

**REGIONAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
MEMBERSHIP  
INFORMATION**



Regional Advisory Committee  
 Membership Roster -- July, 2015

NORTH COAST OFFICE - RAC Members (12)					
First Name	Last Name	Status	Race	County	Expiration Date
Barbara	Auerbach	CM		Mendocino	7/14/2015
Jo	Cunningham	FA		Lake	1/2/2017
Dorothy	Ibarra	SA		Del Norte	4/30/2016
Clyde	Pomeroy	SA		Humboldt	3/5/2016
Brian	Ward	SA		Humboldt	12/18/2015
NORTH STATE OFFICE - RAC Members (11)					
First Name	Last Name	Status	Race	County	Expiration Date
Teresa	Moshier	SA	White	Butte	01/28/14-12/31/16
Jean	Phillips	FA	White	Glenn	04/16/13-06/05/16
Jan	Ross	CM	White	Modoc	02/26/13-12/31/16
Cindy	Harrell	FA	White	Plumas	05/07/13-12/31/16
Rosie	Ryan	SA	White	Shasta	05/07/14-01/01/17
SACRAMENTO OFFICE - RAC Members (15)					
First Name	Last Name	Status	Race	County	Expiration Date
Tyler	Busselen	SA	White	Sacramento	8/29/2016
Elaine	Linn	FA	White	Sacramento	1/1/2016
Jane Marie	Taylor	FA	White	Nevada	6/30/2013
Christine	Hickey	FA	White	Sutter	Reapplied
Donnell	Kenworthy	FA	White	Yolo	4/8/2017
Robert	Rogers	SA	White	Yuba	6/26/2016
NORTH BAY OFFICE - RAC Members (15)					
First Name	Last Name	Status	Race	County	Expiration Date
Ami	Bedi	SA	Asian	Napa	4/14/14-12/31/16
Celeste	Neumann	FA	White	Solano	5/14/13-12/31/15
Rick	Cederberg	SA	White	Solano	1/1/14-12/31/16
Jeana	Eriksen	SA	White	Sonoma	1/1/13-12/31/15
BAY AREA OFFICE - RAC Members (10)					
First Name	Last Name	Status	Race	County	Expiration Date
Donna	Adkins	CM	African Am	San Francisco	1/9/07-12/31/16
Nicole	Adler	SA	White	San Mateo	5/22/14-1/1/17
Sherrie	Auren	SA	White	Marin	7/24/14-12/31/15
Sascha	Bittner	SA	White	San Francisco	1/13/03-1/1/09
Francisco	Garcia	FA	Hispanic	Alameda	11/10/09-12/31/14
John	Kalb	FA	White	Marin	1/17/13-12/31/15
Dianne	Millner	FA	African Am	Alameda	7/2012-1/1/15
Pamela	Perls	FA	White	Contra Costa	5/12/07-12/31/14
Catherine	Rauch	FA	White	Alameda	9/8/09-12/31/14
Karen	Vanderwoert	SA	White	San Mateo	6/17/14-12/31/16
NORTH VALLEY HILLS OFFICE - RAC Members (11)					
First Name	Last Name	Status	Race	County	Expiration Date

Status: SA=Self Advocate; FA=Family Advocate; CA=Community Advocate; SP=Service Provider

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Mary	Dye	SA	White	Amador	7/23/2010
Ericka	Kubitz-Yanez	SA	White	Calaveras	12/31/2016
Paula	Weihrouch	CA	White	San Joaquin	12/31/13-12/31/15
Karen	Andersen	CA	White	San Joaquin	7/13/13-12/31/15
Jill	Ames	SA	White	Tuolumne	12/31/2011
Brad	Putz	SA	White	Tuolumne	1/31/2015
Gary	Del Nero	FA	White	Stanislaus	1/1/2005
Art	Valdez	FA	Hispanic	San Joaquin	1/1/2016
Kilolo	Brodie	FA	African Ame	Stanislaus	1/1/2016
Virginia	Sanchez	FA	Hispanic	San Joaquin	1/1/2017

**SILICON VALLEY - MONTEREY BAY OFFICE - RAC Members (11)**

First Name	Last Name	Status	Race	County	Expiration Date
Martha	Johanson	FA	Hispanic	Santa Clara	8/19/13-8/19/16
Thomas	Smith	SA	White	Santa Cruz	8/19/2013-8/19/16
Neal	Folsom	SA	Hispanic	Santa Clara	3/17/14-1/1/17
Diana	Rey	FA	Hispanic	Santa Clara	2/12/13-12/31/15
Cheryl	Hewitt	SA	White	Santa Clara	1/14/14-12/31/15
Mary	Peitso	FA	White	Monterey	6/18/13-6/17/16
Elisa	Lagana	FA	White	Monterey	10/15/13-10/14/16

**SEQUOIA OFFICE - RAC Members (10)**

First Name	Last Name	Status	Race	County	Expiration Date
Loretta M.	Milne	FA	White	Mariposa	2/26/2016
Darlene	Kilmartin	CM	White	Tulare	12/31/2015

