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Anonymous

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About the Supplemental Questions for the Council on Homelessness Membership Application

The following questions will be used by the Council on Homelessness' Nominating Panel to identify diverse applicants that can contribute unique expertise and perspectives to the Council. Answers to these questions will be evaluated in relation to the experience and qualifications desired for available member seats. Please carefully consider how your personal experiences, professional experiences, and values will contribute meaningfully to the Council on Homelessness' and the Contra Costa County Homeless Continuum of Care's efforts to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.

Please note, there are two required elements of the Council on Homelessness application, these "Supplemental Questions" and the County Application. Once you submit this application, you will get an response that will include the link to the County Application. You must submit the County application by 5 pm Friday, September 30, 2022 to be considered.

REMINDER: To be considered for the Council, you must complete BOTH components of the application.

Please note, this form can be filled out as a Word document and emailed to Council on Homelessness CChomelesscouncil@cchealth.org by the deadline or submitted via this online form.

Supplemental Questions

1. Which vacant Council on Homelessness seat are you applying for? *

- ☐ Affordable Housing Developer Representative
- ☐ Behavioral Health Representative
- ☐ City Government Representative
- ☐ Educational and Vocational Services Representative
- ☐ Emergency Solutions Grant Representative
- ☐ Health Care Representative
- ☐ Homeless Service Provider Representative
- ☒ Lived Experience Advisor (must have lived experience of homelessness)
- ☐ Veterans Administration Representative
- ☐ Workforce Development Representative
- ☐ Youth Representative (must be between the ages of 18-24)

More options for Responses

2. Please briefly describe any special skills, relationships, or resources you would bring to this specific seat. If applicable, please describe any experiences that demonstrate a past professional or personal commitment to addressing and alleviating homelessness within the topic or field related to the vacant seat. (400 word maximum) *

I'm currently part of the counties steering committee on homelessness for Contra Costa county and part of the strategic planning committee for the City of Richmond on homelessness I am part of the Richmond task force for homelessness I attend All City council meetings surrounding this I also work with faith in action East Bay on civil rights focusing on the homeless crisis and homeless rights. I advocate for the homeless in Richmond Ca and I started a safe parking pilot site in 2020 that was recently allocated 4.8 million dollars by the governor which I'm very proud of.

3. **Please identify your personal connections with homelessness by selecting one of the options below: ***

- ☒ I am a person currently experiencing homelessness and living in a shelter or location not meant for human habitation (e.g., in a tent).
- ☐ I am a person who experienced homelessness within the past 5 years but is currently housed.
- ☐ I am a person who experienced homelessness more than 5 years ago but is currently housed.
- ☐ I am a family member of someone who has experienced homelessness
- ☐ I am none of the above but still invested in addressing homelessness in Contra Costa County.
- ☐ I would prefer not to respond

4. **Individuals experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County come from diverse backgrounds (in terms of abilities, ages, sexual and gender identities, immigration statuses, and racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds). Please describe your approach and experience working with and in diverse populations. (400 words maximum) ***

Honestly I just be myself I have a multi-cultural family/community around me that I help and I advocate for on a daily basis in my homeless community in Richmond my children also are multiracial I have been working with different sexual gender immigration status racial ethnic and cultural backgrounds in the homeless community since 2020 professionally and all my life I have related to all different backgrounds of people I find it very easy to communicate with everyone and have no discriminatory bones in my body.

5. **Please describe your affiliations with organizations or agencies who serve various homeless subpopulations such as: persons with chronic substance abuse issues, persons with serious mental illness, persons experiencing chronic homelessness, persons with HIV/AIDS, veterans, families with children, unaccompanied youth, victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and seniors. (400 word maximum) ***

I myself am a person with chronic substance abuse issues in the past also mental illness also my father committed suicide when I was 16 due to mental illness I am also part of The chronic homelessness community my boyfriend son is HIV positive and we deal with that my father was a veteran I am a family with a child homeless I wasn't unaccompanied youth as a child I was a teen mother of 15 and I definitely am homeless because I was a victim of domestic violence and dating violence I have never been sexually assaulted however every one of my female friends have been and I've dealt with that with them and comforted them and help them through it I have been a victim of stalking and I love seniors and love to work with them I think they have all the great information and I love to speak with them and them to tell me about their life and love to help them I think that you have to help those before you so that the next generation will then help us.

6. **If applicable, please describe your affiliations with any government and community-based organizations that are not currently represented on the Council on Homelessness. For a full list of current Council on Homelessness members, please see here: <https://cchealth.org/h3/coc/council.php#Members> . (400 word maximum) ***

I work with SOS in Richmond California which is a non-profit it helps the homeless I work alongside the core team I am on the steering committee for contraction county or homelessness I am on the strategic planning committee for Richmond California on homelessness I am part of the homeless task force in Richmond California I work with faith and action East Bay around civil rights as a leader in organizer.

