More importantly, staff are developing a list of the different affiliations and agencies that these potential candidates are representing. Mr. Carruthers then asked the committee for permission to allow staff more time to fill out this list so they can send it to AIDD.

It was moved/seconded (Forderer/Smith) and carried to approve the recommendation that Deputy Director Carruthers and SCDD Staff have permission to keep working on this list. Councilmembers Forderer, Smith, Lopez, and Landry voted 'aye'. There were no 'nays' or abstentions.

8. REVIEW CANDIDATES

The committee reviewed the surveys of three potential candidates and wishes to forward their names to the governor's office pending further questions from staff.

It was moved/seconded (Forderer/Smith) and carried to approve the recommendation that the names of the three candidates be forwarded to the governor's office pending further questions from staff.

Finally, staff requests that the committee continue to solicit candidates from specific regions regardless of whether or not those regions currently have submitted applications from interested candidates.

9. NEXT MEETING DATES

The next Membership Committee meeting will be held on April 14, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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	6/5/2013	2/1/2018			
At Large 3	Jenny Ning Yang (self-advocate)	8/19/2013	1/12/2015	8/18/2019			
At Large 4	Kecia Weller (self-advocate)	7/11/2012	6/5/2013	7/10/2018			
At Large 5	Nancy Clyde (self-advocate)	10/23/2013	1/12/2015	10/22/2019			
At Large 6	Steven Kapp (self-advocate)	5/1/2014		4/30/2020			
North Coast Region	Robert M. Taylor (self-advocate)	7/21/2014		7/20/2020			
North State Region	Charles Horne-Nutt (self-advocacy)	11/26/2014		11/25/2020			
Sacramento Region	Sandra Smith (parent advocate)	2/6/2014		2/5/2020			

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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	2/18/2016			
Bay Area Region	Feda Almaliti (parent advocate)	1/7/2013		1/6/2019			
N. Valley Hills Region	Kerstin Williams (self-advocate)	7/6/2010		7/5/2016			
Silicon Valley-Monterey Region	David Forderer (self-advocate)	7/11/2012		7/10/2018			
Sequoia Region	Rebecca Donabed (self-advocate)	1/7/2013	1/12/2015	1/6/2019			
Central Coast Region	Sandra Aldana (self-advocate)	3/18/2015					
Los Angeles Region	Jay Lytton (self-advocate)	3/18/2015			Yes	Yes	1st Aug-11 2nd Nov-12
Orange County Region	VACANT (January 2012)						2 requests sent Nov-14
San Bernardino Region	Carmela Garnica (parent advocate)	1/7/2013		1/6/2019			
San Diego Imperial Region	VACANT (December 19, 2014)						

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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 UCSD	Robin Hansen, Director	Ongoing	Ongoing				

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			
<p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 							



Membership Committee Report to the Council

Date of Report: March 3, 2015

Sec. 1 EXISTING VACANCIES

Seat	Date Seat Became Vacant	Months Vacant
		Asterisk (*) indicates vacancy of more than 4 months
At Large Institution	July 2014	8*
At Large 1	June 2014	9*
Central Coast Region	2012	38*
Los Angeles Region	September 2011	41*
Orange County Region	January 2012	38*
San Diego Imperial Region	December 2014	3

Sec. 2 UPCOMING EXPIRED APPOINTMENTS

Seat	Date Appointment Will Expire
North Bay Regional Office	February 2016
North Valley Hills Regional Office	July 2016

Sec. 3 RECOMMENDATIONS SOLICITED

Has a solicitation for multiple recommendations for Council appointment been distributed?

Yes No

Agencies Solicited (partial)	Date
SCDD Website	February 23, 2015

"The Council advocates, promotes & implements policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity & inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families."

SCDD Membership Committee Report

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On March 3, 2015, 5,400 individuals received a recruitment flier inviting applications to serve on either the Council or a Regional Advisory Committee. Among those 5,400, the following is a partial list of the agencies solicited:

Arc of California
ARC of San Diego
Arc of San Francisco
Abilities United, Palo Alto
Ability First
Addison Behavioral Resources
Administration on Aging
Advance Kids
Advanced Collaborative Team
Adventist Health
AIDS Support Network – United Way Partner Agency-San Luis Obispo County
Alan Short Center
Aldea Children & Family Services
All 4 Kids
Allergan Pharmaceuticals
Alta California Regional Center
Anova Education
Apiranet
Arc Imperial Valley
Arc of Amador & Calaveras
Arc of Butte County
Arc of Calaveras
Arc of Placer County
Arc of San Joaquin
Arc of Ventura County
Arc Supported Employment
Arc Whole Life Services
ASAN
Asian Community Mental Health Center – Oakland – San Lorenzo
Atascadero Unified School District
Autism Behavior Services
Autism Society Santa Barbara
Autism Speaks

