



JERRY P. DYER
MAYOR

**NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR
TO BOARD OR COMMISSION**

TO: City Council
THROUGH: Todd Stermer, City Clerk
BY: Jerry P. Dyer, Mayor

 X Reappointment
 New Appointment
Name of person replaced: N/A

Name: Susan L. Coulter

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Appointed to: Disability Advisory Commission

Term: Through 6/30/2025

Application Form**Profile****Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Disability Advisory Commission: Submitted

Susan

First Name

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Middle Initial

Coulter

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

Fresno

City

CA

State

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *☒ District 6

Business:

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

Briefly explain why are you interested in serving on this board or commission?

I would like the opportunity to represent the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community on the Commission to ensure they have communication access to City of Fresno government. I will bring my expertise in options for communication including sign language interpreters, captioning, typing devices, phone apps, video remote interpreting, and any other pertinent choices. It is imperative that Deaf and Hard of Hearing people be able to have access to all City of Fresno Departments, including the police and fire departments. As the Educational Services Director at DHHSC, I do workshops and videos in sign language for the Deaf Community. I have been able to share information I have learned through my time on the DAC. I am a so currently serving on the DAC Housing Subcommittee. I would like the opportunity to continue my service.

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

San Jose State University - BS degree 1983 in Occupational Therapy Employed with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center for 30 years Member of the Joint Access & Functional Needs Work Group Member of Voters Accessibility Advisory Committee Functional Assessment Service Team (FAST) Training

Briefly explain your qualifications or areas of demonstrated expertise for this board or commission.

I have worked with Deaf and Hard of Hearing people for nearly 30 years, including Deaf, Deaf Blind, Deaf with mental health issues, Deaf with developmental disabilities, hard of hearing people who do not know American Sign Language, and individuals with cochlear implants. I have tremendous knowledge of the communication needs including Sign Language Interpreters, Certified Deaf Interpreters, and devices to assist people who are hard of hearing. I have directly and indirectly been involved with countless situations through DHHSC that have been challenging with the police department and with housing. These are issues I can bring to the Disability Advisory Commission to work together to find solutions. I can offer advice in making new programs, services, and projects accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing people.

Do you or an immediate family member have any professional or financial relationship that may present a potential conflict of interest for this board, commission or similar body?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Work History

Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Service Center
Employer

Educational Services Director
Job Title

Work Address

City, State, Zip Code

Provide 3 Personal and Professional References. Provide name, address, and phone number where they may be reached during the day.

Michelle Bronson [Redacted] Patricia Parker [Redacted]
[Redacted] Lynn Tosch [Redacted]
[Redacted]

Question applies to multiple boards

I declare under penalty of perjury the above information is true and correct.

☒ Yes ☐ No

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The Political Reform Act of 1974 prohibits public officials from using their official positions to influence governmental decisions in which they have a financial interest. The Board Members in the designed positions must disclose their financial interests as specified in the agency's conflict of interest code.

I agree that I have read the above and agree to file a Statement of Economic Interest Form should I be appointed to a Board, Commission, or similar body according to the adopted resolution.

☒ I Agree

Susan L Coulter

Susan Coulter

Position: Educational Services Director

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Over 30 years of experience with people who are Deaf, hard of hearing or disabled of various socioeconomic and educational backgrounds
- Skilled in American Sign Language
- Excellent ability to modify information to meet the visual needs of the Deaf Community
- Able to work independently as well as part of a team
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

- Promote awareness and understanding of various subject matters of interest to the Deaf Community
- Research, create, and teach workshops on various topics
- Recruit guest speakers for presentations
- Adapt & teach DMV rules using a visual format
- Teach monthly workshops on Hard of Hearing issues
- Manage the planning and organizing of DHHSC events
- Oversee specialized groups focused on creative talents in the Deaf Community
- Establish and maintain good rapport with clients

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Educational Services Director	Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center Fresno, CA	7/2010 – Present
Program Manager	Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center Fresno, CA	9/2000 – 7/2010
BRIDGES Counselor	Center for Independent Living Fresno, CA	11/1998 – 8/2000
Employment Specialist	Valley Advocacy and Communication Center, Fresno, CA	7/1991 – 10/1998
Employment Counselor	California Association of the Physically Handicapped, Fresno, CA	7/1988 – 7/1991

EDUCATION

B.S. – Occupational Therapy	San Jose State University	December 1982
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