**CENTRAL COAST OFFICE - RAC Members (12)**

First Name	Last Name	Status	Race	County	Expiration Date
Jared	Abernathy	SA	Unk	Ventura	12.30.17
Kris	Anderson	SA	Unk	Santa Barbara	01.01.17
Lindsey	Baker	FA	White	Santa Barbara	06.30.17
Laura	Carrodi	SA	White	Ventura	01.01.16
Ramon	Hernandez	SA	Hispanic	Ventura	12.30.17
Patrick	Miller	FA	White	Ventura	01.01.15
Mara	Rupert	SA	White	Ventura	??
Theresa	Scott	CM	Unk	San Luis Obispo	01.31.18
Geraldine "Gigi"	Senna	SA	Asian	San Luis Obispo	01.31.16
Ron	Vasconcellos	FA	White	San Luis Obispo	01.31.18
Ruth	Vasconcellos	FA	White	San Luis Obispo	01.31.18
Andrea	Vergne	FA	Hispanic	San Luis Obispo	01.01.15

**LOS ANGELES OFFICE - RAC Members (15)**

First Name	Last Name	Status	Race	County	Expiration Date
Lisa	Davidson	FA	White	Los Angeles	2/1/12-1/1/15
Lisette	Duarte	FA	Hispanic	Los Angeles	8/12/14-1/1/16
Alnita	Dunn	CM	African Am	Los Angeles	7/1/14-1/1/16
Ellen	Jannol	FA	White	Los Angeles	8/19/14-1/1/16
Harold	Fujita	FA	Asian	Los Angeles	1/1/11-1/1/16
Julie	Gaona	SA	White	Los Angeles	4/13-1/1/16
Marcia	Good	FA	White	Los Angeles	10/30/12-1/1/15
Miriam	Kang	FA	White	Los Angeles	10/22/09-1/1/12

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Pierre	Landry	FA	White	Los Angeles	12/2/03-1/1/09
Robert	Schlesinger	SA	White	Los Angeles	10/21/14-
Wesley	Witherspoon	SA	African Am	Los Angeles	5/15/12-1/1/15
<b>ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE - RAC Members (12)</b>					
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
Tiffany R.	Adams	SA	White	Orange	1/1/2006
Rev. Dawn	Anderson Booth	FA	White	Orange	10/18/2008
Marjorie "Margie"	Garetz	SA	White	Orange	2/25/2011
Yvonne	Klutz	SA	White	Orange	1/1/2005
Andrea	Kumetz-Coleman	FA	Asian	Orange	10/16/2004
Kyle	Minnis	SA	White	Orange	6/28/2008
Rachel	Osterbach	SA	White	Orange	8/1/2017
Michael	Rillera	FA	Asian	Orange	1/1/2017
Buddy	Schreiber	SA	White	Orange	7/30/2015
Lisa	Stanton	FA	White	Orange	1/25/2013
<b>SAN BERNARDINO OFFICE - RAC Members (9)</b>					
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
Matthew	Benton	FA	White	Riverside	1/31/12-12/31/16
Julio	Garnica	SA	Hispanic	Riverside	2/1/14-12/31/15
Corrina	Korpi	SA	White	Inyo	7/15/14-7/14/17
Douglas	Perkins	FA	African Am	San Bernardino	1/28/14-12/13/16
Tania	Ramos	SA	Hispanic	Mono	8/20/13-8/20/16
Chris	Rogel	SA	Hispanic	San Bernardino	12/31/12-12/31/15
Jordan	Wright	FA	White	San Bernardino	1/1/14-1/1/16
<b>SAN DIEGO IMPERIAL OFFICE - RAC Members (15)</b>					
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
Leticia	Galvan	FA	Hispanic	San Diego	5/20/14-1/25/17
Harvey	Goldman	FA	White	San Diego	6/20/12-12/31/16
Debbie	Barrow	FA	White	San Diego	6/20/12-6/19/15
Julie	Austin	FA	White	San Diego	7/25/12-1/1/16
Dayon	Higgins	FA	Asian	San Diego	7/2/10-1/1/11



**REGIONAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
POLICY QUESTIONS**



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

Key:

**Bold**= Policy Question

Plain text=Policy Adopted by the Council

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

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

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

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

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

Sitting SCDD Council members cannot be also be members of the RAC. Councilmembers from a region are required to participate in his or her local RAC.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **RAC Membership Appointments**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Per statute, the role of the RAC is to:

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

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

FINAL  
SCDD Council  
Approved March 25, 2015

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CANDIDATES**



Sequoia Regional  
Advisory Committee  
**CANDIDATES**



**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.

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Address: REDACTED  
County of Residence: Tulare  
Region: Sequoia  
Email: REDACTED  
Phone: REDACTED  
Race: White

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I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

No

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

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

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

I was born with a disability, and as I got older I got on several disability committees. I learned how to advocate myself and others who also have disabilities and have learned to live independently like myself. Others have also learned to speak up for themselves. I do workshops for different organizations for their disabilities.

