

INTEREST FORM: PART ONE

CoC General Member Information

Name: **Sandy Lozeau**
If you represent a specific organization in Orange County,
please list your organization & role: **City of Anaheim**
Pronouns (for example: she/her, he/him, they/them, xe/hir): **she/her**

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 been serving our homeless since 2013 in Anaheim and the last two years with the CoC board. I have also served on several Ad-Hoc Committees to help address equity and inclusion not only in recent notice of funding opportunities with our CoC application process but also participated in a vision retreat with the CoC board on how to further equity and inclusion from leadership roles to our boots on the ground. I have the ability to look at issues from a balcony level regarding changing policies, procedures and processes down to boots on the ground experiences in the field. Skillset to ensuring everyone is counted, assessed, presented with resources and offered the same opportunities to end their homelessness. Knowing the training, services, needs and how to meet the demands through thoughtful discussion and creativeness is something unique I bring.

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

It takes a village to accomplish the hopes and dreams of ending homelessness and recognizing this in itself is a quality I possess. I have been a collaborator my entire 34+ years in government and have sat on many committees, groups, and collaborations. I feel I bring and energy of "we can do this" attitude, that a big issue can be broken down into smaller issues to relieve the stress of having to find one solution or feeling overwhelmed. I love the challenge of working out an issue with a group of people with the same passion and energy which I find on our CoC board which is very fulfilling and rewarding. I am always a happy and positive person and find the silver lining in everything I am involved with and love to celebrate small wins which help motivate, sustain and build momentum when tackling larger issues. I also am a good listener and helped listen to service providers when they expressed concerns with a prior funding opportunity and was able to be a part of a team that helped address those concerns which helped not only the service providers but the folks reviewing the applications better understand the impact these providers make.

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](#).

No

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?

Yes

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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? **Yes**

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?

Although I believe all of these goals are important and need great people to be a part of these, I feel the more we strengthen regional leadership and accountability, the easier the other goals become to achieve.

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?

I believe one significant challenge in speeding up the process flow of getting folks from the street into housing. I have experienced gaps in services, fall out points and difficulty with our populations in getting folks ready when the time comes for their housing opportunity. Many times the waiting for the opportunity is where we see fall out that I would love to continue to be a part of removing barriers and obstacles to our robust system of care to get folks through our system faster and easier. I believe this would not only house people quicker but save lives as we know the longer people stay on the streets the harder it becomes for them and service providers especially when we have folks that fall out then resentment or feeling of our system failed them set in and I am willing to be a part of solving this challenge and know our county can do it!

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,**
I work in Orange County

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Have you experienced homelessness? **No**

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

What is your race and/or ethnicity? **White**

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+**

Do any of the following identities or experiences apply to you? **Someone in my immediate family has served in the military or armed forces, 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.

- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funded agency or recipient agency,**
 - Public Housing Agency (PHA),**
 - Faith-based organization or community,**
 - 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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