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MEMBERSHIP COMMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2017

Members Present	Members Absent	Others Attending
April Lopez (Chair, FA)	Charles Nutt (SA)	Gabriel Rogin
Sandra Smith (FA)		Jenny Yang
David Forderer (SA)		Debbie Marshall
		Wayne Glusker
		Sonya Bingaman

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Chairperson April Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:20 am.

2. **ESTABLISH QUORUM**
   A quorum was established.

3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**
   Everyone present introduced themselves.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   There was no public comment.

5. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 29, 2015 MINUTES**
   It was moved/seconded (Smith (FA)/Forderer (SA) and carried to approve the OCTOBER 29, 2015 Membership Committee minutes.

6. **APPOINTMENT AND VACANCIES TRACKING FORM**
   Chef Deputy Director (A) Gabriel Rogin reviewed the Tracking Form and noted that there are three vacancies on the council: One San Diego, one at-large and one at-large institution.

7. **DEMOGRAPHIC MAP**
   Chef Deputy Director (A) Gabriel Rogin reviewed the Demographic Map and noted that due to recent changes to the council, the percentage of Asian

individuals has gone up while the percentage of Latino individuals has gone down.

8. **REVIEW COUNCIL CANDIDATES**
The Committee reviewed all the applications from the San Diego region and they reviewed some of the at-large applications. After a thorough review, they decided to interview five candidates for San Diego, application code numbers 4,12, 14, 15, and 17. The committee plans to finish reviewing Council at large candidates at the next meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING DATE**
The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm. The committee agreed to meet for two full days. The first day will be devoted to interviewing the San Diego applicants and finishing the review of the at-large applications. The second day will be devoted to reviewing applications for Regional Advisory Committees.

Appointment and Vacancy Tracking Form

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At Large Institution	VACANT (July 2014)						
At Large 1	VACANT (June 2014)						
At Large 2	April Lopez (parent advocate)	2/2/2012	5/22/2013	1/1/2016			
At Large 3	Jenny Ning Yang (self-advocate)	8/19/2013	1/2/2015	1/2/2018			
At Large 4	Kecia Weller (self-advocate)	7/11/2012	5/22/2013	1/1/2016			
At Large 5	VACANT (November 2015)						
At Large 6	Steven Kapp (self-advocate)	4/30/2014		1/1/2017			
North Coast Region	Robert M. Taylor (self-advocate)	7/18/2014	1/21/2016	1/21/2019			
North State Region	Charles Harmon-Nutt (self-advocacy)	11/26/2014	1/21/2026	1/21/2019			
Sacramento Region	Sandra Smith (parent advocate)	2/3/2014	1/21/2016	1/21/2019			
North Bay Region	Kraig "Max" Duley (parent advocate)	2/19/2010	5/15/2013	1/1/2015			

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Bay Area Region	Francis Lau (parent advocate)	6/22/2015		6/22/2018			
N. Valley Hills Region	Kerstin Williams (self-advocate)	7/6/2010		1/1/2012			
Silicon Valley-Monterey Region	David Forderer (self-advocate)	7/11/2012	4/30/2014	1/1/2017			
Sequoia Region	Rebecca Donabed (self-advocate)	1/7/2013	1/2/2015	1/2/2018			
Central Coast Region	Sandra Aldana (self-advocate)	3/17/2015		3/17/2018			
Los Angeles Region	Jay Lytton self-advocate)	3/17/2015		3/17/2018			
Orange County Region	Jacqueline Phan Nguyen	1/21/2016		1/21/2019			
San Bernardino Region	Carmela Garnica (parent advocate)	1/7/2013	5/1/2014	1/1/2017			
San Diego Imperial Region	VACANT (February 2016)						
Dept. of Rehabilitation	Joe Xavier, Director Elena Gomez, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
Dept. of Education	Tom Torlakson, Director Daniel Boomer, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				

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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	Michael Wilkening, Director (A) Eric Gelber, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
Dept. of Health Care Services	Jennifer Kent, Director Michele Villados, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
Disability Rights CA	Catherine Blakemore, Director	Ongoing	Ongoing				
University Center for Excellence UCLA	Olivia Raynor, Director Wilbert Francis, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
University Center for Excellence USC	Larry Yin, Director (A)	Ongoing	Ongoing				
University Center for Excellence UCD	Robin Hansen, Director	Ongoing	Ongoing				
Non-Governmental Agency/Group Concerned with Services to Persons with DD	Janelle Lewis	7/11/2012	1/2/2015	1/2/2018			

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

REVIEW COUNCIL CANDIDATES

San Diego

CANDIDATES

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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Race: White

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- 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?

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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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County of Residence: San Diego
Race:

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

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

No

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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.

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

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

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 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 siignificant progress in this area. Although we have come a long way, we still need to perservere!

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 thatl would be an asset to you commitee.

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Race: Hispanic or Latino

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- At Large 1

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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.

Application Code #: 012

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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County of Residence: San Diego
Race: **Hispanic or Latino**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
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- At Large 1

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County of Residence: Los Angeles
Race: **Hispanic or Latino**

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- At Large 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Race: White

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

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

A deep knowledge of disabilities both professionally and how it impacts the lives of families; a knowledge of how different cultural groups accept (or don't) people with disabilities - having worked with families on the Colville Reservation,

spending 6 years working as a birth-to-three teachers serving children and families who were migrant workers, living and working (in special education) in Morocco for 3 years, and being the parent of African-American (now adult) children and developing personal and professional connections within the African-American community here in San Diego. As well, I have personal skills to bring to "the table" - being the coordinator/lead of SDUSD's dispute resolution team.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Because it helps the people out who are disabled.

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I am a: representative of the general public

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

No

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

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

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

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

MY PHILOSOPHY:

Inclusion and Collaboration Go Hand-in-Hand:

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

Every Student has unique qualities:

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

Education Should Be Individualized:

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

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

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

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

People with developmental disabilities is my life. I have cousin who is 21 years old with Autism Spectrum Disorder and he is nonverbal. His mother is my Godsister. I have many years of bonding with adults with disabilities who I worked side-by-side

with at Goodwill of Orange County. Many training and supported employment programs have decreased in funding and support, which leaves them sitting home at their board and care. This makes me sad and I want to be an integral part of a committee to help empower them and have their lives be productive to increase their self-esteem and happiness. The best part of helping people with developmental disabilities that I miss at Goodwill was the clients/students simply telling me, "Thank You" and "I Love You Lori."

