



Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board  
2022 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: James O'rourke Agency: Catholic Charities

Telephone: [redacted] Email:

Geographical Area or Subpopulation(s) Represented: Individuals experiencing homelessness

Other reasons the nominee should be considered for the CoC Board:

James O'tourke has lived homeless in Sonoma County for 15 years before participating in Catholic Charities Project HOPE program. During the last 2 years James has dedicated himself to remaining housed. James has chosen to make several positive lifestyle changes since being housed such as sobriety, dedication to address his health needs, he regularly meets with his casemanagement team, and leads his own outreach service to help others who are on the streets and share similar struggles as he had.

Please fill out this section only if you are nominating someone other than yourself. Please ensure you forward the Statement of Interest form to the individual you are nominating for completion.

Name of Nominator: Jason Coppla Agency: Catholic Charities

Contact Information: [redacted] Signature of Nominator: [signature]

Vacant Seats for Election

1 Second Provider: One representative of a homeless services provider different than the one with an appointed seat, as elected by CoC voting members

1 Licensed Health Care Organization: One representative from a licensed health care organization, as elected by CoC voting members.

2 At Large: at large seats as selected by voting CoC members; the candidates need not be CoC members themselves.

Lived Experience: individual currently experiencing homelessness or who has experienced homelessness within five years (at the time of election) prior to the Board election, as elected by the Lived Experience and Planning body if functioning (as determined by the Board) or if not then by the CoC voting membership.

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:

- Provider  Licensed Health Care Organization  At Large  Lived Experience

Nominations and Statement of Interest must be received by 5:00 pm on February 23, 2022

Signed forms may be scanned and emailed to Karissa.White@sonoma-county.org or delivered to Sonoma County Continuum of Care, c/o Sonoma County Community Development Commission, 1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa CA 95403. The information on the statement of interest is to be filled out by the nominee. This information will be shared publicly and personal contact information will be redacted. Self-nominations are permitted.



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2022 Statement of Interest

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

Name of Candidate: James O'rourke Agency: Self

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

I spent several years of my life on the streets of Santa Rosa as a homeless man. I have first hand knowledge of the services that work and are actually helpfull to people experiencing homelessness and of those that are ineffective or wastfull.

I have a strong desire to help others that are experiencing some of the struggles that I endured before finally having this housing oppertunity.

Simply put, I have lived a life that that was not easy and now I want to use my personal experiences to help fix what I see as a broken system.I want to give my experiences purpose and meaning.

Lined area for writing the statement of interest.

Signature of Candidate: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 1-31-22