Autism Spectrum Interventions
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Autism Life Span
Bay Respite Care
Bayberry Supported Living
Becoming Independent
Benicia Unified
Bethesda Lutheran Communities
BiCoastal Media
Blindness Support
Blue Shield of CA
Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara
Bridges Educational Corp.
Brown & Streza LLP
Buelllton Union School District
Buena Park School District
Butte County California
Butte County Office of Ed.
Butte Habitat
CA Autism Foundation
CA Department of Housing
CA Dept. of Developmental Services
CA Dept. of Rehab.
CA Dept. of Social Services
CA Disability Services Assn.
CA Foundation for Independent Living
CA Health and Human Services Agency
Ca Human Development
CA Promise
CA State Assemblymembers
CA State Senators
CA. Department of Education
Cal Optima
Cal Parents (UC Berkeley)
Cal State Chico
California Department of Child Support Services
California Department of Developmental Services

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California Department of Health Care Services
California Department of Public Health
California Department of Rehabilitation
California Foundation for Independent Living Centers: CFILC
California PsyCare
California State Senate
California State University San Marcos
California State University, Channel Islands
California State University, Northridge
California Wellness Institute
Care at Home Respite Care
Casa de Amma.
Casey Family
County of Santa Cruz
Central Valley Training Center
Centralia School District
Channel Islands Social Services – Ventura County
Child Abuse Prevention Center
Child Haven
Children First- Nonprofit Sarasota County
Children Resource and referral of Santa Barbara County
Children's Hospital Los Angeles – USC
Children's Hospital of Orange County
Children's Therapy Network
Children's Therapy Network Ventura
Choices Transitional Services
City of Hope
City of Santa Maria
College of Adaptive Arts , San Jose
Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County
Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County
Community Blind Center
Community Catalysts of California
Community Coaching Center
Community Foundation San Luis Obispo
Community Interface Services
Community Life Services, San Jose

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Community Options

Compassionate Care For Seniors, Sacramento

Conejo - Parks and Recreation District

Conejo Unified School District

Coryell Autism Center, Santa Cruz

County of Monterey

County of San Benito, California

County of Santa Barbara

County of Ventura

Creative Living Options

Crisis Intervention Services County of Ventura

Davis Joint Unified School District

DDSO - Developmental Disabilities Service Organization

Department of Social Services Santa Barbara County

Department of Transportation California

Dignity Health

Disability Rights of California

DRAIL

Easter Seals of Southern California

Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County

Employment Development Department

Empower Autism Now

Escuela Del Rio

Espen Home

Every Child Achieves

Fairview Developmental Center

Family Resource Network

Family Soup

Fiesta Educativa

First Five San Luis Obispo

First Five -Simi Valley – Ventura

Futures Explored

Galt Joint Union High School District

Gate Path- Silicon Valley

Get Safe

Goodwill

Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Greater Opportunities, San Jose
Haynes Home
Hillside House
Holdsambeck and Associates
Hope Services: Assistance and Programs for People with DD
Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo
Housing Choices Coalition
Howard Training Center
Independent Living Resource Center of San Francisco
Inland Regional Center
Inner Dancers
Irvine Unified School District
Kaiser Permanente
Kids R Special Child Care
Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County
Lief Independently
Life Options Vocational Center
Lifeworks San Diego
Lincoln Training Center
Lodi ADA Committee
Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Los Angeles Unified School District
Loyola Marymount University
Mariposa Project -San Francisco
Maximum Health
Mobility Pro
Modesto City Schools
MOMS Orange County
Monarch Healthcare
Monterey County Office of Education
Napa Valley Supported Services
NCI Adult Day Center
Newport Mesa Unified School District
News Channel 5 KION-Central Coast
North Los Angeles Regional Center

