

## INTEREST FORM: PART ONE

### CoC General Member Information

Name:

**Tiffany Mitchell**

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

**Orangewood Foundation**

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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?

With two decades of nonprofit leadership experience, particularly in Orange County, I bring a blend of strategic vision, operational expertise, and a deep commitment to equity and inclusion that aligns with the CoC Board's mission to end homelessness and promote community-wide change.

Throughout my career, I have led strategic initiatives designed to enhance program effectiveness and broaden community impact. I excel in assessing organizational needs and crafting targeted strategies to achieve meaningful results, a skill that will support the CoC Board's efforts to make data-informed decisions on homelessness.

I lead with the mindset that equity and inclusion should undergird all community-wide efforts to address housing challenges and homelessness in Orange County. Only through this lens can we dismantle obstructive policies and practices and create accessible pathways to support services and adequate housing options for all who need them.

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

My track record in collaboration and partnership development demonstrates a strong ability to unify stakeholders across government, nonprofit, and community organizations. In a previous role as COO, I successfully brought together leaders from various sectors, securing multimillion-dollar funding for a major housing project. This effort was underscored by my commitment to equity and inclusion, as I championed policies and practices that addressed systemic disparities, fostering an environment that truly reflected the diverse needs of the community. My success lies in knowing who to bring to the table. I don't claim to have all the answers—I believe deeply in the collective power of we.

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2024 Continuum of Care Board Candidate Interest Form

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?

I am aligned with all of the goals however, as an advocate for housing options and services for youth experiencing homelessness, the two that resonate the most with me are Promote an Equitable, Just System and Smartly Allocate Funds to Address the Greatest Needs.

I believe that promoting an equitable, just system and allocating funds based on greatest needs enable a holistic approach that acknowledges the intersectional factors contributing to homelessness for the different types of individuals and families that need access to services. I envision myself contributing to these goals by being involved in different working groups and chairing committees that align with these priorities.

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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?

A significant challenge in addressing homelessness in Orange County is recognizing and understanding the diverse ways it manifests among different subgroups, particularly young adults. If I could wave a magic wand to address this, I would expand the HUD definition of homelessness and adjust the criteria for chronic homelessness for individuals aged 18-25. This modification would ensure that young adults are prioritized within systems of care, allowing for more tailored and responsive support for this vulnerable population.

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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 live in Orange County,**  
**I work in Orange County**

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INTEREST FORM: PART TWO

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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?

**Black or African American**

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Are you 2SLGBTQIA+ (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 2SLGBTQIA+**

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

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

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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**  
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**Faith-based organization or community,**  
**Health care field,**  
**Homeless system programs: Emergency Shelter,**  
**Homeless system programs: Rapid Rehousing,**  
**Homeless system programs: Permanent Supportive Housing**  
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**Homeless system programs: Transition-Age Youth (TAY) Agency**

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