

Application Form

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Ter _____ **House** _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

_____ Home Address _____ Suite or Apt _____

Pittsburg _____ City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

_____ Primary Phone

_____ email Address

Which supervisorial district do you live in?

District 5

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

CSU Hayward

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

MS, Counseling Psychology

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

CSU Hayward

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

BS, Psychology

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Bassett College, Portland OR

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

BA, Apparel Design

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other schools / training completed:

Course Studied

University of San Francisco, Development Director Certificate Program

Hours Completed

1 year course of study

Certificate Awarded?

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Contra Costa Council on Homelessness: Submitted

Seat Name

Government

Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?

Yes No

If you have attended, how many meetings have you attended?

Over 500 since the BOS first established the Board in the late 1990s

Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my application for reappointment to the Council on Homelessness. It is my honor to have served as Chair and Vice Chair of this body several times since it was established by the BOS. It is my life's commitment to work closely with residents, nonprofit agencies, as well as local, regional and federal government to help find solutions to homelessness. I have a passion for the plight of people on the streets with no home, because I am a formerly homeless youth. For a most two years, I lived in my car, on the streets, with friends, and boarded up buildings. I know what it is like to raid grocery store dumpsters and forage for food, cooking what I found over a single-burner camp stove. I know what it is like to have to clean up and "bathe" in public restrooms. I know what it is like to feel dehumanized, cold, hungry, alone. Thanks to help from the faith community, I escaped this nightmare with my life, and sanity and transitioned into successful adulthood. Many others are not so fortunate. Our society can do better, and our Homeless Continuum of Care is striving every day to do better to help those who are impoverished, mentally ill, drug and alcohol addicted. Everyone needs to be warm and dry with a roof over their heads and food in their belly. I truly believe that homelessness is not an insurmountable problem, although many times it seems that way. It is my heartfelt desire to continue to serve on the Council on Homelessness and be part of the solution to homelessness in East Contra Costa County for another term so that I may continue to make meaningful contributions to help those in our community without a place to call home.

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

I would like to be considered for appointment to other advisory boards for which I may be qualified.

Yes No

Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board, commission, or committee?

Yes No

List any volunteer or community experience, including any advisory boards on which you have served.

Currently Board member of Council on Homelessness, Contra Costa Healthcare for Homeless, United Way/FEMA Local Board, past member of Coco Lead+ Board.

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application)

I have worked in the field of homelessness and housing for over 30 years, as a past Development Director for Shelter Against Violent Environments (emergency shelter and transitional housing) in Fremont, and past Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Contra Costa (now East Bay/Solon Valley). For the past 23 years I have managed federal CDBG and other resources to benefit lower income communities, providing services and developing affordable housing for the cities of Concord, Pittsburg and Antioch. I have worked for the City of Antioch for past decade and have lived in East Contra Costa for 25 years, so I know the area and its challenges well. Last year I conducted the public outreach and needs analysis for the Contra Costa HOME/CDBG Consortium, to develop the 2020-25 Consolidated Plan. This was an extensive year-long process that involved outreach to underserved and minority populations as well as intensive data analysis of CHAS and other housing and demographic data, as well as school and other data sources. In addition to serving on the COC Rating and Ranking Committee for federal applications since my initial appointment, I also help evaluate ESG and United Way applications for funding.

Upload a Resume

Conflict of Interest and Certification

Do you have a Familial or Financial Relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors?

Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Do you have any financial relationships with the County such as grants, contracts, or other economic relations?

Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I certify that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and understand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

I Agree