

**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Applicants -- Applications received as of September 18, 2020 for Community-Based Organization Representatives Seats #16 and #17**

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1	Ashley	Ciullo	8/6/20	5	Martinez	Cal Poly SLO, Journalism; Contra Costa College, HHS Counseling; Diablo Valley College, Behavioral Science/Arts	NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness Contra Costa; Ashes Shadow Org- Self Business;	NAMI Contra Costa, Justice for Miles Hall, Rainbow Community Center American Red Cross Celebrate Recovery Mercy & Grace Prison Ministries Multi-Faith Action Committee and SURJ for Racial Justice Putnam Clubhouse Sports Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church	JJCC serves to improve services for Contra Costa County's juvenile justice population by assessing existing practices and resources, identifying system needs and gaps, and prioritizing and recommending solutions. I am an administrative staff member and county advocate planner for NAMI Contra Costa and other county community organizations to further address prevention and crisis treatment for mental illness and health disparities including the Juvenile Probation department.
2	Cynthia	Kay	8/13/20	3	Oakley	California State University East Bay, Hayward, Bachelor's degree – Sociology; Los Medanos College, Pittsburg Associates degree – Liberal Arts	Retired	CSUEB (Restorative Justice) University Role Model 2016 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Juror 2018- 2019	This position utilizes my experience in law enforcement, Civil Grand Jury, and education that is well suited for me to be a worthy and contributing member. Resident of CCC for 48 years Police Officer Pleasanton PD 3 yrs Deputy Sheriff CCC 21 yrs (retired), last position held prior to retirement was a School Resource Officer- Byron Union School District B.A. Sociology CCC Civil Grand Jury 1 yr.
3	Amy	Lynch	8/28/20	4	Walnut Creek	University of Georgia, B.S. Recreational Therapy	ARM of Care	Volunteered working with the High School Youth Group at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church	I have been working with Juvenile Hall for six years on the girls' unit (Shastea). I teach a MAP (Movement and Purpose) class for one hour every Wednesday afternoon. I teach body awareness for physical, emotional, social and mental wellbeing. We use Yoga, Pilates, stretching, strengthening and balancing exercises. We often play movement games using beach balls, nerf balls, dynabands and other equipment. I found an organization eight years ago called ARM (Art, Recreation and Movement) of Care where we partner with many organizations like Juvenile Hall to provide trauma informed self care tools for youth at risk. I have worked for over 35 years teaching movement and body awareness programs. I am a trained Pilates, Z Health, Somatic Movement Therapist and National Academy of Sport Medicine Practitioner.
4	Denise	Mills	9/11/20	1	Richmond	Contra Costa College, Health Human Service; Contra Costa College, Sociology/Behavioral Health; Mills College, Sociology Liberal Arts	Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services, Heluna Health Richmond	AB 109 Mentor Training, President HHS Club at Contra Costa College, Bay Area Rescue Mission (Feeding the Homeless Sunday School Teacher), Men & Women of Purpose Mentor for Reentry, Contra Costa College Trade Mark Women of Distinction for 2020	I would be a great asset to the board, committee or commission to work to improve better services to the Juvenile population, become a Reentry Mentor. I work with a small group at times that come into our shelters, assisting in housing, education, job placement, probation, and court orders. Working with youth at 18-21 years of age at a youth shelter. Case manager - assist youth with housing referrals, job placement and education should some youth with to complete their education, assist youth from Juvenile Hall.

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5	Anita	Pereira-Sekhon	9/3/20	5	Lafayette	University of Connecticut, Bachelor's of Science in Pathology; University of Connecticut School of Law, Juris Doctorate	NA	volunteer for a local citizens groups regarding safety of citizens on the roads commuting via bicycle; served on the Executive Board at a diverse cooperative preschool for 8 years, School Site Council for 6 years and currently Diversity, Equity & Inclusion council for less than 1 year; volunteer reiki and energy healing to my local community. Previously, I volunteered for the Permanent Commission for the Status of Women, Attorney General's Office and Housing Court.	My passions include transportation and well being of minors. I am interested in making sure my local community is safe on the road with respect to accidents, speeding, bicycle safety, and reduction of traffic, stress and pollution. I am also interested in the rights of children, family reunification and restorative justice for minors.  My background is in law and mediation. I have always been drawn to helping the community and previously worked for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) where I helped run the National School Lunch Program, the United States Department of Labor (DOL) where I helped protect employee health and pension plans and United States Department of State where I protected derivative citizenship. I left government service to be a full time mother to my four children and spent the last several years pursuing mindfulness, meditation, yoga, and reiki.
6	Christina	Richards	9/18/20	2	Danville	University of California-Berkeley, BA-Theatre & Performance Studies; John F. Kennedy University, Law School	NA	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Contra Costa County, serve annually with City Impact (San Francisco), serve weekly with White Pony Express (Contra Costa County). I have been on the Board of a (previous) Homeowners Association and the Board of our local swimming pool (over 100 family members). I have also recently served as an Arts Commissioner for the Town of Danville for three years.	I believe both my personal experience (lower income childhood) and adult volunteering for various organizations (both legal, eg CASA of Contra Costa County, and religious, eg City Impact, White Pony Express) has put me in a particular position to add a valuable perspective to this Body.  I have worked within the legal industry as a legal secretary and/or paralegal for almost 30 years. When working with CASA, I was not only a trainer in the organization, but had individual assignments with the youth served (the majority of which are POC).
7	Mahogany	Spears	8/17/20	5	Antioch	Saint Augustine's College, Political Science BA; University of San Francisco, M.A. Counseling Psychology	Alameda County Probation Dept.	NA	I have over 10 years of experience within the criminal justice field. My interest in serving on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council stems from my passion of public safety and the impacts of racial injustice. Collectively, my academic and professional experience have exposed me to the structural inequality faced by many in our society and have reaffirmed my commitment to social justice.
8	Julius	Van Hook	8/10/20	5	Hercules	Concordia University, M.Ed Educational Management; Contra Costa College, African American Studies	NA	Served on advisory boards in several capacities in the following organizations: California Funeral Directors Association, Hercules Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Bay Area Urban League Young Professionals, Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), Black Young Democrats of San Francisco, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Church of God in Christ Inc	I would like to serve on this particular commission because I believe I am a prime candidate to fill this vacancy. I am currently the Interfaith Juvenile Chaplain servicing the John A. Davis Juvenile Hall, as well as the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility, also known as Byron Boys Ranch. I have previously been a K-12 educator, college counselor, youth pastor, and community organizer. I have an undying and unwavering commitment to the success of all young people, especially those who have been marginalized, and those who may be victims of unsavory circumstances beyond their control. I am levelheaded and fair, and I enjoy collaborating with others. Moreover, I have direct contact with the demographic that we are representing and believe that I will be able to bring a unique perspective to this commission. My life and career are both entrenched in the mission and purpose of this commission, and I feel I am most qualified to fill this vacancy.