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

- Curriculum Development
- Instruction Development
- Leadership/Supervision
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Developmental Disabilities
- Physical and Cognitive Disabilities
- Mental Health/Crisis Intervention
- Communication Skills Training
- Customer Service Skills Training
- Computer Software Applications Training
- Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
- CEC Knowledge and Skillsets
- Inclusion, Collaboration, Technology and Ethics
- Value Diverse Cultural and Ethnic Backgrounds
- Value Persons from Socioeconomic Backgrounds
- Occupational Skills Training
- Disability Awareness Training
- Evaluation of Academic Deficiencies
- Case Management/Counseling
- Score and Interpret Assessments
- Interview and Assessment of Reading and Math
- Develop and Monitor Individual Work Plan (IWP)
- Produce Monthly Progress Reports for 40+ Students
- Collaboration with Agency Partners
- Behavior Plan Development
- Functional Behavior Analysis
- elearning and ePorfolio Technology

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: ORANGE
Region: Orange
Race: **White**

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

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I think I could make a difference

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

Housing and funding efforts to support the disabled.

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

To help mitigate the deplorable condition of the less fortunate .

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

No info provided.

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

No info provided.

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

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

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Orange
Region: Orange
Race: **Asian**

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

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

My interest, knowledge and passion for the developmental disability field and service system came when 911 and Hurricane Katrina occured. 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 Austim. 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; and passionate for the special needs population

Name: REDACTED
Address: REDACTED
County of Residence: San Luis Obispo
Region: Central Coast
Email: REDACTED
Phone: REDACTED
Race: Hispanic or Latino

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?

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

As a caregiver, and now an adoptive parent of a child with a rare-form of genetic disorder. My journey has not been easy. Cade was born on June 5, 1998 and appeared normal. The first seizure occurred when he was 3 months old. We had no idea the extent of his disability or what we were going to be facing down the road. We just knew, in order to help him and others like him I needed to educate myself about his developmental disabilities and genetic disorder.

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

My interest is working together in a collaborative effort with dedicated groups and building positive approachs that will enhance the quality of life 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:

We all have reasons why we should serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. My reason is simple. Advocate for Advocacy. Bring awareness and help build consensus. Don't look away and stay focuson the the Mission and Goals for those we passionately serve with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

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

I bring passion, dedication and resilience with emphasis on teamwork with finding solutions to remedy situations that might arise for our individuals we serve. Staying focused on Community needs and commitment to our State Council.

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leadership,Hard Work,Sincerity and Generosity.

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

My strengths are talking and speaking up for what I believe is right and self advocacy.
This form was completed online by Sonya Bingaman, SCDD Sacramento Manager, on behalf of Sheryl.

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1
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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I have served on the Contra Costa Developmental Disability Council for a number of terms, beginning when my daughter was a child. Currently, I am the liaison from that Council to a coalition which works for legislative and policy changes called the East Bay Legislative Coalition.
In addition to attending meetings of the Co.Co.DD Council, I attend all meetings of the Alameda DD Council to keep abreast of our sister council's work. I am currently serving as a member of The East Bay Criminal Justice Committee, and the East Bay Employment Task Force.
My term of service on the former Area Board 5 Board of Directors has just expired. I have served multiple terms on the Board, and committees, including the mini-grant and membership committees.
I have been deeply involved in interviewing and selecting our current East Bay leadership. I have served both on the committee which selected our Director of the RCEB, Jim Burton, and our current Office Manager of the Bay Area Office of the SCDD, Gabriel Rogin. Last, I have served on the committee which selected our past staff to the Contra Costa DD Council, John Rodriguez.

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large 1

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name: REDACTED
County of Residence: Orange
Region: Orange
Race: White

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

I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

High IQ adults with learning disabilities.

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

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

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

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

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Los Angeles
Region: Los Angeles
Race: **Hispanic or Latino**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large

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 contracted polio when I was 11 months old. This happened in Mexico in 1947. I immigrated with my parents when I was five years old. I attend it orthopedic clinics and had six major post polio surgeries. I attended a Sspecial Eeducation Hhigh School Sschool were I met my first wife who had a twin that had Down's syndrome. I was appointed to the State Council on developmental disabilities by Governor Jerry Brown during his first term in office. I served as chairman of the Council for have 4 1/2 years.

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

Before my first appointment to the State Council I had a son with down syndrome who is now 41 years old. I was chairman during the time that California passed many of the state laws that now serve the rights of people with developmental disabilities. I was chairman at the time when we expand it community services and reduced dramatically the number of people and state hospitals.

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

With my personal background in dealing with disabilities both personally and with my son I think that I have a special inside to look at the current system.

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

I have also had a career that included 40 years of healthcare management in private and public hospitals. During his years I have been very involved as a volunteer included in statewide projects and programs at the federal level. I have had much success with my own physical development and have contributed to my son's development and in his future. I can bring to the State Council personal experience in my development and in the development of policies and programs for The developmentally disabled.

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

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

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

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

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!

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: San Joaquin
Region: North Valley Hills

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large

Race: **Hispanic or Latino**

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

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

Years ago, after graduating from University, I began working at a day program for adults with severe disabilities. Many of our consumers had grown up in the state hospital setting. The day program was their first experience outside of the highly institutionalized setting. This experience inspired me to pursue a career in special education. I gained a teaching credential and Master's degree in Special Education and began teaching learners with exceptional needs. I have taught learners from birth to 22 who experience a variety of challenges. It is my passion and purpose to serve individuals with special needs.

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

I am an advocate for individuals who experience severe and profound disabilities. I am passionate about the use of technology and assistive technology. I am very concerned about the promotion of self advocacy from a young age and the continuum of services post public education.

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

As a teacher, I am able to impact the students in my class and support my fellow teachers. However, having taught for over twenty years, I feel as though I have more to offer than I am able to give in my immediate educational environment. I would also like to expand my scope of experience beyond the public education setting. A child's educational experience is important but it is just one aspect of a very multidimensional life that each person lives. I would like to facilitate a maximized life experience beyond the school setting.