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

I do workshops and advocate for others 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 been on the area 8 board for several years. I do advocate for other clients.

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

With the workshops that I do I leave time for clients who have questions. I do a lot of followups with the clients that have questions.

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**Address:** REDACTED  
**County of Residence:** Tulare  
**Region:** Sequoia  
**Email:** REDACTED  
**Phone:** REDACTED  
**Race:** White

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

I work with people that have disabilities through In Home Support Systems. I have been around people with disabilities for years.

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

Because I am an IHSS provider, I provide services for people with disabilities so that they may stay in their own home and not have to live in medical facilities.

**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 the area 8 board for several years because I was going to the board meetings for several years before I was on the board. I learned a lot about people with disabilities and how they learn to advocate or get help with problems that they need help with.

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

My experience with all these boards and meetings help me to understand their needs.

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**County of Residence:** Tulare  
**Region:** Sequoia  
**Email:** REDACTED  
**Phone:** REDACTED  
**Race:** White

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

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

No

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

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

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

I am a current client of CRVC and I like to learn and to help pass on information.

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

My interest is trying to gain information and share with other consumers.

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

I would like to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee in order to learn what services are available in the community and relay that information to others.

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

I am easy going, dependable, and active in the community as well as informative to others.



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

**Race:** White

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

I AM A GOOD ADVOCATE FOR THE PEOPLE WITH DISABILTYS . 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 DISABILTYS  
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 DISABLED PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA AND KEEP THE LANTERMAN ACT FLOWING IN CALIFORNIA THIS IS A CHRIS 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 DISABLED IN CA I HAVE EXPERIENCE IN FUNDRAISING IN SHASTA COUNTY FOR 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE I HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A GOOD BOARD MEMBER FOR SCDD I AM ASKING YOU TO PLEASE APPOINT MR MATTHEW DAVID LAGRANDE TO SCDD REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

**Race:** Hispanic or Latino

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

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

No

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

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

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

My youngest daughter Makayla got the once in a lifetime opportunity in 2011 to light the CA State Christmas Tree. It was there that I was approached to become a Governor appointed member of the board. I had never heard of the Area 8 Board, but I was very excited for the opportunity! I joined the Board in 2012 and stayed until 2014 when it stopped meeting. The experience was phenomenal and I learned so much!

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

I am very interested in education and what services are available for those with Developmental Disabilities. My daughter is 10 and I still have so much to learn, but I also love to help others who are going through hard times and need help in figuring out what the next step would be to help their child.

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

I am interested in serving on the RAC because I am excited to learn what is available out there for our kids. I have a lot to learn, but also a lot to offer other families in my community, that are at a loss of what to do for their child. We have gone through a lot with our daughter and sometimes had no idea of where to go for answers. I really want to learn as much as I can and be that person that others can go to for answers or be the one that can point them in the right direction of where to find answers. It is so important to know that there are people out there that can answer questions and help get the best care and education for their child!

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

I believe that I bring a personal view point of a parent of a special needs child. The parents view is vital because it is a daily living and dealing with all the obstacles of having a child with developmental disabilities. The daily life is very different than the life the child has outside of the home and family. There is a sensitivity and understanding needed so that the child will be cared for appropriately. I am not afraid to voice my opinion in a respectful manner, but I am also very interested in hearing others opinions and ideas.

**Name:** REDACTED

**County of Residence:** Kern

**Region:** Sequoia

**Race:** White



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

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

No

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

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**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



San Diego Regional  
Advisory Committee  
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**Address:** REDACTED  
**County of Residence:** San Diego  
**Email:** REDACTED  
**Phone:** REDACTED  
**Race:** White

Eligible for vacant council seat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- San Diego Region</li><li>- At Large 1</li></ul>
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**I am a:** representative of the general public

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

No

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

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

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

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

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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**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?**

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*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 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 protincol out.

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

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

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

I work with others for a solutions to challenges.

I can be emotionally removed to see the solutions.

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

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

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

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**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?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat: - San Diego Region - At Large 1
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**I am a:** parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat:

- San Diego Region
- At Large 1

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I would like to put my passion and 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.

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

Eligible for vacant council seat: - San Diego Region - At Large 1
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**I am a:** person with a developmental disability

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

No

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

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

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

My interest in and knowledge of the developmental disability field and service system developed because I have autism and have experienced first-hand how various aspects of service for developmental disabilities operates.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

My areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system are transition services, supported living, vocational opportunities, etc...

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

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

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

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

**Name:** Redacted  
**County of Residence:** San Diego  
**Region:** San Diego  
**Race:** African- American

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

In 1983 my wife and I assumed the responsibility of raising my 7 year old nephew with Intellectual Disabilities. He had been abandoned by my sister who was also developmentally challenged. After retiring from the military in 1995, I started working as an Instructional Aide for students with moderate/severe challenges in the Oceanside Unified School District. In 2005, I received my Level I credential in special education and my first teaching position. In 2006 I received my Masters Degree in Special Education Level II.

