

## INTEREST FORM: PART ONE

## CoC General Member Information

Name	James Mai
If you represent a specific organization in Orange County, please list your organization & role:	Bristol & Bates Children's Foundation, CEO
Pronouns (for example: she/her, he/him, they/them, xe/hir):	he/him

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No

Do you have any current conflicts of interest or previous ties to any agency that is a recipient or sub-recipient of CoC funding in the Orange County CoC? (e.g., Current or former staff, Board member, volunteer or client/participant at a CoC-funded agency; relative of an employee at a CoC-funded agency, etc.) For a current list of CoC-funded agencies, please click [here](#).

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We want to make sure that people who are elected to the Board have the support from their employer, agency, or group they represent (if applicable) to fully participate in the CoC Board. If applicable: is your employer, agency, or the group you represent aware that you plan to run for a CoC Board seat?

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**Not Applicable (N/A): I'm not affiliated with or representing a specific employer, agency, or group. I would be participating in the CoC Board on my own time.**

If applicable: does your employer understand the full commitment that you are making to the CoC Board, including time commitments to meetings, potential time away from work, and responsibilities you'll hold?

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**N/A: I'm not affiliated with or representing a specific employer, agency, or group. I would be participating in the CoC Board on my own time.**

What qualities, skills, and experience do you bring that would help the CoC Board to further its work in ending homelessness and furthering equity and inclusion?

I am currently, an Orange County Housing Commissioner (at-large) and actively involved in combatting homelessness, housing issues, and work with various communities that are underserved when addressing housing issues within the county. I have represented the county at events and Q&A panels on homelessness and housing-related issues. I also serve on various city and county-based non-profits that help children and families in need. IN addition, I own an Asian-American non-profit which advocates for many, including those experiencing housing issues.

## 2023 Continuum of Care Candidate Interest Form

What qualities or characteristics do you bring to a collaborative environment?

In my career of 25+ years, my role was that as a management consultant, I would work with internal and external stakeholders to get things done as a team. I've since been focusing on philanthropy and serving my community, working with many people from all walks of life to make the world a better place.

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The CoC Board aims to accomplish the following goals: Permanently House those Experiencing Homelessness Ensure an Efficient, Dignified System Promote an Equitable, Just System Drive System-Wide Engagement and Collaboration Strengthen Regional Leadership and Accountability Smartly Allocate Funds to Match the Greatest Needs Which of these goals resonate with you most, and where would you like to contribute to accomplishing these goals?

I believe all these goals resonate with me. Of the most interest is "Drive System-Wide Engagement and Collaboration" because engagement is needed/education to advance objectives. I believe I could help greatly in this area and also in strengthening Regional Leadership and Accountability. I am in touch with many regional leaders and elected officials who would help our cause(s).

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Please discuss one (1) significant challenge to addressing homelessness in Orange County. If you could wave a magic wand to address this challenge, what would your solution be?

If I had a magic wand I would love to have a stadium full of people experience homelessness or struggling to make ends meet to present to them the many programs the county has to offer - many just do not know about what is available and in some cases, do not speak the language or know where to start (such as in the Asian American community). I would love to be able to say, "here is a solution for you!"

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**Yes**

Are you able to commit to serving on at least one CoC committee, working group, or ad-hoc committee, and to attend at least 75% of that committee, working group, or ad-hoc's meetings?

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**Yes**

Are you able to commit to attending at least 75% of CoC Board meetings each year? The CoC Board meets monthly, currently every fourth Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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**I live in Orange County,**

Do you currently live or work in Orange County? Please select all that apply.

**I work in Orange County**

INTEREST FORM: PART TWO

No

Have you experienced homelessness?

What is your race and/or ethnicity?

Person of Color (including but not limited to people who are: Asian, Asian-American, Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, Latino/a/e/x, Central American, South American, Caribbean, Middle Eastern, North African)

No, I'm not 2SLGBTQQIA+

Are you 2SLGBTQQIA+ (2-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual/aromantic, +)? Please check all of the following that apply and that you feel comfortable disclosing.

Do any of the following identities or experiences apply to you?

Someone in my immediate family has served in the military or armed forces

Please select all of the entities or areas with which you have a personal or professional background or experience.

Veteran/military service-focused agency or programming,  
Domestic violence agency or programming, Behavioral health field,  
Faith-based organization or community,  
Health care field,  
Affordable housing development background, Homeless system programs: Diversion,  
Homeless system programs: Street Outreach,  
Homeless system programs: Prevention,  
Homeless system programs: Emergency Shelter,  
Homeless system programs: Rapid Rehousing,  
Homeless system programs: Permanent Supportive Housing,  
Homeless system programs: Transition-Age Youth (TAY) Agency,  
Homeless system programs: Family Agency