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

I feel as though serving individuals with disabilities is my life calling. I have been drawn to this service and have grown as an individual and educator over the last 20 years. The most amazing people I have met in my life have been those individuals I have had the opportunity to serve. As a professional, I bring strong, task oriented skills with a varied background of experience. I am eager to learn and contribute on a larger scale than I currently serve.

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

I am the parent of two children, including a 13 year old with a significant developmental disability.

When my son was young and newly diagnosed, my efforts pertained to getting the education and supports needed to help with his development.

Much of my time was spent learning, and advocating for my son, while educating others regarding his disability.

Soon I found myself expanding my scope, hoping make a difference not only for my child, but for the many others with developmental disabilities who may not have, or assert, a voice.

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

All areas. Children with developmental disabilities become adults with developmental disabilities. I believe affected children and adults should be given the supports and services needed to establish the same rights, freedoms, and independence, as others. These needs should be recognized and addressed by our society and government considering all stages of life, from childhood issues (such as medical care, therapy, education, etc.) , through adult issues (such as medical care, housing, employment, transportation, etc.), for ALL impacted individuals regardless of race, religion, or other demographic differences.

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

I'd like to help give a voice to those who may not have, or assert, one. It is morally and socially incumbent upon us to consider the developmentally disabled, and what they may need to live satisfying and productive lives, and work to support those needs. Unfortunately all too often, this does not take place. I'd like to serve on the SCDD, or continue serving on the RAC, to further my efforts and work in raising awareness of, and reaching solutions for, the developmental disabilities community, with their unique and complex challenges and needs. We need to "raise the bar" ---- the developmental disabilities community should not be an after-thought, but instead be proactively considered, and appropriately supported and accommodated, in all areas, as our society and government move forward into the future.

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

My strength is the ability to work with others, in considering multi-faceted, complex situations and issues, and achieving a desired outcome.
My education, business experience, and proven commitment to advocacy, all support my dedication and work in this area.
In summary:

I grew up in southern California, and graduated from UCLA. I know the greater Los Angeles and Southern California area and communities well.
I have extensive experience working for a large insurance company, and have been a manger there for many years. As a manager , I have worked with company officers, department heads, and entry level employees, alike. I supervise many employees and handle and resolve everything from individual personnel issues, to team challenges, to working with and across multiple-departments to reach and exceed desired results.

As it pertains to advocacy, my actions support my passion in this area. I have attended and participated in numerous lectures, conferences and events. I am a graduate of the 2009 Partners in Policy making program for Los Angeles County (an eight month leadership training program, sponsored by the California Collaborative, and based upon a grant from the SCDD). I've been involved in limited press, including being featured, or quoted, in various articles. I've also done limited public speaking , such as being the featured speaker at a Regional Center orientation meeting for sibling support groups. Most notably, I was honored to be the closing speaker, sharing my family's personal experiences with my son's disability and successes, for a large auditorium, media- covered, event. My speech closed out the

event following speeches by six politicians, including the Los Angeles mayor and a county supervisor.
In February 2012 I was appointed by Governor Brown to serve on Area Board 10 (this three-year appointment term ended 1/1/2015). At this time I continue to serve in this capacity, currently as Chairperson, for what is now known as the Regional Advisory Committee for the SCDD Los Angeles regional office. Over the last three years, I have been a dedicated and active member of AB10/LA-RAC. I also served in multiple other capacities including working on executive, grants, and nominations committees. Throughout 2014, I worked on a committee, where we successfully recruited, interviewed, and appointed self and family advocates to serve on Self-Determination Advisory Committees for all seven Regional Centers in our catchment area. In addition, I am an active member of the SCDD Legislative and Public Policy committee.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: san Mateo
Region: Bay Area
Race: White

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large

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?

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.

Name: REDACTED
County of Residence: Orange
Region: Orange
Race: White

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

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

Service provision and the evaluation of gate keeping agencies.

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

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

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

I am a Certified Mediator and willing to listen carefully to many sides of issues. I hold a PhD in Public Policy and Administration from a state institution and focus my reactions to information based as much as possible on information and statistics as possible. I have worked in and around government for many years and have no desire to fill an elected position.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Yolo
Region: Sacramento

Race: **White**

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

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

No

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

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

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

My awareness of the developmental disability field began with my son's diagnosis of autism at age 3 1/2. He is now 33 years old, so we have had many years of experience with the system. We also have received services through 2 regional centers (Orange County and Alta) and in 4 counties (Orange, Sacramento, El Dorado & Yolo).

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

Greater emphasis on treating persons with developmental disabilities with respect for their individual needs and strengths. Elimination of the use of the term retardation at all levels. Development of an occupational life skill program that provides a process for adults with developmental disabilities similar to the successful OLS program at Bellevue College in Washington.

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

Ideally, to bring about change. Our experience with various service providers demonstrates the profound need to expand the general view and characterization of people with developmental disabilities. It is not and should not be a one size fits all approach. It is not only possible, but should be mandatory to provide an approach to services and supports that recognizes the needs and strengths of the person receiving services. Like many families and professionals in California we have seen first hand the benefit of the Social Thinking program developed by Michelle Garcia Winner. I would like to see more flexibility and emphasis on funding programs that work rather than funding bloated bureaucratic organizations that have no practical benefit to the person receiving services.

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

A strong desire to advocate and bring about a forward thinking approach that honors and respects those served as individuals with developmental disabilities. Thank you

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento

Race: **White**

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?

At 18 years-old, I began working with Children that have autism as an in-home therapist. I fell in love with the children and watching them learn and grow, teaching and supporting their parents, and helping to bridge the gap between home and school services and goals.
Over the last 12 years, I have worked with individuals with various developmental disabilities, and I am passionate about helping them to lives with as much independence and happiness as possible.

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

My areas of interest in the field of developmental disabilities ranges from advocating individual rights in the community, educational rights in the school setting, increasing their independence with social, communication, and functional skills, parent training on decreasing problem behaviors and increasing deficits, and helping others be aware of the community resources available in the area.