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

Equitable treatment in education, housing, and treatment under the judicial justice 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 make a difference and advocate for those who are unable to speak for themselves.

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

Compassion, Integrity, Commitment, Tenacity, Experience

**Name:** Redacted

**County of Residence:** San Diego

**Region:** San Diego

**Race:** African- American

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

My mother has always inspired me to advocate for myself and others with developmental disabilities whose voices are not being heard.

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

My area of interest is that employment opportunities could be increased for the developmentally disabled community. Another interest would be to increase support and attention for adults with developmental disabilities to meet their goals. My goal is to someday be employed in a "normal job", that pays at least minimum wage and not have to depend on Social Security.

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

My reason to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee is to be aware and informed of the current news and issues concerning the developmentally disabled community. I would also like to be more involved in outreaching to others.

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

One of my strengths is that I show concern for issues affecting others and myself. I stand for what I believe, and what should ethically be done. I speak up when I have a strong opinion about a concerning subject or topic. I am also a very achieving and motivating individual with dreams, goals, and ambitions. I feel that the Regional Committee can benefit from my strengths and qualities.

**Name:** Redacted  
**County of Residence:** San Diego  
**Region:** San Diego Imperial  
**Email:**  
**Race:** White

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**I am a:** parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a 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?**

I want to serve on 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 am a former Area Board XIII member whose term hasn't expired and I would like to continue on the RAC.

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

I am open to many different areas. I've done everything from volunteering at conferences where the topic is the developmentally disabled to meeting with legislators to discuss funding.

**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 have educated myself on the Developmental Disabled and I have fought hard to get my son the services he needs. I like to share my experiences and knowledge.

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

I am dependable person and willing to give my time to help this community.

**Name: Redacted**

**County of Residence: San Diego**

**Region: San Diego Imperial**



**Race: White**

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**I am a:** a person who has s 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?**

I want to serve on 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 knowledge of Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Intellectual Disabilities and physical mobility issues.

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

Employment and Housing options.

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

To be of service and use with my professional expertise on behalf of people with disabilities.

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

I am dependable person and willing to give my time to help this community.

**Name:** Redacted

**County of Residence:** San Diego

**Region:** San Diego Imperial

**Race:** White

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**I am a:** parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a 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?**

I want to serve on a Regional Advisory Committee

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**OLD APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

**Are you a member of any parent groups, self-advocacy groups, service clubs or professional organizations?**

No currently, but we started a parent group 20+ years ago when we lived in Lancaster, CA

**I have knowledge of the following disabilities:**

Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Intellectual Disabilities and Learning Disabilities.

**Why do you want to serve as a Committee Member?**

My wife and I funded a discovery grant for positive psychology research at the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center in 2010-11 in memory of our son who had an intellectual disability but in 2006 died in an auto accident at age 23. While enduring the horrible grief and loss, which lingers still, we senses that his life experience, and ours with him, seemed in sharp contrast to the generally negative view of intellectual disability that is still so prevalent in societies around the world today.

The discovery grant was used to support two innovated pilot studies: a SENSE Theatre Summer Camp to assess the effectiveness of theatre as a social-emotional treatment for children with autism and a study to learn about the strengths, supports, spirituality, and well-being of young people (ages 13-21) with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as to understand the various factors that contribute to thriving among these young people and their families. The results of both studies provided the foundation for significant follow-on funding for expanded applied research in these areas.

Our son was described by others as a bright light, always upbeat. As an extrovert, his cheerful nature was a positive influence on others, and in turn, he was stimulated by their positive feedback. He was physically able and wanted to be out observing the world and meeting people. He was curious and would readily engage

people in conversation, asking questions about them, like an interview. Observation and connecting with people were his primary methods of learning about his environment, the people in it and how to relate to both. He was also playful and took any opportunity he saw in conversation to entertain and be entertained with humor. These were some of his strengths and these experiences seemed to give him a real sense of belonging and a sense of well-being. Perhaps his intellectual disability made it easier to live in the moment, enjoying his connections. Constantly engaging our son from day one, including him in every activity possible, and taking him to almost every place we went also helped shape his personality and develop his ability to relate to others.

Along with seeing that services and opportunities for people with developmental disabilities are provided and that individuals and families are well informed of these, I believe that identifying and developing each individual's strengths, starting as early as possible, will increase their current and future inclusion opportunities. The following statement by Erik Carter, PhD, Principle Investigator at Vanderbilt on the strengths study says this clearly. "The gifts, talents, and positive traits of young people with IDD are plentiful and recognized by those who are deeply involved in their lives, but so easily overlooked by others (and virtually ignored in the professional literature). I'm convinced that connections to community and relationships don't (indeed can't) happen on the basis of deficits, but on the basis of the strengths, contributions, and connections to be shared."

As member of the Regional Advisory Committee, I would learn more about the vast array of services available for individuals and their families and how best to ensure they are provided. I am also interested in learning how we can identify, develop, and promote the strengths and the connections of those with developmental disabilities, with the expectation that a sense of belonging and a sense of well-being are possible for all.

