

INTEREST FORM: PART ONE

CoC General Member Information

Name: **Sammie MarTínez**

If you represent a specific organization in Orange County,
please list your organization & role: **Orange counties communities**

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

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 lived experience and have worked in the non profit sector for over 10 years, I also had my own community center in south central, I have worked in shelters and am currently tly unhoused and see where and how we can build community and open up housing opportunities. I have 28 years of real estate ,mortgage and banking experience. I am knowledgeable of barriers and how we can assist in reducing them to assist community members to gain housing and keep it through financial and health awareness which I have been teaching for o er 28 years. I have many resources and have built good relationships with community based organizations.

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

Empathy, compassion, resources ,the ability to connect and assist other to advocate for self, mentor, self starter work well with others.

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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](#).

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

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?

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?

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?

Ensure efficient dignified system,promote an equitable system, drive system engagement and collaboration

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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?

That rents be determined just as a home is must meet the criteria as the comps available, rent control. All apartments must accept housing. Accountability to property owners regarding conditions of properties and mandatory inspections.

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**

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**

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

INTEREST FORM: PART TWO

Have you experienced homelessness? **Yes**

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

- I have experienced homelessness in the last 5 years,**
 - I have experienced homelessness as an adult with at least one child in my household,**
 - I have experienced homelessness as an older adult**
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What is your race and/or ethnicity?

Indigenous or Native American

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.

Yes - I'm 2SLGBTQQIA+ based on my gender identity and/or expression (e.g., I'm trans, non-binary, intersex, gender fluid, 2-spirit, gender non-conforming+)

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

**I have a disability or disabling condition (could be any type of disability including mental, physical, etc.),
I'm neurodivergent (e.g., I have ADHD or am autistic),
Someone in my immediate family has served in the military or armed forces,
I have experienced domestic violence or intimate partner violence,
I'm an older adult**

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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,**
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funded agency or recipient agency,**
 - Public Housing Agency (PHA),**
 - Domestic violence agency or programming, Education field / McKinney-Vento liaison,**
 - 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**
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