



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

Name of Nominee: Kathleen Pozzi Agency: None

Telephone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Geographical Area or Subpopulation(s) Represented: Entire County

Other reasons the nominee should be considered for the CoC Board: Ms. Pozzi brings experience in addressing homelessness through her 35 years as the Sonoma County Public Defender and on-going volunteer work with that office. She brings experience with the criminal justice system that is not represented on the CoC Board. She has first-hand experience with parts of the system that we need to improve, such as case conferencing/managing and the importance of a holistic viewpoint. She believes in breaking down silos, creating an integrated system that better helps those experiencing homelessness obtain and remain in permanent supportive housing. She is a bold thinker with high standards and expectations, a life-long third generation Sonoma Countian, and comes with a commitment to the population that we serve.

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: Don Schwartz Agency: City of Rohnert Park

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.



**Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board
2022 Statement of Interest**

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

Name of Candidate: Kathleen Pozzi Agency: Self

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

Since joining the Public Defenders Office in 1987 until my retirement in 2021, I have focused my practice of criminal defense with a wholistic representation model. The focus was to explore the issues that faced our accused citizens and homelessness, substance abuse, and mental health were always prevalent. In the past 10 years or so, I have focused on the issues of homelessness with a goal to be instrumental in supporting efforts to secure permanent supportive housing. I was on the policy team of ACCESS since its inception and Project Hope. I have been on the weekly meetings with the IMDT team since its inception. I have also participated in west county, south county and north county homeless Initiatives, committees, and cohorts.

I have worked with my criminal and social justice partners in seeking suggestions, solutions, and recommendations for our mutual homeless clients.

My years of experience in the criminal justice system has been instrumental to my social justice partners and to those that we serve to resolve these impediments to housing options. It truly takes a village of collaboration county wide with different entities to reach the goal that we all strive for, which is permanent supportive housing for all homeless residents of Sonoma County.

I am honored to be nominated to this board and only hope that I can be an instrumental part of this very important issue and the work that this board supports for our less fortunate community members.

Kathleen Pozzi

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: 2-21-22