**List top issues that you feel the developmental services system is currently facing or that need improvement?**

I would say that preparing for an aging population of people is an issue, especially for those living with parents or older relatives but also in terms of providing quality support and care, generally.

The employment rate for people with developmental disabilities, especially for those with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities, is still a significant problem that requires renewed efforts to solve.

I imagine that new initiatives such as the Employment First Law and the Self-Determination option are also issues.

**Name:** Redacted  
**County of Residence:** San Diego  
**Region:** San Diego Imperial

**Race:** African- American

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

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

No

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

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

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

I am a Self Advocate with a developmental disability, Who is tired of being treated unfairly and unjustly. My mom informed me about a possible position on the Regional Advisory Committee, I thought it would be a great opportunity to advocate for myself and others with disabilities.

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

I am interested in learning how issues and laws are being dealt with on the State Council.

I would also like to know if our voices are being heard and if any action for change is being made.

**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 Regional Advisory Committee to better inform myself. By serving on the Regional Advisory Committee, I will be able to actively advocate in my community, and inform others with disabilities that require supports and services.

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

The Regional Advisory Committee can benefit from my ability to speak up and ensure others to stand up for themselves and those around them. I have personal experience with the issue of having a disability.

North Bay Regional  
Advisory Committee  
**CANDIDATES**



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

*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  
**Address:** REDACTED  
**County of Residence:** Sonoma  
**Region:** North Bay  
**Email:** REDACTED  
**Phone:** REDACTED  
**Race:** White

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See above.

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

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat: - At Large 1
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**I am a:** person with a developmental disability, representative of the general public

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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:** Solano  
**Region:** North Bay  
**Race:** Asian

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, representative of the general public

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

Housing and funding efforts to support the disabled.

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

To help mitigate the deplorable condition of the less fortunate .

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

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

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**County of Residence:** Solano  
**Region:** North Bay  
**Email:** REDACTED  
**Phone:** REDACTED  
**Race:** White

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I am at a point in my life where my children are now older and my time is much more flexible. I am passionate about helping families who have children with developmental disabilities, specifically autism spectrum disorder. Instead of taking on full time work, I am looking for a way to enrich my community and give back while still maintaining flexibility to care for my family.

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

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

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**Phone:** REDACTED  
**Race:** Hispanic or Latino

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I believe that I can make a difference because I am very passionate in providing services to those in needs. I also feel that I have the personal and cultural experience to advocate for representatives from underrepresented populations that struggle with advocacy with their developmental needs. I am also a mother of a child, a sister and an aunt to family members that have developmental needs. I can be their voice! I am also a Social Worker and have MFT, which provides me with the experience and background to know how to advocate for my community.

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

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

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Region: North Bay  
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Race: African- American

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I am a: representative of the general public

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here are the strengths I will bring to the council:

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

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

Eligible for vacant council seat: - At Large 1
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**I am a:** person with a developmental disability

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I believe I have a lot to offer both as a parent and as someone who has been a student of autism since my daughter was born 25 years ago. I am in awe of the

wonderful people in this field and believe that I can be of help in articulating ideas and proposals in moving forward with legislation and cutting through the red tape to evaluate what can and does work.

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

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

**Name:** Redacted  
**County of Residence:** SONOMA  
**Region:** North Bay  
**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?"**

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 Neurosciences in Boulder in 1978 and my Ph.D. in Psychology from Berkeley in 1992. I have worked in different aspects of the field this entire time from residential treatment programs to the region resource development program at Sonoma State. I adopted my first boy diagnosed with Autism when he was five. He is now 33. My other two sons are also diagnosed as having Autism as well.

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

Areas that I feel as though I know fairly well -

Autism

Language disorders

Developmental neurological disorders

My interest has been in -

Research, diagnosis, treatment, behavioral instruction, education and enhanced day treatment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Race:** Hispanic or Latino

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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*

*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.

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**County of Residence:** Solano County  
**Region:** North Bay  
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**Race:** Hispanic or Latino

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

My area is education for female students with Autism succeed in the public school system. As well as a foreign curriculum that's designed with the learning disabled in mind, that way this generation will get the foreign language as well as outreach to those are living at home with one or both parents. This can put the burden on their

families. More of an effort to get those people into a situation where they'll be asked to be treated more like adults.

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

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

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

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

**Name:** Redacted

**County of Residence:** Sonoma County

**Region:** North Bay

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

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**I am a:** person with a developmental disability, representative of the general public  
**Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"**

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.

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**County of Residence:** Solano  
**Region:** North Bay

**Race:** Asian

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

I was brought aware of this council by Lisa Hooks who kindly attended our Special Needs forum on January 21st.

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

Help families know what resources are out there for individuals with disabilities. I would like to learn more about laws surrounding developmental disabilities to help others know their rights.

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

I was not aware of this council until recently. To be able to help the community and be able to serve the special needs community is such an honor. I hope to help plan,

create solutions, ask for guidance and make a difference. Thanks for the consideration.

