

## Membership Sample Recommendations

### Reminder:

1. A separate recommendation is required if the applicant has applied for both Council and RAC or SDAC (see examples below)
2. If the person has identified a conflict of interest, please mention what that conflict is in your recommendation narrative
3. If you are unfamiliar with the applicant, please communicate with them prior to providing your recommendation, especially as it relates to their ability to travel/time commitments for a Councilmember position. Give them a call to introduce yourself, what we do, and find out about them and their ability to serve.
4. Any requests to remove appointed RAC/SDAC members due to attendance issues or otherwise should be addressed at this meeting as well as any 1st-term appointments.

**Note:** If you would like to recommend that an applicant be placed on hold until there is an opening, please remember to note that in your recommendations.

Here are some examples of manager recommendations preferred by committee members:

### **Applied for both RAC/Council: RAC – NO Council - YES**

**RAC:** No in order to keep appropriate balance of SA and FA. Would consider for RAC in the future.

**Council:** Yes, due to her vast experience as a special education teacher and administrator covering early intervention to adult transition. Retired 2015; did workability grant in 2014, which was authorized. Has extensive experience with independent study and at-risk youth. Did legislative advocacy through the California Consortium for Independent Study. Her adult child is now 36 years old, living independently with SLS, diagnosed with mild CP.

### **Applied for both RAC/Council: RAC - YES Council - NO**

**RAC:** Applicant 000 would be a good addition to the XXX Regional Advisory Committee and her desire to share culturally competent education could enhance tribal relationships and awareness for the committee and even the Region regarding local cultural differences, communication styles and unique cultural identities. Additionally, she would add diversity as a member of an underserved population, with a potentially different parental experience towards services, or lack thereof, offered for her child from the regional center, school system and community.

**Council:** It may be best for Applicant 000 to start as a Regional Advisory Committee member so that she may learn the structure and rules of a public committee. The RAC membership may help her understand the travel and commitment involved in such an appointment and perhaps with more board experience, she will be better prepared to contribute to the Council in the future.

**Applied for both RAC/Council:  
RAC – YES Council - YES**

**RAC:** We invited 005 to participate in the local RAC meeting since she is a resident of San Bernardino County. There is a vacancy in this area. She was recently appointed to the SDAC and has contributed to this committee with pertinent feedback and input. She would be a great addition to the RAC.

**Council:** Yes, 005 would be an asset to this group and be a voice for the underrepresentation of self-advocates to this committee. It would be my recommendation to consider 005 for any vacancy. 005 is a person with a developmental disability who has been a self-advocate since she was 15 years old. XXX is also a client of both Inland Regional Center and In Home Supportive Services, and has not only navigated these systems herself, but also assisted others in the community. As a Political Science graduate from California State University, XXX has imparted systems change through her self-advocacy, public speaking and work in the community. She is a remarkable person who exudes passion for the work of the Council and her local Regional office. 005 is a proven leader and role model for the 30% of Caucasian citizens throughout San Bernardino

**Applied for both RAC/Council:  
RAC – On Hold/No Vacancy Council - YES**

I do not have a current vacancy on the RAC for XXX. If there is a position on the Council, I would highly recommend her. She is a Caucasian mother of 3 year old twin boys with Autism. She has been actively involved with the regional center and Autism family organizations and wants to get more involved statewide. She is experienced in project management and wants to connect with people to get projects done! She is concerned about transitions from 3+ at Alta Regional and delays in services/lack of communication. She wants to be sure families receive appropriate communication, information and support. She is a leader, organized, and welcomes input from others. I believe she would be an asset to the Council.

**Applied for RAC or Council only:**

**Recommendation:** Not Recommended at this time; applicant reported that she is not prepared to attend meetings regularly for RAC. She would be more interested in supporting events every so often. Wants to be added to the contact/eblast list instead of pursuing RAC membership. Family-Advocate w twins with disabilities. Involved with The Arc and UPC. Skillset include editing and writing, and passionate about helping people understand systems and policy regarding services. Applicant knows and has appreciated the work of XXX.

**Applied for RAC or Council only:**

**Recommendation:** Yes, Our office is in full support of the Membership Committee selecting XXX to be a member of the San Diego Imperial Regional Advisory Committee. XXX has been a dedicated member since her appointment in May, 2014 by the Board of Supervisors. Leticia is an active member of the Transition Coalition, she also participates on the planning committees for both the Involved Exceptional Parent Day Conference, and the FERIA Conference for Spanish speaking families. In addition, XXX was generous enough to permit a community training on Person Driven Planning by allowing an audience

to view the process of developing a PDP for her transition age son. XXX is a representative at many of the conferences, trainings and events we conduct, and has also attended a Parent Conference in Imperial to help encourage parents in that area to join our Regional Advisory Committee.