7. **Using your personal experiences and/or professional experiences, please describe up to three (3) ways you would encourage the Contra Costa Continuum of Care to address or set priorities for addressing homelessness. Feel free to draw from current events and other sources of information. (400 word maximum) ***

By sharing my lived experiences my experiences strength and hopes and the experiences I've had around things that work and do not work with hud housing, the COC, H3, and county and state and local governments around homelessness as well as the experiences that I have been a part of while being homeless chronically for so long. Also maybe taking surveys from the homeless community or or maybe starting petitions and Contra Costa county to show them first hand what the homeless communities are looking for or where they're lacking or what they want.

8. **Please state how many Continuum of Care (CoC), Council on Homelessness (CoH), or Youth Advisory Council (YAC) meetings you have previously attended. ***

- ☒ 3 or more meetings
- ☐ 1-2 meetings
- ☐ 0 meetings

9. Please provide up to three (3) recommendations or thoughts you had from CoC, CoH, or YAC meetings. If you have not attended a CoC, CoH, or YAC meetings, please briefly describe any recent relevant participation in similar meetings and your recommendations or thoughts. (400 word maximum) *

I really have not attended enough COC or coh meetings to really have a recommendation or too much of a thought on them however I do appreciate them I do get a lot from them but nothing really relevant for me to speak about however I have been on the steering committee meetings and the strategic planning committee meetings around homelessness in Contra Costa county as well as the city of Richmond recently which are pretty similar I believe and my thoughts for those are we're pretty much spending our Wheels speaking about the same things over and over and over again also people with lived experience already know most of these things from experience and don't really need to meet and talk about the same things we really want to talk about more solutions then issues and there's not a lot of talk around solutions in my experience with these meetings there is a lot of information on how to handle certain problems or issues you may run into dealing with the homeless community however a person with lived experience already knows most of these and has already experienced most of these issues and problems and knows how to solve them most of these however some of the COC and coh meetings do give you an insight as to why things are going on or the level of help that's available for certain agencies or the the latter that you may have to climb in order to get real help a real solutions across the board so I do appreciate all of the meetings and trainings that I attend from the COC and the coh.

10. The Council is committed to the Housing First approach (meaning no barriers or requirements as a prerequisite to housing, including sobriety, religious affiliation, or other structure not required for housing) and has established this Guiding Principle: *Homelessness is first a housing issue, and necessary supports and services are critical to help people remain housed. Our system must be nimble and flexible enough to respond through the shared responsibility, accountability, and transparency of the community.* Are you in support of the Housing First approach and Guiding Principle described above? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

11. Please identify the level of commitment you can provide to the Council on Homelessness by selecting one of the options below: *

☒ I can be available for **2 or more meetings per month**, including the standing monthly COH meeting the first Thursday of every month from 1pm to 3pm.

☐ I can be available **only for the standing monthly COH meeting** the first Thursday of every month from 1pm to 3pm.

☐ I am **not available** for the standing monthly COH meeting, **but can make other meetings 2 or more times** per month.

☐ I am **not available** for the standing monthly COH meeting and **may not be able to make other meetings** more than once per month.

12. Which of the following geographic areas do you spend the most time in? *

☐ Far East Contra Costa County (for example: Discovery Bay, Bethel Island)

☐ East Contra Costa County (for example: Bay Point, Pittsburg, Antioch, Brentwood)

☐ Central Contra Costa County (for example: Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Concord, Walnut Creek)

☐ South Contra Costa County (for example: Alamo, Danville, San Ramon)

☒ West Contra Costa County (for example: El Cerrito, San Pablo, Richmond, Pinole, Hercules, Rodeo)

☐ I spend an equal amount of time in all five geographic areas listed above.

Demographic Information (Optional)

The Council aims to engage as broad a representation as possible of abilities, ages, sexual and gender identities, immigration statuses, and racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds, and geographical representation within the County. Responses to the following questions are optional and will be considered in aggregate to ensure that we have recruited a diverse pool of applicants. The Nominating Panel will not review applicants' responses to the following questions.

