

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

Date: Dec. 9, 2013

Applying For: Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)

Name: Patterson James R.
Last First Middle Initial

Address:

Email Address:

Home 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? County wide - LINK
North County - ECHO
- Affordable Housing Developers
- Local K-12 Academic Institution
- Local Businesses/Business Organizations
- Law Enforcement
- Local Health Provider
- Local Faith Community
- Interested Community (preferentially with homelessness experience)
- Currently or Formerly Homeless Person
- Veterans Services Representative
- Local University or School of Higher Education
- Local Hospital
- Victims' Services Representative

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

see attachment

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

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See attachment

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

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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 James R. Patterson Date December 9, 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:

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Supplement to Application for Membership for James R. Patterson

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

I currently serve on the boards of the El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO) and the Community LINK. ECHO operates a 50 bed overnight shelter and offers an open meal program. It also provides case management for shelter guests. The Community LINK operates Family Resource Centers and provides family advocates in several communities throughout the county. It also provides case management and housing assistance. Both ECHO and the Community LINK are based in Atascadero. I am the ECHO alternate to HSOC and serve on the HSOC Housing Committee.

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

I currently serve on the boards of ECHO and the Community LINK, both non-profit service providers. I have also been a financial supporter and volunteer for both organizations for several years.

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I served on the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors from 2005 to 2013. During that time I served on the board of CAPSLO (formerly Economic Opportunity Commission) which operates the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter and the Prado Day Center. I served as a representative of the Board of Supervisors on the committee that developed the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and established the HSOC. I have served as chair of HSOC and am currently the HSOC alternate representing ECHO. I have participated in past enumeration studies and facilitated discussions on homelessness in Atascadero and San Luis Obispo.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC.

I would like to continue my service on HSOC in order to further the advancement of services to the homeless population in San Luis Obispo County. We have made what I feel is significant progress these past few years and I would like to see that progress continue. At HSOC's recommendation, the county has hired a homeless services coordinator to better manage and direct services for the homeless. Having recognized that homelessness is a countywide issue and not limited to the regional locations where services are provided, better coordination of services and allocation of resources is occurring. There is a greater understanding of the needs of the homeless population and the actions necessary to address those needs. I want to see that we continue down the path towards our goal of eliminating chronic homelessness in San Luis Obispo County.