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

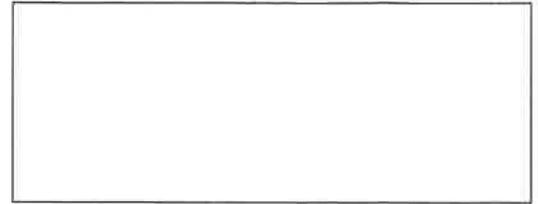
Being a parent of a special needs child, I have joined many groups of parents in the Solano communities. I would like to be their voice and be able to shed light to the council of what is going on in the community, what is lacking, what is or not working in our county.

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**County of Residence:** Solano

**Region:** North Bay

**Race:** African- American



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**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?**

Because I am a person with a developmental disability and I wanted to learn more because I couldn't get any help for me, my daughter, and my husband.

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

Since I have a home, the most important thing is advocating for other people to be able to live where they want to live. Also I have a daughter and I want to help people know what services and how to get services for their kids instead of people telling parents no, no, no...they don't have anything.

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

Because it will help me get a voice. I came to the point of speaking out more.

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

I know how to talk. I know how to speak and understand on behalf of other disabled people. I can share my experiences and spread the knowledge I have.



Sacramento Regional  
Advisory Committee  
**CANDIDATES**



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

Eligible for vacant council seat: - At Large 1
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I am a: person with a developmental disability, representative of the general public

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

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:** 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*

**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.

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**Race:** African- American

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

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

No

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

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

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

Since 1977 I have been an advocate for my daughter who has a dual diagnosis (developmental and psychiatric.) Beginning with her preschool experience when her instructor noticed her withdrawn manner and other behaviors, I have explored and found appropriate settings for her to thrive in educational environments both public and private. As a result of the evaluation suggested by her preschool teacher, my daughter was instructed in very small classroom settings (4-5 students) where she received individual attention throughout much of her elementary school years.

By middle school, at least one psychologist thought she had a Pervasive Developmental Disorder. Later other testing revealed severe emotional disturbance as well. The services and supports that she received in special classes ended when she graduated from high school.

Obtaining any kind of service for her became much more difficult for me.

With disability services support and my assistance, she enrolled in non-academic courses at community colleges (theater and dance.) She began living independently in 1994 in housing with natural supports including counseling. It was not enough. She had difficulty handling everyday social interactions and tended to isolate herself. With my assistance, she applied for Regional Center services in 1997 but her

application was denied. Not long after, she received a formal psychiatric diagnosis that allowed her to receive some services, but nothing to address her developmental disability. Increasingly she depended on me for independently living skills training, case management, and socialization skills training. It became too much for me. Once again we applied for regional center services.

With a diagnosis of Autistic Disorder from her psychiatrist, a comprehensive psychological evaluation outlining the severity and complexity of her condition, my narratives about her from early childhood to the present, and school test results, she became a client of Alta California Regional Center in November 2012. Since then she has received independent living skills training that has greatly expanded her ability to manage her household successfully in her own apartment. Currently she, her ILS trainer, her therapist, and I are discussing opportunities for her to become comfortable in a variety of social settings. This is an area that requires more attention in order for her to acquire ease in her social interactions. I continue to explore more opportunities that will give her the ability to live her life to the greatest extent possible.

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

Because my daughter's needs require more innovative approaches to support the complexity of her disabilities, I am extremely interested in the success of the Self Determination Program. Because the approach is person-centered, self determination has the potential of better serving my daughter's needs as well as other consumers who require more flexibility and creativity in their service delivery. Of equal concern for me is quality of service, whether in the Self Determination Program or regular Regional Center services. Without high quality service that includes good communication, monitoring, and accountability, even the most innovative individualized services will not help ensure the desired result of a fulfilled, productive, and stable life for every consumer.

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

Since October 2013, as a parent and community member, I have regularly attended Sacramento Regional Advisory Committee meetings (formerly Area Board 3) where I have listened, participated in discussions when appropriate, and learned a great

deal about the developmental/intellectual disability service delivery system from committee members and staff. The experience has been invaluable.

Also I have had the opportunity to interact meaningfully with consumers, family members, and other SCDD committee members and staff to hear about broader issues that affect consumers and family members at the local level. All of these opportunities have reinforced my passion as an advocate not only for my daughter but also for other consumers in the developmental/intellectual service delivery system. As a member of the Sacramento Regional Advisory Committee I would use my passion to help achieve the mission and goals of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities at the local level.

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

With my strong organizational skills, my work and volunteer experiences have complemented my advocacy in the developmental disability field. I have experience in public outreach in the affordable housing movement, and a background in public affairs at the local, state, and national level. I have interacted successfully with policymakers and local constituencies for the public benefit. My success as a worker and a volunteer has depended on my ability to be a team member, but also a leader when appropriate. Through the simple act of talking with all kinds of people, I have learned and imparted so much. These are some of the qualities that I would bring to the Sacramento Regional Advisory Committee.

