

INTEREST FORM: PART ONE

CoC General Member Information

Name: **Liza Avetikova**

If you represent a specific organization in Orange County,  
please list your organization & role: **American Family Housing, Associate VP of Programs**

Pronouns (for example: she/her, he/him, they/them, xe/hir): **she/her**

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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 have worked in the homeless/underprivileged sector for over 15 years. I have moved up through the various roles, beginning with a Case Manager and moving to Therapist, Program Manager, Director, and finally holding my current position at AFH. I work hard for our clients and approach the work thoughtfully and with a client-centered outlook. My aim is to recognize the many barriers that our unhoused neighbors face when navigating the homeless/housing system and reduce as many of those barriers as possible as efficiently as possible.

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

In collaborative settings, I bring a strong commitment to open communication and adaptability. I prioritize creating an inclusive space where diverse voices and perspectives are respected. My experience working within multidisciplinary teams has strengthened my ability to bridge differing viewpoints, fostering shared goals among group members. I also bring a solution-oriented approach, encouraging innovative thinking while being mindful of practical outcomes. I am dedicated to upholding transparency and integrity, ensuring that every member feels heard and valued.

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While having a conflict of interest does not make you ineligible to serve on the CoC Board, it helps CoC staff for record keeping purposes. 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? Examples of conflicts might include: Current or former staff, Board member, volunteer or client/participant at a CoC-funded agency, etc. For further information on what constitutes a conflict of interest, please click [here](#). For a current list of CoC-funded agencies, please click [here](#).

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If yes or not sure, please describe the potential conflict(s) of interest:

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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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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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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?

Permanently House Those Experiencing Homelessness  
Ensure an Efficient, Dignified System  
Promote an Equitable, Just System

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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?

In my experience, one of the most significant challenges in addressing homelessness in Orange County is the shortage of housing vouchers and the scarcity of affordable housing units, particularly those that will accept vouchers. This combination creates a bottleneck where individuals and families, even those who qualify for assistance, struggle to secure stable housing.

The challenge is twofold: first, the high cost of housing in Orange County leaves many voucher recipients unable to find suitable units within the allotted budget, and second, there is often reluctance among landlords to rent to individuals who are experiencing or have experienced homelessness. This reluctance may stem from misconceptions, fears of potential property damage, or concerns about financial reliability, despite the guarantees that vouchers can offer.

If I could wave a magic wand, my solution would start with increasing outreach and education efforts targeted toward landlords and property owners. Educating them on the benefits of voucher programs, such as reliable rent payments backed by government funds, tenant support services, and the overall social impact of helping individuals transition out of homelessness, could help mitigate their hesitations. Partnering with local housing authorities and community organizations to create incentives for landlords—such as tax breaks, repair funds, or other financial incentives—could further encourage more property owners to participate in these programs. By addressing both the supply of vouchers and the availability of affordable, accessible housing, we can help remove barriers that prevent many individuals and families from securing a stable home and move closer to ending the cycle of homelessness.

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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. - 5:00 p.m., though that time is subject to change. **Yes**

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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? This is usually 1-2 hours per month, though, depending on the group you choose to participate in, the time commitment could be higher. **Yes**

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

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### INTEREST FORM: PART TWO

Have you experienced homelessness? **No**

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If you answered “yes” to the question above, please check all of the following that apply and that you feel comfortable disclosing.

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What is your race and/or ethnicity?

**White,**  
Other::  
Jewish

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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.

**No, I'm not 2SLGBTQQIA+**

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

**No, none of these apply to me**

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

**Behavioral health field,**  
**Faith-based organization or community,**  
**Homeless system programs: Street Outreach,**  
**Homeless system programs: Prevention,**  
**Homeless system programs: Emergency Shelter,**  
**Homeless system programs: Permanent Supportive Housing**

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