Oak Park Unified School District
Ojai Unified School District
Open Door Services
Open Doors Now
Options Family Services – Central Coast California
Orange County Public Works
Orange County, California - Elder / Disabled In-Home Services
Orangewood Children's Foundation
Pacific Bell
Parents Helping Parents- San Jose – nonprofit
Paso Robles Public Schools
Path Point – Nonprofit
Person Centered Services
Phoenix House
Placer Union High School District
Pleasanton Unified School District – Alameda County
Progressive Employment
R&D Transportation Services
Regional Ctr., East Bay
Rio Unified School District-Oxnard California
Sacramento City College - Los Rios Community College
Sacramento City Unified School District
Sage Supported Living Tri-Area Regional Center
Salinas City Elementary School District
San Francisco Design Center
San Jose Activity Center
San Lorenzo Unified School District– Alameda County
San Luis Obispo County
San Luis Obispo Unified School District
Santa Ana Unified School District /
Santa Barbara Child Care Planning Council
Santa Barbara County
Santa Barbara County Office of Education
Santa Barbara Special-Needs Adaptive Programs
Santa Clara County office of Education
SCE - School of Continuing Education
Screening Project

SDSU Research Foundation
SEIU
Self Advocacy Council
Service First
Simi Valley Unified School District
Social Services Agency: Orange County, California
Social Vocational Services Inc.
Special Kids Crusade.
Star Autism Support
Star of California Psychological and Behavioral Services
State Board of Equalization
Sunny Days
Superior Court of San Bernardino
Supported Life Institute, Sacramento
Sutter County Superintendent of Schools
The Autism Group
The Epilepsy Support Network of Orange County
The MENTOR network
Thumbs Up!
ToolWorks – San Francisco – Nonprofit
Tri-Counties Regional Center
Trumpet Behavior Health-Autism Treatment Organization
UC Davis Medical Center
United Cerebral Palsy
United Cerebral Palsy of Los Angeles
United Cerebral Palsy of San Diego County
United Cerebral Palsy, Work Inc.
United Parents – Nonprofit
United Public Employees Local 790 SEIU
United States House of Representatives
United States Senate
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
Ventura Community College District
Ventura County Community College District

Ventura County Office of Education
Ventura Unified School District
Villa Esperanza
Vista Hill
VPC Enterprises – Santa Maria California
Walden Family
Western Youth Services
Woodland Joint Unified School District
WUSD-West Sacramento's School District
Yolo County Office of Education
Youth Solutions

Sec. 4 COUNCIL TERMS

Council Roster Listing Each Members Term Attached?

Yes

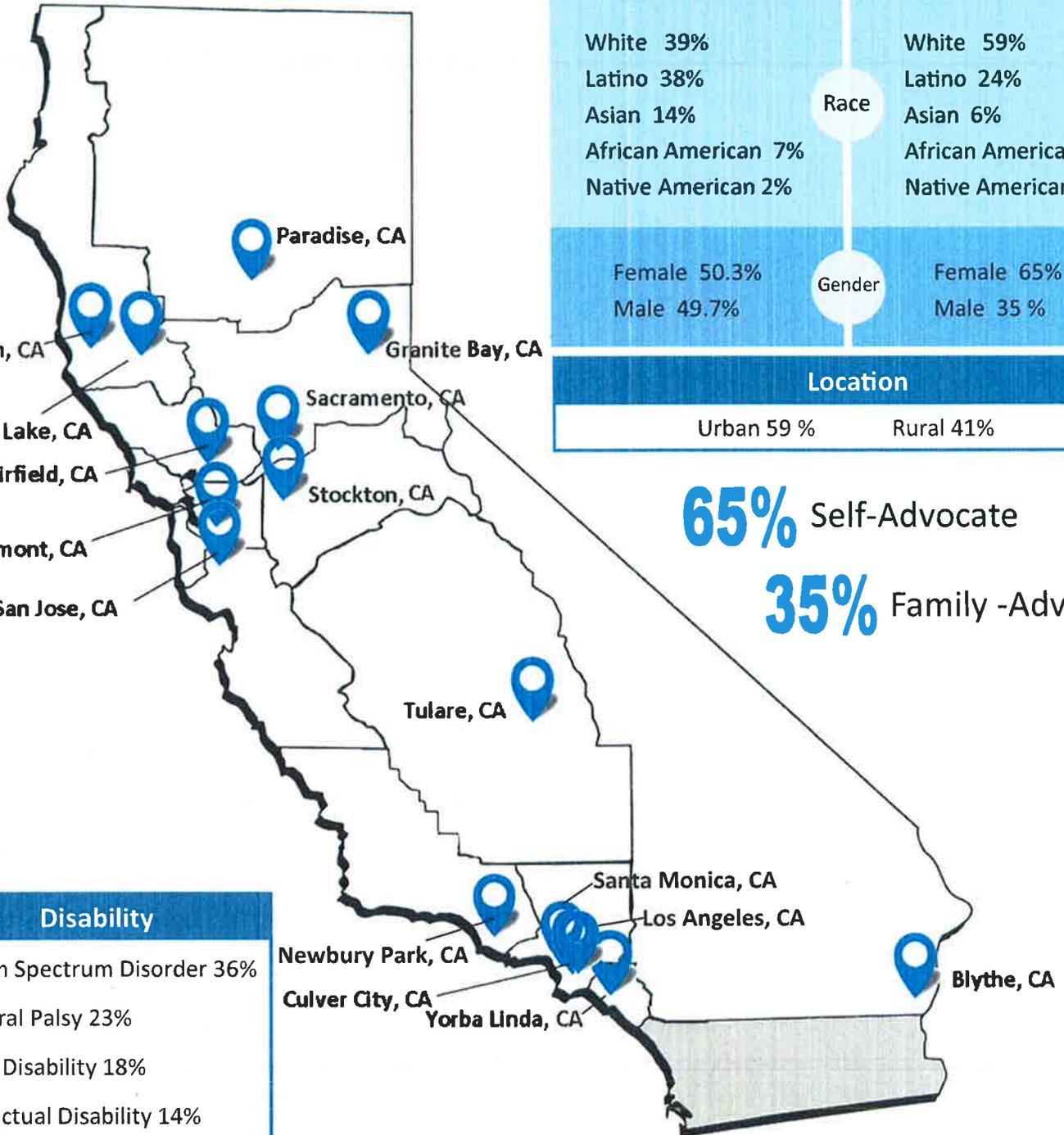
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Sec. 5 NOMINEES

