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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've educated and oriented communities how to engage and have encounters with the unhoused communities without judgement. I've had the opportunity to help individuals unhoused transition from being unhoused to housed in permanent living spaces to now own Or management of business. I've had more than 20 years of working with the vulnerable population. I've studied trauma of individuals living within the communities, helped reframe their stories and linked individuals to helping themselves and maintaining their resiliency.

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) *

For the last 4 years I've worked with the unhoused communities during the most challenging time when the pandemic came and the current state of the pandemic. Myself and my team witnessed individuals in their most vulnerable states from being housed with employment shifted to being unhoused, divorced and now sleeping within their vehicles, lack of basic essential, and securing food for individuals. In addition, I've worked in the behavioral health field as a crisis manager in community based and psychiatric hospitals, served as Clinical mental health director in San Francisco tenderloin neighborhood with individuals previously or in conditioning of being unhoused, served as advocacy for unhoused individuals as well as trained and oriented individuals how to integrate with the unhoused communities. I am currently The founder and CEO of nonprofit that provides services to the unhoused communities.

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) *

As aforementioned, I am the founder and CEO of Community Villages whom we provide services to the unhoused communities, secure communities in need with food, mental health advocacy and more. I currently facilitate comprehensive assessments on individuals living unhoused and referring them to housing providers, shelters, PCP's and more. I have more than 20 years of experience working in vulnerable and underserved communities with the research focused on trauma and complex PTSD in dysfunctional family dynamics.

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 am the founder and CEO of Community Villages whom we provide services to the unhoused communities, secure communities in need with food, mental health advocacy and more. I currently facilitate comprehensive assessments on individuals living unhoused and referring them to housing providers, shelters, PCP's and more. I

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) *

I would encourage for advanced education on the personal experiences of the unhoused communities, continue to advocate for community conversations about the unhoused and housed integrations, and focused on mapping areas that are inadequate and saturated with unhoused communities by facilitating community talks amongst the unhoused communities itself within their Owen environment.

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 would recommend more time or suggest that prior to the meeting that individuals may submit questions or comments before the meeting therefore all voices and thoughts are shared and there is a sense of belonging to the attendees.

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)?

Working with the unhoused has and will continue to be a humanitarian passion and dedication to world issue. Teaching and educated others on DEIB is a magnitude focus in equality.

Contact Information

19. Name *

20. Email *

21. Phone Number

Application Form

Profile

Tanya

First Name

Jacobs

Middle Initial

Last Name

Home Address

Suite or Apt

El Sobrante

City

CA

State

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Email Address

[District Locator Tool](#)

Resident of Supervisorial District:

☒ District 1

Community Villages Inc

Employer

Executive Director

Job Title

Length of Employment

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Do you work in Contra Costa County?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

District 1

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

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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

Tanya Jacobs

Seat Name

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 *

☒ High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

Touro University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

MA/MFT/Counseling

Degree Awarded?

☒ Yes ☐ No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

North Carolina Central University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Criminal Justice

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

Crisis Management

Certificate Awarded for Training?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Other Training B

Strengthening Family Systems

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.

I would like the opportunity to serve on the board as I live and provide services within the community. It's an important aspect to provide input when and where available to support the community growth with my participation. I've been active in my communities my entire life and focus on empowering and strengthening the communities. I also believe that my experiences will contribute to our communities as they expand with new developments. I am hopeful that I'll get to assist in the development of changes with our area.

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

I have served in management and operations for a number of years which resulted in positive and growing improvement within my community. I've served as a clinical mental health director, crisis management, executive director within the last 10 years and overall 21 years of experience working in the human service and behavioral health field from support staff to management. In addition my research has focused the perspective of trauma with underserved communities as well as family systems of care. My years of experience internationally and domestically influenced cultural responsiveness and sensitivity to explore aspects of diverse communities to be aware and understand their experiences. Cultural competence helps improve the way our community is served and responded to.

Upload a Resume

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please explain:

Meetings that us on Wednesday during the community pantry hours may impact the attendance but is flexible

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:

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've volunteered more than 10k hours with the community from Volunteer America, NAMI, encampments , ministering in Caribbean countries such as Northern and Western parts of Jamaica. I've served as Liason for at risk youth as we as for families in need of support with developmental disabilities to improve their family functioning.

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.