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 involved with the State Council and Regional Advisory committees to help advocate for those with Developmental Disabilities, and promote a high quality of life by ensuring they receive access to fair and equal opportunities that the general population has access to. I look forward to working with others as a team to inspire new ideas and problem-solve areas of concern. At the very least, I look to help support this community that I am so passionate about.

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

On an personal level, I am a positive, caring and honest individual that wants to help others. I can work independently, as well as cohesively when on a team.
On a professional level, I am able to communicate effectively in written and oral formats, and am comfortable speaking to large groups. I have a solid educational background in the field, with a BS in Psychology, an MA in Teaching, and I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.
I have worked with over 7 local school districts and with both Alta and North Bay Regional centers, attending IEP, IPP/IFSP meetings to collaborate on appropriate goals for individuals with disabilities, and am aware of local resources in the greater Sacramento area.
Lastly, I have a flexible personality that can easily adapt to different tasks. I enjoy working with others and meeting new people who share a common goal of helping others.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: Northridge
Region: Los Angeles

Race: White

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

I became aware of the State Council while serving as a member of the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) for the Department of Rehabilitation. I am very impressed with the goals and mission of the the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and now that my term is finished with the SRC, I would like to offer my knowledge, expertise and commitment to an organization that I believe in.

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

Individuals with developmental disabilities have the right for self determination, independence, productivity and inclusion. My personal and employment life has been committed to helping people with disabilities succeed. I have a strong background in creating opportunities for independence and inclusion for persons with developmental disabilities in the field of employment. I have also dedicated my life to working closely with parents and giving them the knowledge and hope that their children can succeed, live independently and overcome barriers to become fully productive in society.

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

I would be honored to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. As I previously mentioned, I believe in the purpose and value of your mission. I also have seen what can be accomplished serving on the State Rehabilitation Council in partnership with the Department of Rehabilitation. The opportunity to serve on the DD Council would give me the opportunity to learn and contribute to the success of the council.

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

I have over 35 years working in the field of disability employment. My related history started while I was in graduate school as a floor supervisor at a sheltered workshop, where I then continued as a psychiatric social worker. In addition, I was the executive director of a statewide non profit employment disability organization for 8 years. In 1983, I started Milt Wright & Associates, Inc which is a business committed to bridging the gap between people with disabilities and work. We became known as the leading experts in the country on helping organizations and employers overcome attitudinal barriers that keep people with disabilities from succeeding. We wrote all of the ADA materials for the Society of Human Resource Management and their 250,000 members.
My work on the Department of Rehabilitation's as the planning and policy chair, vice chair and chair of the State Rehabilitation Council has helped me understand the inner workings of a state council. In addition, I have had many years working with family members of persons with developmental disabilities. It would be a true honor to bring my strengths and knowledge to support the council.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento

Race: **American Indian/Native Alaskan, White**

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

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

Yes

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

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
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 son started having seizures at 5 months of age. He is now 8 years old and in the special education program at Sacramento Unified School District. He is in a good place now, but I worry about what his quality of life will be in the future and how he can have a fulfilling life despite his disability. I want him and all people with disabilities to have an opportunity to make a difference in the world and make a real contribution.

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

Education and awareness. It is time for this country to accept all types of people. We have made great progress in accepting Gay marriage and transgender. I think America is ready to stop discriminating against developmentally disabled persons. They need to be recognized as citizens and integrated into our overall society.

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

I am a strong advocate for people's rights. I believe people will rise up to the expectations that are given to them. If we empower the developmentally disabled community, we will see great things from them. I want to educate the 99% of people that don't have a disability and inspire the 1% that do. We need to integrate these people into our overall society, not create separate programs that shut them out.

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

I am very organized and natural born leader. I am passionate about the cause. I have a long history of success in my professional life and I'm fortunate that my husband is able to support our family so that I can help our community in other ways. I would love the opportunity to use my skills and talents to have an impact on a larger scale in our community and beyond.

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

Race: **African- American, American Indian/Native Alaskan, 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?"

Yes

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

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

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

I am a parent of a child with special needs. My son has Autism.

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

Early Intervention, Education, Social Activities, and Transitions.

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

To help collaborate with the State and the community to understand some of the situations that families experience. I enjoy learning more and helping others.

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

I have been serving on the East San Gabriel Valley SELPA CAC Committee for the past 5 years by doing outreaches to families, providing trainings to families, professionals and the community about Autism, Special needs, Socialization, IEPs, Down Syndrome, and other topics. I also currently serve as the Chair to the CAC.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento

Race: **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 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 am the conservator and brother of an individual with special needs and I have been active in the community on various issues throughout my life. My community involvement paired with my experiences growing up and providing for an individual with developmental disabilities has driven my passion in the field.

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

I have a broad interest in the issues at large, however the majority of my passion and advocacy is directed toward the expansion of limited resources and protecting those resources currently available. I am a also a proponent of increased transparency, efficiency and responsiveness within agencies.

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 passionate about assisting those with developmental disabilities because of my personal experiences and my interest in the community. I often write letters, contact my representatives on issues and provide feedback to agencies. While being

active is a great way to help on issues, I believe I would be more useful in a formal capacity to an organization or committee.

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

My career background has given me excellent analytical skills and an ability to navigate various systems and resources quickly. This allows me to analyze policy quite well and could prove useful to the group. More importantly, throughout my life I have been alongside my special needs brother, growing into his conservator later in life. This first hand experience is invaluable to representing the public in any capacity, large or small. In addition I have previous, though limited, experience on advisory bodies by appointment.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Nevada County
Region: Sacramento

Race: **White**

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

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

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 now 12 yr old autistic son. Learning to navigate the variety of agencies and systems was a steep learning curve. I had worked in special education in a wide variety of settings for many years before my son was born so my experience with the disabled population is wide and varied.

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

As I am a special education advocate, educational advocacy is my passion. However I have volunteered in many different environments and levels of disability advocacy so I have interest in participating more fully in all fields.

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

I served on the Area Board VII for 2 1/2 years until a move to a different area in the state necessitated my resignation. I thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Board and learned so much. There is so much to learn from so many interesting people that I

would love the opportunity to work collaboratively again with like minded individuals.

