



X

Sonoma County

The nominee should be considered for the CoC Board not just because he will be the only Latino on the board but also because he brings a unique perspective of equality, inclusion, diversity, and life experience to the table. As per the Sonoma County Department of Health Services, Hispanics represent 31% of the total population, and having a diverse board would lead to more informed decisions that consider the needs and perspectives of a wider range of individuals and communities. By including the nominee on the board, it would lead to a more inclusive and diverse environment for all members of the CoC community.



Candidates may run for no more than two seats. Should a candidate run for two seats, one of them must be an at-large position. **Please select which seat(s) the individual is being nominated for:**

At Large Homeless Service Provider Licensed Health Care Organization

Nominations and Statement of Interest must be received by 5:00 pm on November 29th, 2023, to Araceli.Rivera@sonoma-county.org

Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board 2023 Statement of Interest

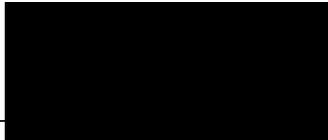
This section is to be filled out by the individual being nominated and will be shared publicly.

Name of Candidate: Uriel Brena Agency: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Please provide a statement of your interest in the Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board:

For the past six years, I have been working with St. Vincent de Paul to help our neighbors in need and the most vulnerable and marginalized population in Sonoma County. I believe that my unique perspective in life helps me understand and serve our homeless community better. When I was twelve, I hiked with my little brother for three days to get to America. Growing up, my family rented and shared a garage with two other families, and I often had to skip school to babysit my baby sister. However, I never saw myself as homeless, poor, or unfortunate. Now, having the opportunity to give back to my community, I constantly think that my work and community involvement will help others grow up just the way I wish someone had helped me.

I am interested in joining the Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board because I believe in the importance of ensuring that individuals experiencing homelessness are treated with dignity and respect. I am committed to finding effective solutions to the complex issues that homeless individuals face, and I believe that my experience working with St. Vincent de Paul and my personal background make me well-suited to serve on the board. I am excited about the opportunity to make a positive impact in Sonoma County and to contribute to the important work of the Continuum of Care Board.

Signature of Candidate:  Date: 11/16/2023