Number of candidates forwarded to the Governor's Office for consideration: 3

Who Are Our Council Members

Non-Agency
March 2015



California

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

SCDD

White 59%
Latino 24%
Asian 6%
African American 12%
Native American 0%

Race

Gender

Female 50.3%
Male 49.7%

Female 65%
Male 35%

Location

Urban 59%

Rural 41%

65% Self-Advocate

35% Family -Advocate

Disability

Autism Spectrum Disorder 36%
Cerebral Palsy 23%
Other Disability 18%
Intellectual Disability 14%
Epilepsy 9%

Note: Map displays SCDD regions

Shaded areas display unrepresented regions

**REQUESTING
TO SERVE ON
THE STATE
COUNCIL**

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: San Diego
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: White

Eligible for vacant council seat:

- San Diego 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

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: Los Angeles
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: Hispanic or Latino, White

Eligible for vacant council seat: - Los Angeles Region

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

Advocacy and Policy (As a sister and a service provider, I see the need for collaboration for updated policies that address the needs of the client and the provider);

Research (As a trained Neuroscientist and Behavior Analyst, I am fully aware of the important of evidence-based practices and the need to continually investigate various methods of intervention, policy, and family systems support)

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

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

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

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

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Phone: REDACTED
Race: White

Eligible for vacant council seat:

- San Diego Region
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

No

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

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

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

My interest 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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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?"

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.

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

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.

**REQUESTING
TO SERVE ON
BOTH THE
STATE COUNCIL
AND THE RAC**

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

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: San Diego
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: White

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

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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Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: San Diego
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race:

Eligible for vacant council seat:

- San Diego 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?"

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.

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: Santa Clara
Email: REDACTED
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.

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 your committee.

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Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: Los Angeles
Email: REDACTED
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.

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: San Diego
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: White

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

I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

No

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

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

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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Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: San Diego
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: Hispanic or Latino

Eligible for vacant council seat: - San Diego 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?"

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.

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

Eligible for vacant council seat: - At Large 1

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

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

No

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

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

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

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.

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:

- San Diego 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 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.

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: San Diego
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: Black / Latina

Eligible for vacant council seat: - San Diego 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?"

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?

Initially, as the parent of extremely premature, developmentally-disabled twins. Later, as an advocate for the twins which took very different directions. One twin with support, left Regional Center and all service and was able to graduate from UC Davis last year. All subsequent support came from family members. The other twin, a participant with Regional Center and receiving other support, is able to live on his own and successfully participate in a work program. In spite of numerous challenges, he has achieved his goal of living independently.

Over time I have been an advocate for my children and other families. Co-directed Parent-to-Parent of San Diego County. I also, volunteered in mediating cases (I am an inactive member of the CA Bar), I volunteered at UCSD hospital, volunteered at my children's schools and offered free translation services to families in need. It has all been very low-key and organic. People called me as needed and I would help. A social worker friend who worked with San Diego Unified school district would refer families to me (no charge) for advice and to share my experiences and suggest strategies. Basically, people helping people. Non-confrontational, logical, calm and constructive.

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

First early education and appropriate intervention. Second, achieving as much independence as possible for each developmentally-disabled person. Third, providing advocacy (in formal and informal ways) for each person to be able to achieve the best quality of life and independence possible. Fourth, assist in creating a cooperative and collaborative environment for all involved in which families recognize their level of responsibility and involvement and agencies and support partners recognize and respect all players as equal participants in the process.

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 assisting and supporting my sons and individual families informally during the last twenty-seven years. I write letters, fill out surveys, attend meetings, advocate, go to our legislative forums, participate in different activities, attend board meetings and most of all talk with families and share information informally. Now, that all my children moved out successfully (my 21 y.o. started college last year), I can turn my attention to looking at how actual policy is set, how priorities are determined and perhaps provide some input based on my personal experience as to what is needed in order to be effective.

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

My strengths are:

- A great understanding of the process involved in raising children with developmental disabilities (both my own and as shared by others)
- A rational/logical, incisive mind
- An empathic (but not sympathetic) heart. Compassionate
- Great public speaker
- Mediation ability
- Collaborative/Constructive/Cooperative Mindset and Outlook
- A great love of family and country
- Dedicated & self-motivated (my locus of identity is inward)
- Extremely hard working and tendency toward perfectionism though I strive to keep that in check

-Global perspective in that I look at the overall, long-term effects and potential impact of decisions and actions

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: Sonoma
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

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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San Diego Region
At large 1

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON
SAN DIEGO IMPERIAL REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

According to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 4548 (Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act): "Regional advisory committees established shall, at the request of the state council do all of the following:

- (a) Advise the state council and its regional office on local issues and identify and provide input regarding local systemic needs within its community;
- (b) Provide input and be a source of data for the state council to consider in the formulation of the state plan.
- (c) Provide public information programs for consumers, families, professional groups, and for the general public to increase professional and public awareness of areas identified in the state plan.
- (d) Engage in other activities as requested by the state council."

Applications for membership will be accepted on an ongoing basis and will be kept on file for two years. If openings become available, you may be contacted.

Name: _____ **REDACTED** _____

Phone (home): _____ **REDACTED** _____

Phone (cell): _____ **REDACTED** _____

Email: _____ **REDACTED** _____

Home Address: _____ **REDACTED** _____

City: _____ San Diego _____ Zip Code: _92120 _____

Employer (if applicable): retired - from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest

Occupation: _____ Project Manager _____

Phone (work): _____ N/A _____

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Please check whichever applies:

I am a person who has a developmental disability.

I am a (*former*) parent, relative, guardian or conservator of a child or adult who has a developmental disability.

I am a community representative.

Are you employed by or on the board of any organization that provides services to persons with developmental disabilities?

Yes. If yes, which one: _____

No

Do you or your family member receive services from a regional center?

Yes. If yes, which one: _____

No

I have knowledge of the following disabilities (please check all that apply):

Autism

Cerebral Palsy

Down Syndrome

Epilepsy

Intellectual Disabilities (*Primarily this*)

Learning Disabilities

Mental Illness

Other (Please specify: _____)

Optional: To help assure that all people served by the Regional Advisory Committee are represented, please choose one or more of the following choices that best describes your ethnicity:

African American

American Indian

Asian

Caucasian

Hispanic

Other (Please specify: _____)

Decline to state

Are you a member of any parent groups, self-advocacy groups, service clubs or professional organizations (Please specify):

not currently but we started a parent group 20+ years ago when we lived in Lancaster, CA

Why do you want to serve as a Committee Member of the San Diego Imperial Regional Advisory Committee? (Use extra paper if needed.)

See attached page.

List 2 or 3 of the top issues or hot topics that you feel the developmental services system is currently facing or that need improvement? (Use extra paper if needed.)

1. I would say that preparing for an aging population of people with development disabilities is an issue, especially for those living with parents or older relatives but also in terms of providing quality support and care, generally.
2. The employment rate for people with developmental disabilities, especially for those with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities, is still a significant problem that requires renewed efforts to solve.
3. I imagine that new initiatives such as the Employment First Law and the Self-Determination Option are also issues.

Please list 2 people who know you well that can provide a personal and/or professional reference:

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Phone: _____

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Phone: _____

Please send this application with a resumé to:

Mary Ellen Stives
State Council on Developmental Disabilities –San Diego Imperial Office
8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 250
Questions? Call 619-688-3323

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!

**REQUESTING
TO SERVE ON
REGIONAL
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
(RAC)**

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: Riverside
Email: REDACTED
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 Regional Advisory Committee

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

I have been a longtime self-advocate and have also been employed in the past as one of the consumer advocates for Inland Regional Center.

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

I have presented to other self-advocates on healthy relationships, education and getting involved in your community.

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

I have worked with Vicki Smith at the San Bernardino office and have done presentations for their office for other self-advocates and I would like to serve on the regional advisory committee to help them keep in touch with what the issues are for adults in the area.

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

Not only am I a self-advocate, but I have served as a peer-advocate when I was employed by Inland Regional Center as one of the consumer advocates. I've also presented as a peer-advocate to the community on several issues and have been part of a team of folks with disabilities that would travel to Sacramento to meet their legislators. I think I'm a guy who is easy to get along with but firm in ensuring that people with developmental disabilities be heard and that their rights be upheld.

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: San Diego, CA
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: White

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

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

As a person with a developmental disability, I have personally experienced my fair share of hurdles, and had to become a self-advocate to get what I need. I also encountered the issues that other people were having and I realized that I was much better off than many others. As a result, I was inspired to become an advocate for others where I can use my experiences and knowledge to better some of the challenges that people with developmental disabilities face.

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

The primary interests I have in this field and service system are: Improved Transportation Network for people with developmental disabilities, Improved funding for day programs so that clients receive more individual attention from resource counselors; and Improved funding for new programs that better the lives of 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:

As someone who was worked to with developmentally disabled, I would love the opportunity to bring my experiences and leadership skills to the committee to help bring about the changes that I believe the community needs.

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

I bring passion, commitment, and a level of experience that not a lot of other people have in this area of the field.

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

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

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.

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: San Diego
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: Asian, White

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 Regional Advisory Committee

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

I have a son with Autism. I have served on Area Board XIII since July of 2010. I am the acting director of Parents Advocating Together, a 501 (c) (3) , which supports parents with training and peer to peer support in attending IEPs an IPPs. We are all volunteers and parents are not charged for services. PAT is strictly supported by private donations. I also have run a Parent support group, every second Wednesday of the month to support the current needs of our local community since 2010. We invite professionals to work directly with the parents or the consumers that attend our group at no cost.

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

My interest in the field of developmental disability is ensuring that parents and consumers have their choices in employment, and living situations. I believe in inclusion, and have started a inclusion program at the stable which allows the child or the consumer to ride with others at the ranch without the label of therapeutic. I believe in inviting the community to support us, in breaking down barriers and to embrace the natural supports that we are blessed to have in such a large

community here in San Diego. In summary my intrust are: Transition, Employment, Self-Determination, Person Centered Planing, Inclusion and housing and supports to support the consumers needs, especially the ones with behaviors.

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 Regional Advisory Committee so I can continue to be a voice for the parents and the consumers in our community. My strengths are in building relationships and teams. I believe that I my experiences as a parent of a child with Autism and that of an Advocate will benefit the Regional Advisory Committee.

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

My strengths are in people building. I am known in the many school districts as a fair advocate who is child focused and works on building a team to support the child's needs. Another one of my strengths is teaching and educating people and inviting people to assist. I am not shy about sharing my journey with others and I am not afraid of lending a hand in helping others navigate through their own experiences. My goal is to empower them to ensure that their goals and that of their child is met.

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

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

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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Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: San Diego
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: American Indian/Native Alaskan, Asian

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

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

My interest in the developmental disability field and service system developed after my son Eric was diagnosed PDD-NOS which later was changed to Autism Spectrum Disorder. He is now 24 years of age and it has been an uphill journey advocating for services and benefits.

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 are transition services, supported living, vocational opportunities, etc...

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 the State Council on Developmental Disabilities or one of its Regional 'Advisory Committees because we can make a difference in the lives of this population by providing a larger voice amplifying their requested needs and supporting their desire to life fulfilled.

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

The strengths I would bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee would be tenacity, passion, and first hand knowledge of raising a child with a developmental disability to adulthood.

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County of Residence: Orange
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Phone: REDACTED REDACTED
Race: White

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

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.

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

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

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

I was born with a developmental disability and have been a regional center consumer for long time.

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

I want to know that people are being treated fairly and with respect.

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

I can provide knowledge of how it is to live in this community as a disabled person.

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

I know the area and many of the people served by the North Coast Regional Center.