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

My advocacy passion and experience is varied and well rounded. I founded a very successful parents advocacy group. I have served on the local CAC board, a SELPA autism program development committee, served as chair of ABVII, and have founded a successful special ed advocacy business that also helps families with Regional Center issues. I have attended hundreds of IEPs and IPPs. I believe myself to be open minded and willing and wanting to learn. I work well collaboratively in both small and large groups. I have a very good understanding of what it entails to handle confidential and personal information. I am dependable and timely. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento

Race: **African- American**

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

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

I became involved caring for several family members with autism to dementia related neurological disorders several years ago. Since then I have been educated in the field of healthcare attaining a CNA, HHA, RCFE Administrator's License and currently work as an in-home respite provider/personal assistant for several families that have encouraged me to pursue this position in hopes that their interests could be represented.

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

My interests in the field of developmental disability field and service system is diverse. Certainly I am encompassed on quality of care, safety, training, availability of services, implementation of services, needs of this community being addressed and being instrumental in identifying, developing and submitting viable solutions to address issues that are in need of alternative approaches to the benefit of the developmentally disabled community and their families.

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

After years of personal experience, research, education and hearing first hand from the developmentally disabled community and their families, I have learned from so many what their challenges, frustrations, desires and ideas are regarding how the system could work more efficiently to address their needs.
All of my clients based on my empathetic understanding of their situations have encouraged me to pursue serving on State Council including one of my long term clients Jane Taylor whom presently serves on a RAC Committe

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

My life is extensively encompassed around caregiving to include following current legislation, knowing the law, excellent verbal/written communication skills, excellent public speaking and organizational skills. Working well and effectively with others comprehending information are also skills I possess.
I have a desire to make a difference in improving on an ever evolving system in need of an advocate who will represent the needs of the community and possess the experience, education and determination to be an innovative asset to your organization.
Thank you for the opportunity to communicate with you and I look forward to your reply.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: San Bernardino
Region: San Bernardino

Race: Hispanic or Latino

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

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

This is an issue which is close to my heart, as my youngest son, of 10 years old has down syndrome. I am also an educator of special needs students for over 15 years.

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

To ensure there are adequate services and resources available for people with disabilities to have a full, complete and independent life as well as gainful employment, to the best of there abilities.

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

I believe people with disabilities should have a major role and be the decision makers to determine how the funds they receive are designated to support their needs in their day to day living activities.

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

My education in teaching youth with disabilities, combined with my own personal experience of raising a child with a developmental disability.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento

Race: Asian, White

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

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

Yes

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

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
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 daughter was identified as being developmentally delayed at age 15 months and received early intervention services through Alta Regional and then transitioned to the public school system. She has been diagnosed with ADD, dyscalculia and dysgraphia - she has always been mainstreamed with support through the IEP process. At age 13-1/2 a second round of genetic testing revealed she has 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome which has more long-term implications in terms of her education, independence and mental health. We are a new phase as she enters high school. Area Board 3 has provided support to our family in the past.

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

I feel it's important that parents and caregivers are informed about their rights and the rights of their children to receive public education and other services. Our family learned learned by happenstance and asking questions and I feel this information should be more readily available and available in a format that is understandable to those who are already grappling with the challenges of a special needs child/family member.

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

I am the parent of a special needs child and family with the work of Area Board 3 and, just recently, an employed at a Family Resource Center. I believe it's important to empower parents/caregivers and those with disabilities who are able to advocate for themselves. I have the personal background and desire to improve the system for all.

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

I am college educated with a background in professional journalism and am dedicated to learning anything I can that will help my own child be as independent and successful as possible.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Kern
Region: Sequoia

Race: **Hispanic or Latino, White**

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

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

No

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

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

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

I am the parent of a child with cerebral palsy. I have seen his accomplishments and supported him through failures. I have seen people with love, fierce hope and the purest of intention join in the fight to help him achieve his dreams and meet his goals, only to have them meet the obstacles of limited funding and inaccessibility. I have filtered through layers of discrimination applied to non-ambulatory individuals, individuals with limited cognitive function or individuals identified as "uncontrollable". In an effort to educate myself regarding the needs and level of services available to my son and others like him, I became an educational assistant in the local school district for the Special Education Program. I worked in this field for four years before accepting other responsibilities within the school district which allowed me to support students with disabilities in other areas. I continued my education and soon accepted a position as a social worker for child welfare services where I learned that the incidence of abuse reporting increased greatly if the child was identified as having a disability. Further effort to discover services and programs which may assist individuals with disabilities led me to accept social worker positions in the CalWORKs Program and with Adult Protective Services/In Home Supportive Services. I see definite progress in the direction California is heading and would be honored to share my insight and experience with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

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

Self-Determination Program, Employment First and post-secondary education opportunities for adults graduating high school.

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 part of the movement, part of the vision for California's future, a future that returns dignity and independence to individuals with disabilities. A vision that respects the rights of all people and renews faith in the ability to attain the ideal known as the "American Dream", a dream which espouses the idea that anyone can reach their goals with a little hard work and sacrifice. This dream remains out of reach for people who require additional assistance to simply meet their basic human needs, needs able-bodied individuals never have to consider, but with support and clear guidelines from our state government, these dreams can be realized.

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

I bring real life experience and a heartfelt wish to see all members of our state living a life of their own choice. I am deeply interested in creating opportunities for individuals and in creating a community of inclusion, where all members are seen as people, where disabilities become different abilities and all persons are accepted for who they are without reservation.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento

Race: **African- American**

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 am a parent of a child with a disability, and I am an advocate for families with children with disabilities. I have current student in the k-12 system and I know that it takes a village to raise a healthy community. I believe in giving to my community. I have served at the school site, and district level as members of my school site council. Also I have served as the chair for the district advisory committee for title one and the con app for Sacramento City Unified School district. My son is Autistic, and has come a long way he will graduate next year. And I am a member of the mayor D.A.C. for people with disabilities. I have advocated for several families over the years with children with disabilities. I feel that I have a great deal to offer, and would love to serve on the State Council for Developmental Disabilities.