13. What are your pronouns (for example: she/him/they/ze, etc.)?

14. What is your gender identity (for example: female/male/transgender/non-binary/gender non-conforming, etc.)?

15. What is your sexual orientation (*for example: bisexual/straight/gay/pansexual, etc*)?

16. What best describes your age? (Check one)

☐ Transition aged youth (18-24)

☐ Adult (25-61)

☐ Older adult (62+)

17. What best describes your race/ethnicity? (Pick as many as apply)

☐ African American/Black

☐ Arab/Middle Eastern

☐ Asian

☐ Caucasian/White

☐ East Indian/South Asian

☐ Latine/a/o/x

☐ Mixed Race

☐ Native American

☐ Pacific Islander

☐ South/Central American

☐ Choose not to answer

☐ Other

18. **Is there any other information you would like to share, including anything that would help us understand how you would contribute to the diverse representation of people and experiences on the Council** (for example: lived experience of homelessness, abilities, immigration status, ethnic background, or cultural background)?

Not only am I a person with lived experience I'm also a child that was raised in a very racist family I'm currently disowned for most of my family because of the free choices that I make in my life and I'm okay with that today also I have my child and a person who commit suicide I was a teen mother at 15 I am a victim of domestic violence I have dealt with the welfare and social services department for over 26 years I have been a participate in HUD housing for over 9 years in the past hopefully in the near future also have pretty much exhausted all avenues in Contra Costa county as far as homeless services and services from the government. And I have learned along the way in the last 26 years as much as I possibly can around those services my children are all biracial my grandchildren are biracial we are a multicultural family and are very open to all people regardless of race gender sexual orientation or anything else and work very hard to overcome all of the discrimination around me my whole life and I am very very active in making sure that my world is a fair equitable world.

Contact Information

19. Name *

Amanda jenkins

20. Email *

21. Phone Number



Application Form

Profile

Amanda

First Name

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Middle Initial

Jenkins

Last Name

Home Address

Suite or Apt

San pablo

City

CA

State

Postal Code

Home:

Primary Phone

Email Address

[District Locator Tool](#)

Resident of Supervisorial District:

☒ District 1

Self employed

Employer

Community outreach

Job Title

Length of Employment

2yrs

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

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How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County?

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Contra Costa Council on Homelessness: Submitted

Seat Name

Lived experience seat

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, how many meetings have you attended?

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Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

☒ G.E.D. Certificate

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

Silicon valley college

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Medical assistant

Degree Awarded?

☒ Yes ☐ No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

☐ Yes ☐ No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

Cert phlebotomy

Certificate Awarded for Training?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Other Training B

Certificate Awarded for Training?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

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

To help end homelessness by sharing my experiences strengths and hopes and my thoughts on a solution to one day help end homelessness in Contra Costa county and beyond. To be the voice from the people themselves

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

I am a member of the current steering committee in Contra Costa county for the living experience position strategic planning committee in Richmond also the lived experience position on homelessness the Richmond adhoc homeless task force committee the Castro encampment stakeholders committee in Richmond I am a organizer and leader with Faith in Action East Bay I have my own Local organizing committee at the castro encampment in North Richmond which I am the founder of tht encampment a safe parking site for the homeless living in RVs in Richmond we have about 55 participants in that particular site we were just awarded a 4.8 million dollar Grant by Gov. As part of the encampment resolution project

Upload a Resume

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Amanda M Jenkins

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please explain:

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you are currently serving:

Steering Committee for the homeless 10yr plan

If Yes, please also list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you have previously served:

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

I am part of a local organizing committee for Rydin Rd safe parking encampment where I've been a resident for over a year also I have one at the castro encampment in Richmond that I am the founder and we work alongside Faith and action East Bay and Peyton Skillet. I'm on the reimagining Richmond advisory test scores I am on the homeless task force in Richmond I am on the strategic planning committee in Richmond I am on the steering committee in Contra Costa county I am on to loc's in Richmond it's been countless volunteer hours in the last 2 years doing outreach to the homeless in both Richmond and North Richmond.

Conflict of Interest and Certification

Do you have a familial or financial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section below or Resolution No. 2021/234)

☐ 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 relationships?

☐ 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 undersand 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

Important Information

1. This application and any attachments you provide to it is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code §6250-6270).
2. All members of appointed bodies are required to take the advisory body training provided by Contra Costa County.
3. Members of certain boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: (1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and (2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.
4. Meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
5. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two (2) days per month.
6. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.
7. As indicated in Board Resolution 2021/234, a person will not be eligible for appointment if he/she is related to a Board of Supervisors' member in any of the following relationships:
 - (1) Mother, father, son, and daughter;
 - (2) Brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, and granddaughter;
 - (3) Husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, and stepdaughter;
 - (4) Registered domestic partner, pursuant to California Family Code section 297;
 - (5) The relatives, as defined in 1 and 2 above, for a registered domestic partner;
 - (6) Any person with whom a Board Member shares a financial interest as defined in the Political Reform Act (Gov't Code §87103, Financial Interest), such as a business partner or business associate.