

Councilmember Responses to Interest to Serve 2nd Term

Mathew Lagrand

Yes, I would like to serve a second term.

1. What do you see the Council doing in the next three years?

2. What is one thing you will do to make that happen?

I want to advocate for the people with disabilities to prevent people with disabilities from being taken advantage of by others and continue my term as SCDD rep and Sequoia region rep on the state council of developmental disabilities.

David Pegos

Yes, I would be honored to serve a second term on the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) and continue to expand on all the great growth and accomplishments that have materialized over the past three years.

Q1: What do you see the council doing in the next three years?

A1: I see the council over the next three years developing into the statewide leader on developmental disabilities including leading on inclusive education, employment, and housing. Additionally, as evidenced by SCDD's ability to reach the state's special needs community during the COVID crisis, being seen as a trusted partner and source of information for the state's special needs community, leveraging this strength to reach this community for further outreach, engagement and coordination.

Q2: What is the one thing you will do to make that happen?

A2: I will personally become more engaged by spending more time and resources pushing for the collective goals of the SDCC including setting personal goals to help the special needs community over the next three years. I am passionate about the council's abilities, and will continue to listen to what is important to the special needs community and engage with stakeholders that can make our council's priorities a reality.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of my reappointment. It has been an honor to serve over the last three years and I look forward to continuing to serve and help resolve and promote the special needs community's issues and priorities. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information or have any questions at REDACTED. Thank you again and hope this note finds you both well.

Wesley Witherspoon

Yes, I would like to serve a second term.

1. What do you see the Council doing in the next three years?

I see the Council tackling problems for family members, providers, and self-advocates across California. I can't anticipate what is going to happen in the next 3 years. I hope that we can work on whatever necessary for the advancement of family members, providers, and self-advocates.

2. What is one thing you will do to make that happen?

I will participate in self-advocacy activities across California. I will serve in a leadership capacity to make sure that the Council is able to achieve their goals. I have attended almost every meeting I am part of. I will keep learning and participating with others. Thank you for reconsidering me to the Council for another 3 years.