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

I would love to serve in all areas that would support the whole child to develop in to a productive persons and have the ablity to benefit. I feel that there is much work to be done I would love to be a position that I can give back to my 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 two children with disabilities, and they were special to me I could see how if they had the right support that they could benefit. I know that we have much work to do in America to ensure that all child have the right to benefit from the public benefit. And people with disabilities have a lot to give, we are all special and have unique ablity to play a role in ensuring that all people are seen as valuable in our society. I am willing to fight for the rights of all persons to be valued in our society.

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

I am a fighter and I have given to my community I believe that it takes a village to raise a healthy child. I believe that I have a fighting spirit and am willing to put for the effort to ensure that all children have a basic right to benefit from the public services. I love to serve my community and would value the experience of service on the State Council of Developmental Disabilities.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Siskiyou
Region: North State

Race: **White**

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

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

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?

For more than 30 years I was an instructor for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at Shasta College in Redding, CA. My work involved developing and implementing on-campus classes leading to a certificate in Transition Services. I earned a doctorate in education with the subject of my dissertation dealing with instructing students in assertive training in on-campus settings. More importantly however, I am the grandfather of a fine you man with autism.

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

Greatest interests for me involve integrated employment, education and community participation. I am especially interested in the evolving Self-Determination project. My interest as a professional focused upon respect for people with disabilities . To me the word "disability" is an instrument of disempowerment. I want to work in order to bring human respect to all people regardless of labels.

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

My service on the State Council or Regional Advisory Committee would enable me to continue in sharing my energy and expertise in fields of my professional as well as educational preparation. Of course, this includes my grandson.

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

I have been a strong advocate with people who have disabilities. My energy flows naturally, as it were, in the direction of empowerment, respect, and total inclusion.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: los angeles
Region: Los Angeles

Race: **Asian**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
At Large One

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 a developmental disability from birth , I have been in the Special education system my self, through hard work I got my BA fro Cal State LA . I have just switch over to disabled adult child benefits after being on SSI for nearly 20 years . I did it my self .

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

My interest is in the area of education , employment and benefits education .

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

I do want to help people get the services they need. I tried to educate two of my doctors on social security benefits because they had family member receive the benefits . I also tried to entourage special ed student to go to college .

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

I can educate state council on programs that effect disabled people since I use them myself.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Alameda
Region: Bay Area
Race: **African- American**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
At Large One

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?

Back when I was first excepted at San Jose State University my major was Commercial Recreation. However, the program requires that you work with (volunteer) all the different types of populations who use Recreation. I took a volunteer position working with at-risk teenagers and I loved it! Then I volunteered at the Grace Baptist Community Recreation Center, which is located across the street from SJSU and serves as a drop-in Recreation Center for people with disabilities. I really loved this population and I changed my major to Therapuetic Recreation! I have worked with this population ever since.

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

Theraputic Recreation.

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 a part of the solution that the State has been making serving the estimated 650,000 person with developemental disabilites.

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

I am a well organized, critical thinking, compassionate, problem solver!

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Placer County
Region: Sacramento
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant council seat:
At Large 1

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

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

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 yound son with a disability, I want to make a difference in his world and the lives of others.

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

Ensuring that there is awareness and supports being provided to the community.

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 help not only help the community that my son is becoming a part of, but also help other families becoming a part of it. Also to help raise awareness and organize supports for those with disabilities. I want to help make a difference.

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

I am quick to adapt and learn, and also highly organized. I have familiarization with the system due my son having a disability.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento
Email: twhitman73@comcast.net
Phone: 9167575621
Race: White

Eligible for vacant Council Seat:
At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

Yes

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

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

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

I have epilepsy and have been part of the service system.

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

Epilepsy education and treatment are my first advocacy skills. Supported living is a particular passion as everyone should have the right to live on their own with support. Person centered practices is another area of interest and sharing that I do.

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

I love advocating for the rights we all have. I love helping others advocate for themselves. I enjoy sharing about epilepsy and about how to have a good life. I like helping others.

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

Research and advocacy. Finding information that will help others, and sharing it.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Placer
Region: Sacramento
Race: **White**

Eligible for vacant Council Seat:
At large 1

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

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

Yes

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

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council
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 son with high functioning autism who I have parented for 20 years and have advocated for his services. I currently work as a respite worker and ILS Instructor for United Cerebral Palsy and I am an IHSS worker for a client who requires total care.

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

I would like to help implement programs that address living and work programs. I am interested in getting more community base models running that are beneficial to everyone.

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 advocate of change for people who lack a voice due to the nature of their disability. Everybody deserves a voice and a vote within their community.

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

I have an awareness of current programs and have work in several fields within the Developmental Disability Field. I have a strong work ethic.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Shasta
Region: North State

Race: **African- American**

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

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

Through my advocacy for my autistic son I learned about the State Council. I have also served on the Board of Directors for Far Nortgern a Regional Center

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

I'm interested in all areas

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 and share my experience and passion for advocating for persons like my son.

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

I retired from the California Highway Patrol in 2012 as a Division Commander, responsible for all field operation for the 13 northern counties. This responsibility included personnel and fiscal management, executive decision making, legislative liaison, community engagement, and. strategic planning . I bring these strengths and experiences to the Council.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: Lake
Region: North Coast
Email:
Race: White

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

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

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 am the mother of a beautiful daughter with a developmental disability.

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

My areas of interest are employment, self-advocacy, and projects that benefit people with developmental disabilities directly.

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 North Coast Regional Advisory Committee because I want to continue to advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities in rural Northern California.

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

I have been an active advocate for 28 years with SCDD as an Area Board member. The knowledge I have acquired over that time can be beneficial to the new Regional Advisory Committee as I have seen the state as a whole progress.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: kern county
Region: Sequoia

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?"