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

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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 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.

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**Region:** Sacramento  
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**Race:** White

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**I am a:** parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability, 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 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 was in college I did volunteer work for the Recreation Center for the Handicap in San Francisco, that is where my interest first began. After working in the private sector for a number of years, I went back to school and received my teaching credential in special education (mod/severe). During that time, my son was diagnosed with Autism. For the past 13 years I have been a special education teacher in Yolo County, first with the office of education and currently with Winters JUSD.

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

Now that my son is transitioning to an adult program from high school, I have become more aware and interested in services and programs for adults with developmental disabilities. Including living situations, education, recreation and social skills development. As a parent, it's my duty to find the best opportunities for him. As a teacher it's my duty to find the best opportunities for my students. So I

need to educate myself on what is ahead for my child and students so I can advocate for them

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

My children are just graduating from high school and I will have more time to devote to volunteer work outside of school and home. I want to stay involved by being a part of something that supports the students I teach but is outside of the classroom. I had thought about becoming an advocate, then this flyer showed up and it seemed to fit what I was looking for.

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

Being a parent and an educator, I bring an unique perspective. I know the struggles of having a child with special needs not only from personal experience but from that of my student's families. I can relate to the challenges, the fears, the advocating and the joys from two points of view. I am also an advocate of teaching our children the skills they need to be as independent and self sufficient as they can possibly be.

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

Eligible for vacant council seat: - At Large 1
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I am a: person with a developmental disability

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

No

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

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

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

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

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?**

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

Eligible for vacant council seat: - At Large 1
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**I am a:** person with a developmental disability

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With my past experience on different developmental disabilities committees, I feel I can bring new ideas as well as my talent to help 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.

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

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

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

No

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

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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
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**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:** Yolo  
**Region:** Sacramento

Eligible for vacant

**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*

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**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

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**Race:** White



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**I am a:** representative of the general public

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

No

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

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*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?**

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?**

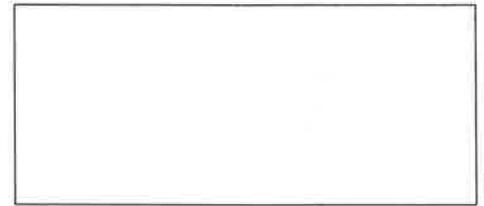
On an personal level, I am a positive, caring and honest individual that wants to help others. I can work independently, as well as cohesively when on a team.

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:** Sacramento  
**Region:** Sacramento



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

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

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

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*

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**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:** Sacramento

**Region:** Sacramento

**Race:** Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

I am the mother of three children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing, on the Autism Spectrum, and/or have Mosaic Down Syndrome.

Parent involvement, and support within the Special Needs and Deaf communities encouraged me to support other families as they begin their journey with their loved ones.

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

Individualized Education Plans, Individual Family Service Plans, Deaf Education, Parent Support , Resources

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

I believe in empowering parents and families with Special Needs students, in their rights, their child's rights, and creating a network of resources for them in their community.

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

I am resourceful, supportive, understanding, well written, and easily establish relationships between professionals and communities.

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**County of Residence:** Sacramento  
**Region:** Sacramento

**Race:** White

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

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

No

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

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**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 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.

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

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**Race:** White

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

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

No

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

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**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:**

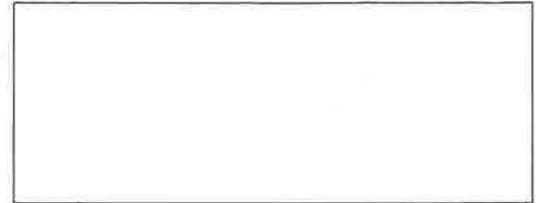
I served on the Area Board VII for 2 1/2 years until a move to a different area in the state necessitated my resignation. I thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Board and learned so much. There is so much to learn from so many interesting people that I

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

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**Race:** Asian, White

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

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

Yes

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

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*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 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 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:** Sacramento  
**Region:** Sacramento

**Race:** African- American

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

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

No

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

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

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

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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 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 ability 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 ability 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:** Sutter  
**Region:** Sacramento  
**Race:** White

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

when my son Sam was young I became a member of the Community Advisory Committee for special education and when he was around 8 I became a board member representing Sutter County on Area Board 3. I became involved with both groups because I saw how complex the system was/is and wanted to have a better understanding of my and my sons rights and responsibilities.

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

Self Advocacy, Self Determination, special education, housing and health

**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 for many years and really enjoy having contact with other family members and knowing so many brilliant people who work to make lives better for my son and others.

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

I work at Family SOUP which is a family resource center in Yuba City. I have contact with families and am able to share information with so many people.

**Name:** Redacted  
**County of Residence:** Placer County  
**Region:** Sacramento  
**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?"**

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 young 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:** Placer  
**Region:** Sacramento

**Race:** White

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

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

No

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

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

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

Raising a son with PDD/NOS to adulthood I did not know how to access services, did not understand what was available. Struggled to learn the service system.. Serving as a Class-A Volunteer/Coach with Special Olympics last eight years; interacting with disabled athletes and their families, learning how other families struggled as well.

