

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 01/04/2013

Applying For: **Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)**

Name: Cummings Dana M.
Last First Middle Initial

Address: _____
Number Street City Zip Code

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:
 County Government Service Providers (Behavioral Health, Planning, Social Services, Veterans Services, or Probation)

Non-profit Service Providers

Which area(s) of the county does this organization serve? _____

Affordable Housing Developers

Local Businesses/Business Organizations

Law Enforcement

Local Academic Institution

Local Health Provider

Local Faith Community

Interested Community (preferentially with homelessness experience)

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

I currently serve as the San Luis Obispo County Veterans Service Officer (SLOCO CVSO). I am also the Senior Vice Commandant for the Marine Corps League, a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and on the Board of Directors of AmpSurf.

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

I qualify for this position by my work in the community through the various organizations I serve with and my position as the SLOCO CVSO. On a daily basis my office is helping veterans in need obtaining housing, find employment, and connect with the benefits and services they have earned through their military service.

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While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

As the SLOCO CVSO I have helped assist several veterans in obtaining housing and other benefits and services provided by the federal government, the state and the local level. I have also participated in and help organize Veterans Stand Downs here in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara County.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):
As the SLOCO CVSO it is my mission to assist all county veterans and be their advocate in obtaining benefits and services. San Luis Obispo County has a large veterans population (10% of county population not including the veterans dependents) and the veteran low income homeless population correlates to this as well. I believe I can be a voice for these county residents and help ensure that they along with the larger low-income/homeless population of the county have access to available resources.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No
Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed  Date 01/04/2013

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Date called/interviewed _____ Recommended for appointment? Yes No
Appointee prefers not to have address or phone numbers(s) published? Yes No
Additional Comments: