Submit Date: May 08, 2025 **Application Form Profile** Jared Κ Murti First Name Middle Last Name Initial Home Address Suite or Apt San Mateo CA City State Postal Code Primary Phone **Email Address District Locator Tool Resident of Supervisorial District:** ☑ N/A - Out of County City of Pinole - Partnership **Housing Policy** for the Bay's Future Job Title **Length of Employment** 5 mo Do you work in Contra Costa County? ⊙ Yes ○ No If Yes, in which District do you work? 1 How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County? 5 mo 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 |
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| City Government Representative |
| 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 * |
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| College/ University A |
| Name of College Attended |
| College of San Mateo |
| Degree Type / Course of Study / Major |
| Associate Degree in Political Science; Associate Degree in Sociology |
| Degree Awarded? |
| ⊙ Yes ⊙ No |
| College/ University B |
| Name of College Attended |
| University of San Francisco |
| Degree Type / Course of Study / Major |
| BA in Sociology, minor in Politics |
| Degree Awarded? |
| ⊙ Yes ○ No |
| College/ University C |
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| Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses | |
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| Certificate Awarded for Training? | |
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| Occupational Licenses Completed: | |
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Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

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

My career has been dedicated to addressing homelessness and housing insecurity within the Bay Area, with a specialization on historically marginalized communities. This is a passion of mine that I have been fortunate enough to be able to shape a career around and would be honored to continue my service efforts within context of the Council on Homelessness. My current role as a housing policy fellow is aimed specifically at supporting the city of the Pinole, but the scope of my program extends to Contra Costa and the rest of the Bay Area. Fellows in my cohort have been placed in municipalities across the Bay. The aim is homelessness prevention and increasing housing access in the Bay Area through innovative programmatic solutions. This network has served to expand my understandings of homelessness prevention in the County and will be a useful tool in supporting the Council's endeavors.

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

Current Housing Policy Fellow for City of Pinole through Partnership for the Bay's Future focusing on homelessness prevention and support, tenant protections and affordable development 5 years of experience in property management of market-rate, affordable, and permanent supportive housing. Published research on homelessness in Bay Area HCD Tribal Homekey+ Program Representative Equity Policy Research Fellow for California Housing Partnership,

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| Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified? |
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| ⊙ Yes ○ No |
| 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: |
| 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. |
| 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: |
| No personal contracts or economic relationships, but in my capacity working for the city of Pinole I have worked on contracts with the county's CORE program |

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.

Respondent

27 Anonymous

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

Please explain why you would like to serve on the Council on Homelessness and in the specific Council seat(s) you are applying for. (400 word maximum) *

My journey to this application started growing up in the Bay and witnessing friends and family struggle with housing precarity and homelessness in a so-called booming economy. It led me to pursue a career after high school trying to help folks. I spent four years working in humanitarian aid and service provision work, operating soup kitchens, street outreach, and afterschool programs. But, like many in that line of work, I found myself burned out. The work felt like putting bandaids on much deeper wounds and the wages available left me experiencing housing precarity myself. It was during this time - and the transition out of it that I experienced intermittent sheltered homelessness, sleeping on couches and a vehicle we were lucky enough to have. From there, I transitioned to the trades. My partner and I were able to establish the stability our adolescence and early adulthood lacked but struggled to reconcile our new world with the reality of our past. During this season, I remember working on properties with art pieces worth more money than I would earn in decades (including a \$2.1M foot statue) and struggling with the social imbalance of wealth and housing in the Bay. I stumbled into a career of property management and decided to pursue an education hoping to thread the needle of fulfilling work AND living wages. My education focused on homelessness policies in the Bay and resulted in research projects published in both my university's research journal and the Barnard-Columbia Urban Review. This led to an equity policy research fellowship for the California Housing Partnership where I supported existing projects around Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, Housing Needs Assessments, and homelessness policy. I also led a racial equity impact assessment of the State's first three rounds of Homekey and provided policy recommendations for Homekey+. From there I landed a job in the Tribal branch of Homekey+ before taking my current position as a housing policy fellow with the Partnership for the Bay's Future. I am very privileged to be where I am now and am applying to continue to serve and advocate for folks experiencing homelessness. I believe my professional and academic success in policy is rooted not so much in my direct experience, but in the role identifying the personhood of individuals impacted by policy decisions around housing and homelessness. That insight is what I hope to bring to the Council.

3. Please briefly describe any personal or professional skills, experiences, volunteer work, or connections (such as affiliations with organizations addressing homelessness) that you would bring to the Council on Homelessness and/or the specific seat you are applying for. For example, you can talk about things like your experience getting services in the county, comfort with public speaking, experience working with unhoused youth, community activism, relationships with organizations, etc. (400 word maximum) *

My career has centered around developing equitable solutions to homelessness and housing precarity in California and the Bay Area. I currently serve as a housing policy fellow through the Partnership for the Bay's Future (PBF), where I work for the City of Pinole as a housing programs manager, overseeing multiple housing and homelessness initiatives. In this role I have worked diligently with CORE to secure increased services in Pinole as well as the city managers and city staff of neighboring municipalities of Hercules, El Cerrito, and Richmond. I have supported the development of permanent supportive housing projects such as SAHA's Valor Village, presented equitable housing and homelessness solutions to city council, worked diligently in the development of strategic community engagement strategies for tenant protection programs, and housing resource allocation. Through my role with PBF and its commitment to a regional approach to housing and homelessness solutions, I have collaborated with the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority, the Housing Authority of Contra Costa County, and the cities of Richmond, Concord, and Antioch. Their partnership model aims to work jointly with community-based organizations, which has further extended the program's network in Contra Costa to Multi-Faith Action & Hope Solutions, East Bay Housing Organization, Richmond Neighborhood Services, Richmond Our Power Coalition, Community Housing Development Corporation, RichmondLAND, Northern California Land Trust, and the Richmond Community Foundation. Access to this network creates the opportunity to foster nuanced understandings of the complexities around homelessness, housing, and service provision that the Council on Homelessness is intended to operate within. I also bring six years of experience managing market-rate, affordable, and permanent supportive housing units and worked as a program representative for Homekey+ with the California Department of Housing and Community Development. These roles require the close collaboration with service providers, individuals experiencing or recently having experienced homelessness as well as landlords, developers, and local agencies to ensure the successful creation of and placement in housing. My experience and current roles strongly support the Council on Homelessness' goals of supporting Contra Costa's community members navigating the complexities of homelessness and housing precarity.

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| 0 | am a family member of someone who has experienced homelessness |
| 0 | am none of the above but still invested in addressing homelessness in Contra Costa County. |
| 0 | would prefer not to respond |

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

5. Unhoused people in Contra Costa County come from many different backgrounds in terms of race, ethnicity, culture, ability, age, sexual and gender identity, and immigration status. Please list and explain 3 reasons why certain groups might have a harder time accessing services than others. (400 words maximum) *

The overarching goal of the Council is to end homelessness. That means approaches need to address the specific contexts that lead to and perpetuate homelessness for the diverse individuals that experience it in our community. An intersectional approach to policy design is needed to adequately address the barriers faced by marginalized community members when accessing housing, support services and employment.

For example, my research has examined the specific barriers to exiting homelessness experienced by black and indigenous persons of color in the Bay. Historic marginalization and disenfranchisement have led to elevated rates of housing precarity in black and brown communities within the Bay Area, resulting in overrepresentation of BIPOC folks in our homeless populations. This is the result of explicit and implicit housing and labor laws throughout the state. Further, overpolicing and mass incarceration have created barriers to accessing housing, employment, and support through the over-imposition of criminal records. Barriers also result from implicit bias within our support structures, both in their implementation and often-times in their design. What this means is that if our approaches to ending homelessness do not consider the impact of these circumstances, they will fail to end homelessness for all folks in Contra Costa.

While working with California Tribal Entities on permanent supportive housing development for HCD through Tribal Homekey+, I also learned the complexities of navigating solutions to homelessness in the context of indigeneity. The impact of the state's history and current relationships with tribal entities shapes the way tribal members interact with homeless services. Addressing homelessness amongst tribal members meant closely with tribal representatives to ensure services are effective. When designing Tribal Homekey+, it was vital to coordinate with tribal entities to design a development model that worked for their circumstances. Rather than assessors, we worked as collaborators with tribal representatives to help projects feasibility and ensure the programs provided worked for the specific contexts their tribal members experiencing homelessness faced. I believe this will be the key to developing any effective program aimed at addressing the underlying causes of homelessness and the particular stickiness of homelessness for marginalized community members.

Ending homelessness means ending homelessness for all. Services need to be accessible to varied backgrounds and contexts of the individuals we aim to help if we truly aim to help all folks. Failing to do so will mean that even the best of intentioned programs will have lopsided and incomplete successes.

| to | ne of the programs I really appreciate in Contra Costa's CoC is CORE. I am excited to have helped the City of Pinole secure a joint CORE Outreach Team dedicated to our city, San Pablo, El Cerrito, and Hercules. And while their services and impact have been exceptional since their implementation, I believe it would be orthwhile to find ways to increase the salary provided to the team members. Staff retention has come up in my interviews with municipalities about the program. |
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| Ba wi re re | ased on their input (and my personal experience), making salaries more competitive would have a great impact on staff retention. Doing so in a cost-effective wa ill be important in ensuring municipalities are able to continue to support their teams. Possible strategies could include breaking the CORE outreach program int gional coverages (i.e. North, East, West) where salaries can reflect regional elevated costs of living. Another solution could be localizing service provision to duce operating expenses by collaborating with municipalities to 'host' a team. Increasing this program's staff retention capacity will allow team members to etter build the individualized trust and relationships that can help community members experiencing chronic homelessness. |
| ho lai no m M ta m | Thile much of my career has focused on creating systems to help folks successfully exit homelessness, support programs that can help folks at risk of complessness remain housed are equally pivotal in ending homelessness. It would be great for the county to build off existing tenant protection programs toward and eviction mitigation. This is especially important when considering the recent Bay Area Eviction Report put out by BAHFA. Contra Costa ow has the second highest eviction rate in the nine Bay Area counties. They attribute this trend to demographic trends; more folks are being priced out of denser letropolitan regions of the Bay and entering renter markets where fewer established tenant protection programs or eviction mitigation programs are established. By experience working in property management has highlighted the role advocacy and aid can play in minimizing displacement through preventing eviction citics before proceedings even begin. This includes more 'soft' eviction practices that render a space less and less hospitable such as through deferred laintenance. Developing support programs around eviction that target landlord accountability, engagement, and alternative dispute resolution techniques can elp resolve underlying circumstances in a less confrontational manner that maintains positive relationships with tenants and landlords alike and bypasses eviction effense counsel proceedings. |
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| | Equity Committee |
| | HMIS Policy Committee |
| | Oversight Committee PATLI (Plan for Assolvating Transformative Housing) Committee |
| | PATH (Plan for Accelerating Transformative Housing) Committee |
| A | Ad Hoc Committees (meet on an as-needed basis for a limited time) |
| | Funding Committee |
| | Governance Committee Homelessness Awareness Month Committee |
| | Nominating Committee |
| | Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Committee |
| <u>L</u> | All Councilmembers are expected to attend meetings in person and can only attend virtually twice per calendar year under very narrow circumstances. Additionally, Councilmembers may miss up to two Council meetings per calendar rear. Based on this information, please identify the level of commitment you can provide to the Council on Homelessness by selecting one of the options below: * |
| (| I am available to attend the standing monthly COH meeting on the first Thursday of every month from 1pm to 3pm, and I am available to participate in at least one committee which would require attending a separate regular meeting. |
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| | 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. The Nominating Panel will not review applicants' responses to the following questions. |
| 0. V | What are your pronouns (for example: she/him/they/ze, etc.)? |
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| 1. V | What is your gender identity (for example: female/male/transgender/non-binary/gender non-conforming, other)? |
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| 2. V | What is your sexual orientation (for example: bisexual/straight/gay/pansexual, other)? |
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| 3. \ | What best describes your age? (Check one) |
| | Transition aged youth (18-24) |
| | Adult (25-54) |

Older Adult (55-61_

Senior (62+)

| 14. | Wha | at best describes your race/ethnicity? (Pick as many as apply) |
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| | | White |
| | | Hispanic/Latino(a)(o)(e)(x) |
| | | Black/African American/African |
| | | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| | | American Indian/Alaskan Native/Indigenous |
| | | Asian American/Asian |
| | | Multiple Races |
| 8 | | Other |
| 15. | Whi | ch of the following geographic areas do you spend the most time in? * |
| | 0 | Far East Contra Costa County (for example: Discovery Bay, Bethel Island) |
| | 0 | East Contra Costa County (for example: Bay Point, Pittsburg, Antioch, Brentwood) |
| | 0 | Central Contra Costa County (for example: Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Concord, Walnut Creek) |
| | 0 | South Contra Costa County (for example: Alamo, Danville, San Ramon) |
| | | West Contra Costa County (for example: El Cerrito, San Pablo, Richmond, Pinole, Hercules, Rodeo) |
| | 0 | I spend an equal amount of time in all five geographic areas listed above. |
| 16. | wou | here any other information you would like to share, including anything that would help us understand how you ald contribute to the diverse representation of people and experiences on the Council (for example: lived erience of homelessness, abilities, immigration status, ethnic background, or cultural background)? |
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| 4. | Plea | Is a person who experienced homelessness within the past 7 years but is currently housed. I am a person who experienced homelessness more than 7 years ago but is currently housed. |

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

| 5. | Unhoused people in Contra Costa County come from many different backgrounds in terms of race, ethnicity, |
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| | culture, ability, age, sexual and gender identity, and immigration status. Please list and explain 3 reasons why |
| | certain groups might have a harder time accessing services than others. (400 words maximum) * |

No matter what intersectionality's exist for people, it's important for all everyone to have equitable access to the service and help that they need because individual outcomes are jointly felt across society and within communities. The entire county is impacted by the lack of addressing the needs of the most marginalized within our community, and as a collective we should compassionately and intentionally address the root cause issues impacting those who are at risk of being unhoused or are currently/intermittently experiencing homelessness. This is a devastating social problem that reflects broader systemic failures and social inequalities which diminish us all. By extending aid to our unhoused residents, the county commits to the collective values which include upholding the inherent dignity of every person, while affirming the principles of caring for one another across our community. Homelessness often stems from complex systemic issues, including poverty, lack of affordable housing, mental health challenges, and substance use disorders. Everyone needs housing and access to services in order to realize their potential, and help communities thrive.

6. Please share and explain two (2) ideas to help Contra Costa County better support people who are unhoused and people at risk of being unhoused. Your ideas can come from your own experience receiving services, your work, and/or what you've seen in the news. (400 word maximum) *

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9. Members of the Council are expected to attend standing monthly Council on Homelessness meetings which take place on the first Thursday of the month from 1 pm - 3pm in Martinez. Members are also expected to participate in at least one committee, which typically meet on a monthly basis. Standing Committees (meet once a month or every other month) Equity Committee · HMIS Policy Committee · Oversight Committee · PATH (Plan for Accelerating Transformative Housing) Committee Ad Hoc Committees (meet on an as-needed basis for a limited time) Funding Committee Governance Committee · Homelessness Awareness Month Committee Nominating Committee · Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Committee All Councilmembers are expected to attend meetings in person and can only attend virtually twice per calendar year. under very narrow circumstances. Additionally, Councilmembers may miss up to two Council meetings per calendar year. Based on this information, please identify the level of commitment you can provide to the Council on Homelessness by selecting one of the options below: * I am available to attend the standing monthly COH meeting on the first Thursday of every month from 1pm to 3pm, and I am available to participate in at least one committee which would require attending a separate regular meeting. I am not available for the standing monthly COH meeting and/or I am not available to participate in at least one committee. **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. The Nominating Panel will not review applicants' responses to the following questions. 10. What are your pronouns (for example: she/him/they/ze, etc.)? 11. What is your gender identity (for example: female/male/transgender/non-binary/gender non-conforming, other)? 12. What is your sexual orientation (for example: bisexual/straight/gay/pansexual, other)?

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

Transition aged youth (18-24)

Adult (25-54)

Older Adult (55-61_

Senior (62+)

| 14. | What best describes your race/ethnicity? (Pick as many as apply) |
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| | White |
| | Hispanic/Latino(a)(o)(e)(x) |
| | Black/African American/African |
| | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| | American Indian/Alaskan Native/Indigenous |
| | Asian American/Asian |
| | Multiple Races |
| | Other |
| 15. | 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. |
| 16. | 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)? |
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| | Contact Information |
| 17. | Name * |
| | Bessie Marie Scott |
| 18. | Email * |
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| 19. | Phone Number * |
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Profile Bessie Marie Scott First Name Middle Last Name Initial Suite or Apt CA **District Locator Tool Resident of Supervisorial District: ▼** District 3 City of Antioch City Manager Employer Job Title **Length of Employment** 12 months Do you work in Contra Costa County? If Yes, in which District do you work? 3 How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County? 12 months Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? o Yes o No **Board and Interest** Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Submit Date: Sep 29, 2025

Bessie Marie Scott

Contra Costa Council on Homelessness: Submitted

| Seat Name | |
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| City Government Representative | |
| 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 * | |
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| College/ University A | |
| Name of College Attended | |
| UC Santa Barbara | |
| Degree Type / Course of Study / Major | |
| Law & Philosophy | |
| Degree Awarded? | |
| ⊙ Yes ○ No | |
| College/ University B | |
| Name of College Attended | |
| University of Washington | |
| Degree Type / Course of Study / Major | |
| Master's in Public Administration | |
| Degree Awarded? | |
| ⊙ Yes ○ No | |
| College/ University C | |
| Name of College Attended | |
| Degree Type / Course of Study / Major | |

| Degree Awarded? | |
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| Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses | |
| Other Training A | |
| Certified Inspector General | |
| Certificate Awarded for Training? | |
| ⊙ Yes ⊂ No | |
| Other Training B | |
| Certificate Awarded for Training? | |
| o Yes o No | |
| Occupational Licenses Completed: | |
| Qualifications and Volunteer Experience | |
| Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, commitee, or commission. | |
| I served as the Strategic Advisor to the Rental Assistance and Housing Choice Voucher Program at the Seattle Housing Authority where I worked with a team of Housing Counselors who helped families locate housing units to lease with a Section 8 Voucher, and worked with Seattle Public Schools to assist homeless families access stable housing in the area, in addition to other special programs and strategic initiatives, I have been working throughout my career on criminal justice and policy related issues such as healthcare disparities issues affecting women and minorities, enforcing the Fair Housing Act by conducting secret shopping in the rental market, and writing fair housing assessments and creating education and outreach initiatives for jurisdictions. | |
| Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application) | |
| See attached Resume. | |
| 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? | |
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| c 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: | |
| 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. | |
| 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? | |
| C Yes ⓒ No | |
| If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship: | |
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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.
- 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.