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

Affordable housing. Independent/supported living in the community. Supported employment. Access to public benefits and community services.

**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 bring issues for resolution or problems for solutions and learn from others who have done the same. I can share personal experiences and hopefully influence changes or improvements. I envision moving toward the State Council if appropriate, in the future.

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

Twenty-plus years of corporate business experience. Six year resident of Placer County. Accustomed to meetings and public speaking. Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

**Name:** Redacted

**County of Residence:** Sacramento

**Region:** Sacramento

**Email:** twhitman73@comcast.net

**Phone:** 9167575621

**Race:** White

Eligible for vacant Council Seat: At Large 1
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**I am a:** person with a developmental disability

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

I 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

<p>Eligible for vacant Council Seat: At large 1</p>
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**I am a:** parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

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

Yes

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

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

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

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

I have a 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:** Sacramento  
**Region:** Sacramento

**Race:** African- American

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

I 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.





North State Regional  
Advisory Committee  
**CANDIDATES**



**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 young 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:** Shasta County

**Region:** North State

**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 Regional Advisory Committee*

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

I am a person with a developmental disability and have been dealing with my disability since I was in grade school. When I moved to Redding I got involved with Special Olympics and that is how I found out about Far Northern Regional Center. I'm doing really good with the support I receive from Far Northern Regional Center and from the support services they pay for.

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

I'm going blind and deaf and I have an interest in learning more about the blind and deaf culture and services and how I can help. I also have an interest in autism and understanding more about it and how I can help in my community.

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

So I can advocate and help with the regional advisory committee on issues that have been coming up that deal with people with developmental disabilities in my community.

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

My strengths are that I have had many changes happen to myself and my husband when his sister suddenly died and we took in her 4 children to raise as our own. 2 of the children were found eligible for Far Northern Regional Center and we had to learn about all kinds of supports and services for them. My husband and I had to adjust and change many things in our lifestyle to make sure the kids were taken care of properly. We are proud of the growth and turn out of these children and how well they are doing. My husband also has a disability too. And, by the way, I'm also an artist and enjoy selling my artwork.

**Name:** Redacted

**County of Residence:** Shasta County

**Region:** North State

**Race:** Hispanic or Latino

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

I am a mom of an adult child who is diagnosed with intellectual disability (Down Syndrome). I am a strong advocate for my daughter and I know the resources available to help maintain a Life Plan that We Care A Lot Foundation has helped me create for my daughter.

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

I like helping parents or consumers of FNRC and other agencies to connect with ideas, It may help them make positive changes and connecting services. For Example, We Care A Lot Foundation helps consumers to create a Life Plan book that will communicate services and supports and Disability Action Center offers technology tools and services.

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

The Regional Center has made a big (positive) impact on my daughter's and my life. Service Coordinators truly care and listen to what is needed to connect the right services my daughter now has. I want to give back by helping out the regional advisory committee.

The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act in 1969 and my daughter was born in 1978, therefore I have a lot of experience and would like to help out.

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

I am a good listener and team player. I don't have a problem communicating new ideas and voicing my opinions or views when asked. I am a strong advocate and supportive of service rights of individuals with intellectual disabilities. I worked as a respite worker and volunteer in our community and with Special Olympics. I have great respect for Regional Center case workers and people with developmental disabilities.

**Name:** Redacted  
**County of Residence:** LASSEN  
**Region:** North State  
**Race:** Hispanic or Latino

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**I am a:** representative of the general public

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

No

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

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

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

My interest started with my youngest sister. She had a disability with educational and social developmental. I was the member of my family that encouraged her to apply for assistance (in the form of counseling) with the County of San Bernardino, CA. I also helped with her at home development.

I worked for the County of San Bernardino (part time, summer employment) for the County counselors in developing activities for undeveloped youth and teenagers. I started and managed a 'teen center' with the concept of having 'fun.'

Working for the Department of Defense (DOD) at Fort Ord, Ca. (Army) and at Marine Corps Marine Base, Camp Pendleton (Marines) I solicited through our counseling program on Base for Army and Marine personnel to work with me (My department) to gain developmental skills to transition back to military life (Back from the war zone) and/or transition back to civilian life.

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

Training, counseling, and employment.

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

I find the capability to help other human beings to be gratifying and reward full. I remember the feeling of helping military personnel being able to cope with the real world as we have developed it. I remember the joy I experienced working with the youth and young adults of San Bernardino County (Barstow, CA) while they enjoyed the 'teen center.' Basically, I have been provided many blessing growing-up as a teenager and young adult, I want to help and possibly make a difference in someone else's life.

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

Training, counseling, and employment. Working as a Safety Manager for the Federal Government, I feel that I have a lot of skills that I can share. I can share organizational skills, leadership skills, and some basic managerial skills. In my county I have been successful in making many contacts with managers and supervisors of different organizations, from restaurants to retail.