

Redacted Membership Application

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Name: REDACTED

Address: REDACTED

County of Residence: **San Bernardino (Inyo, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino)**

Email : REDACTED

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Race:

Gender: Male

What intellectual & developmental disabilities do you have experience with?: Intellectual Disability, Autism, Epilepsy, 22Q 13 Phelan McDermid Syndrome

I am a: Parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

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

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council or Regional Advisory Committee?:

I want to apply to serve on the State Council

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

In 2000, my son, who has a rare genetic deletion manifested by severe developmental and intellectual disabilities, was selected to participate in the Kern Regional Center ("KRC") Self Determination Pilot Program. I served as his Independent Facilitator and Financial Management Service in the Pilot for 23 years, during which I managed all aspects of his self-determination plan. He transitioned to the Self Determination Program ("SDP") in 2023. I served as the Chair of the KRC Pilot's Self-Determination Liaison Committee during all of those years. In early 2013, I was invited to participate in the development of what become known as the SDP, which included an application for a federal Waiver to fund the SDP and rollout of the SDP in 2018. Over the years, I became enmeshed in the developmental disability field and in particular its Regional Center service system, serving as an advocate for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and participating in policy initiatives to implement the SDP.

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

My primary interest is in continuing to influence the implementation of the SDP, and to support policies and legislation which will ensure the success and expansion of the SDP to all consumers and families who wish to participate.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I have served as the Chair of the KRC SDP Local Advisory Committee continuously for in excess of 8 years. I am approaching the end of a 3rd 2-year term as the Chair of the Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee ("SSDAC"). Given my longstanding commitment to the SDP, I wish to continue to accomplish the goals of the SSDAC, and in particular, to serve as a Co-Chair of the SSDAC on behalf of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities ("SCDD"). I have been honored to do the work required to initiate, develop, implement and advocate for the SDP and its participants and families, and wish to continue to do that work.

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

I am a practicing attorney in Mammoth Lakes, located in the Easter Sierra, an area with scant services for those served by KRC. I am retiring at the end of 2025, and will have significant time to devote to the activities of the SCDD and in particular, to advocate for the implementation of the SDP. I have a record of public service and advocacy, having served in elective office for 12 years, including 6 years as the Mayor of Mammoth Lakes, during which I was known for my capacity to develop consensus among Town Councilmembers in addressing issues before the Council. I have developed relationships with senior and other members of the Department of Developmental Services ("DDS"), Regional Centers, the SCDD, and outside advocacy organizations. I have knowledge of the substantive provisions of the 2012 self determination law and the guidance and directives issued by DDS. I would hope to bring my experience and skills to the SCDD to accomplish the goals prescribed in the self determination law.