

Redacted Membership Application

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Name: REDACTED

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County of Residence: **Alameda**

Email : REDACTED

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Race: African- American

I am a: representative of the general public

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?:

No

Are you a member of a nongovernmental agency that does not receive regional center funding?

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council: Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Do you want to serve on a Regional Advisory Committee:

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?:

I am the former director of the Center for Independent Living Inc., the nation's founding independent living center. CIL is a direct service and advocacy organization that serves a cross-disability community. As such, we provided IL services to I/DD consumers and often partnered with local, regional and state DD service providers/advocates on a variety of issues and programs. One of our primary programs where we served I/DD individuals, community transitions, provided transition from congregate to community-based settings. In my current role, I work as the ADA Compliance Manager for Sutter Health's Bay Area region. My team provides training and operational leadership support to Sutter's outpatient clinics and hospitals around disability access for patients and visitors. We work closely with community partners, such as Alameda County and State DD Council colleagues, on developing quality clinical services to I/DD individuals and families.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?:

My primary interests are health care quality/access, policy development and community-based services.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on

one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

My passion and purpose as a health care operations leader is to reduce health disparities experienced by people with disabilities. There remains many gaps in service and support for individuals with I/DD, and I would like to work with thought leaders at the state level to address these and other quality of life issues. It would be an honor to join colleagues in meaningful, impactful work that aims to improve outcomes for California's I/DD community.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?:

I have a strong background in program design, direct services, advocacy and health care operations that I believe could add value to the State Council's work.