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 AM A GOOD ADVOCATE FOR THE PEOPLE WITH DISABBILTYS . I SUPPORT THE LANTERMAN ACT IN CA AND THE ADA ACT IN CA. I HAVE ALOT OF LEADERSHIP EXPERINCE FOR THE PAST 100 YEARS . YOU CAN COUNT ON ME DO SERVE ON SCDD I WILL MAKE GOOD DECISIONS FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE DISABBLED IN CA I SERVE ON MY LOCAL REGNIAL CENTER BORD OF DRICTIORS FOR MY LOCAL AREA

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

I SERVE ON KERN REGIONAL CENTER BOARD OF DRICTIORS
DDS CAC DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABBILTYS
CONSUMER ADVISORY COMITTIEE
ARCA CILENT ADVISORY COMITTIEE
AOSSCATION OF REGNIAL CENTERS

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

TO KEEP SERVICES FLOWING FOR ALL DISABBLED PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA AND KEEP THE LANTERMAN ACT FLOWING IN CALIFORNIA THIS IS A CHRISS TIME RIGHT NOW IN CALIFORNIA . I WOULD GIVE GOOD INPUT AND MAKE RIGHT DECSIONS TO KEEP SERVICES ALIVE IN CA . I HAVE ALOT OF EXPERINICE TO SERVE ON THIS COMITTIEE

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

I WOULD BRING GOOD LEADERSHIP TO SCDD TO MAKE SURE ALL SERVICES FLOW THROUGHOUT THIS STATE TO ALL PEOPLE THAT ARE DISABBLED IN CA I HAVE EXPRINCE IN FUNDRASEING IN SHASTA CIOUNTY FOR 20 YEARS OF EXPERINCE I HAVB WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A GOOD BORD MEMBER FOR SCDD I AM ASKING YOU TO PLEASE APPOINT MR MATTHEW DAVID LAGRAND TO SCDD
REGNIAL ADVISOREY COMITTIEE

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: San Joaquin
Region: North Valley Hills

Race: **Hispanic or Latino**

I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

Yes

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

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

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

I am a consumer of VMRC, and on their board until July 2016. I was on the DRC board, and the Self Advocacy Council 6 board. I represented SAC6 on the CHOICES Institute's planning for the annual conference.

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

Basically serving the VMRC area of consumers. Helping the disabled population by being on boards and committees.

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

Because I have had my experiences on other boards to become a great advocate. And my term is up July 2016 on VMRC and I still want to contribute.

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

My knowledge of what I have learned from all my past experiences. I know this area well. I would like to work on transportation issues, self advocacy and helping people become leaders.

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

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?"

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?

people first, sabe and sablac

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

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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 commitee beccause i am a perfectionist and i love what i do i will do what ever it takes.

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

highschool diploma for special ed students in highschsool,employment first,amricorps,mimninum wage for particpants in supportive employment.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Sonoma County
Region: North Bay

Race: **American Indian/Native Alaskan, White**

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

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

I've been part of the developmental disability community for over 30 years.

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

I would like find more constructive ways to better the community.

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

I've been an advocate for people with disabilities since I was 13 years old. I have been to rallies and meetings to find ways to support the developmental disability community.

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

My energy and charisma and passion for the advocacy of the developmental disability community can provide a fresh take on the ideas presented by the council.

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

Race: Hispanic or Latino

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?

Redacted is a longtime resident of West Covina, a successful businessman, community advocate, and former State Councilmember.
Coming from humble beginnings, he was raised by his aunt in West Covina. She taught him the importance of education and community service.
In High School, redacted saw how many of his peers did not have the resources for sports and extracurricular activities. No one, including the school administration, could help them. So Hew organized a fundraising effort, went walking to local businesses, and brought in money to help fund after-school activities. He continues this effort to this day and has raised over $100,000 for these programs.
During High School, he also worked to get school police equipped with radios and served on the West Covina Youth Council.
Redacted's aunt passed away when he turned 18, and he became fully independent. He started working for Pensy Motor Group and started working his way up in public service.
At age 22, He was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities, becoming the youngest appointee in state history. At a time when the Council was misusing funds, he was charged with the task of fixing a broken system, which he completed within a year.
He has been internationally recognized for his work on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities. Working with charities like Autism Speaks, He has brought many Latino celebrities to the cause of awareness, including soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo and musician Joan Sebastian.

Today applicant serves as the Executive Vice President of DEL Records, the largest Latin American music label in the United States. He lives in West Covina, where he is active in many community causes.

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

As a person with Autism I have always had a passion in making a change. I once grew up in the foster care system and was beaten as a child. Later I was adopted by my aunt who made me learn the importance of helping others and got me State resources I needed to be successful. I know many people need to be inform of our State resources and they don't know about our States resources so when I serve on this council it was always my goal to create impactful public awareness.

Please see my interview from time warner cable:

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

Please google:
Councilmember redacted
And you will see first hand how I made a change and help others with developmental disabilities.

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

Race: **American Indian/Native Alaskan**

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

Been in the Non-profit field for 24 years. Was a Board Member for 8yr. with Independent Living Resource Center. Have done many classes and public speaking on abuse of our disabled population, emotional trauma in children the cause and effects of developmental disabilities.
8 years ago, my son was in an accident and has a Traumatic Brian injury. have worked with mental health , homeless, veterans and victim of crime. I have been involved with the Special Olympics , I have a cousin now 47yr. and is a great participant.

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

I think many areas interest me.
Maybe the social system, resource for families, Legal system for the disabled

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

I have great leadership skills, I have been involved with social service agency for most of my life. I directed a non-profit Resource center that housed 24 agencies and was the Fiscal Agent for over 18 grassroots organization. I have knowledge of the non-profits and how important it is to have collaboration with many programs to have a consumer become successful.

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

Again my strong leadership, like education, public speaking, love research and I am motivated to be part of the change.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: San Bernardino
Region: San Bernardino
Race: Decline to state

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 son with profound disabilities and through my community involvement was recommended to the Governor's office as a potential appointee. I was subsequently appointed by Gov. Brown to serve as an appointee on the Area XII board and have been active on the board for over 3 years.

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

I'm interested in the full continuum of care! I have worked for both the State Legislature and County Board of Supervisors as a policy advisor specializing in heal hand human service issues.

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 continue being part of the discussion around Regional Center service implementation and the empowerment of our special needs community through self & family advocacy.

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

I have a Masters degree in Public Policy and have worked for both the State Legislature and San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on health & human services, specifically disability rights policy issues.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Orange
Region: Orange County

Race: **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 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?

Am a mother of 2 developmentally disablied individuals and have been involved in all aspects of their care, education, placement, and on-going management for 37 years.
A Registered Nurse and Director of Case Management with on-going interactions with this population and with Regional Center(s)

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

I am passionate that the clients rights are respected and protected by those agencies responsible.
I am concerned that funds and resources are distributed fairly and appropriately

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

I am a mother of special needs individuals and have experienced succeesses and failures of the syste. I am concerned that the advocacy for the special needs community is not being satisfied and that the process to ensure that the special needs individual and their family are heard is not consistentlly occuring. I would like to offer my years of experience as the mother of clients of Regional Center as well as my education and professional experience to help improve process. I am a RN for 38 years with a Masters in Nursing, Masters in Business Administration, CPHQ (Certified Professional in Health Care QUality) CCM (Certified Case Manager) and FCN (Faith Community Nurse)

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

I bring a passion for caring for this population
and
An extensive professional background and education

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: Orange
Region: Orange County

Race: **White**

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

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

No

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

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

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

My interest in the developmental disability field began when my son Bryce was diagnosed with Autism at the age of 2.5. He is now 5.5.

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

Advocating for low income families of children with disabilities who can not afford to pay an advocate or attorney.

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

To give input as to what kind of services and help families of children with disabilities need.

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

My background is in Sales and Marketing and this will help me to gather data the needs of our community and present it to the State Council in order to create programs and outreach that is needed. I am also currently enrolled in the SEAT Advocacy Training Program with Council of Parent Attorney and Advocates (COPAA) so I would be able to provide materials and resources to help enable families learn how to self advocate.

Name: **Redacted**
County of Residence: los angeles
Region: Los Angeles

Race: **White**

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

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

No

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

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

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

My interest came about at a very early age. I would help the "special" kids in elementary school. Then when in high school I volunteered to teach the special ed students swimming and pool safety skills. Finally, my oldest son was born with a rare genetic disorder and is severely delayed. I have always advocated for him and continue to do so.

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

My interest is bringing about awareness to this wonderful community of special individuals. I think community integration is essential on both sides of the aisle. Also, helping other parents, family members and consumers navigate through the system.

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

I think any type of change, any area of improvement over the lives of those with developmental disabilities is a noble cause to be part of. It is gratifying to be of service to a most vulnerable population.

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

I am a very positive individual. I have spent the past 29 years advocating for my son. I feel knowledge is empowering and worth sharing with others.My personal view is "Help one...help everyone"

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

Race: **African- American**

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 used to serve on the DDS CAC.

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

To help people with and without disabilities.

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

To have an voice and try to make a change in the community for people with development disabilities.

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

To help people with disabilities follow their dreams and reach their goals and limits. Help advocate for the developmental disabilities.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Kern
Region: Sequoia

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 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 I am a advocate for the developmental disabled community. I have open so many doors for the disabled. I want to continue to do what I was born to and that is to speak up for people that cannot speak for themselves.

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

The Area 8 board.

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

Same as above

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

same as above

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: San Joaquin
Region: North Valley Hills

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 State Council

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

I have had experience with people first , area board 6 and the Self Advocacy Council 6 and VMRC Consumer services committee and board member.

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

I have been like a mentor to people to help them to advocate for themselves- Self Advocacy is very important to me. It is important that people know their rights and responsibilities and what they need to know to live on their own.

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

Because I wanted to be able to be heard on things. I think that the Governor needs to hear about what needs we have,. I want to be able to advocate for a fair budget that people can live on, medical/medicare (eyes and dental services) and social security to get it back to the way it used to be.

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

My ability to speak up and voice my opinion on what I would like to see as far as changes. I am a strong self advocate.

Name: **REDACTED**
County of Residence: Los Angeles
Region: Los Angeles

Race: **Hispanic or Latino**

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 fortunate enough to be an educator for 14 years now. By virtue of my professional and personal experiences I have learned about Developmental Disabilities. As a teacher and administrator, I learned firsthand how to meet the academic and social needs of all students, especially students with disabilities. Through these specific pedagogical and instructional strategies that I've learned in my teacher preparation program and in the classroom, I've developed a firm understanding of the development disability field and the systems already in place relative to this field. These competencies have been further developed by my experience as a father of a child with a developmental disability. My son Sebastian was diagnosed as having a developmental disability when he was two years old. This has allowed me and my family to learn about a vast array of information regarding "Autism Spectrum Disorder". and the interagency systems that offer my child the added supports he needs.

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

I am highly interested in all the developmental disability fields. I want to develop policies and practices that are rooted in evidence based research. I believe that the state of California has made a lot of progress in the services provided to student and adults with developmental disabilities but I think we can improve on those service systems. This will only be accomplished if our efforts are coherent and coordinated on all fronts.

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 on Developmental Disabilities" and on the "Regional Advisory Committee" because I believe that my unique experience as a parent, advocate, an educator can shape the ways consumers receive the necessary services. My goal is to see that all students with developmental disabilities, including my son, have access to a post-secondary education, stable employment, and live a rich independent life.

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

I believe any decision making body needs a diverse set of individuals and mind-sets who understand what communities and families experience on a daily basis. Growing up in working class family I know that my parents didn't always understand the educational system because they felt it was too cumbersome. For those reasons, I was in an ESL group for my whole elementary experience. I was relegated to the back of the classroom, not included with my more fluent peers. I unfortunately was not provided equal access to the curriculum and the program. As I grew up I always made it a point to help my parents in many endeavors because I felt that they would be marginalized if I didn't assist them. It was this mindset that propelled me to want to be an educator. As an educator I have always advocated for the most disadvantaged families and children because I knew if they weren't provided equity and access that their children would fall through the cracks. The most fulfilling part of my job as an educator has always been when former students and families come back to visit me at the school site and say thank you for making them better people. When my son was diagnosed with Autism it was difficult at first but after a while It was natural for me to advocate for my son and all families that don't have the skills and knowledge to access the proper services that ensure that their child is successful. I wholeheartedly believe that I have been tasked to help all families and

children that don't have a voice. As a member of the State Council and Regional Advisory Committee, I would bring this way of thinking. A way of thinking that had made a huge impact in the lives of many students and families. Thank you for the consideration.

At Large Institution

CANDIDATES

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: san Mateo
Region: Bay Area
Race: White

Eligible for vacant council seat:
- At Large

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?

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.