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Dear Brande,

I am writing to express interest in serving as Co-Chair of the Continuum of Care Board. As is articulated in the Governance Charter, I meet the criteria necessary to meaningfully “represent a nonprofit agency or other relevant stakeholder.”

I believe my background complements the current Chair, Vice Mayor Hartke. I have over forty years of experience working in the nonprofit arena with most of those years working with all populations of the homeless. During my career, I have served homeless youth, homeless women, homeless veterans, and homeless families. I have over 30 years of experience working with HUD’s Continuum of Care programs, 13 years within the Maricopa County Continuum. I have a good grasp of the interventions that are effective in working with all of the homeless population s and understand the importance of data as we move forward with strengthening our continuum.

I am also very active in the public policy process and understand the need to influence polices that can have a positive or adverse effect on poverty and serving the homeless. I am up to date on the Affordable Healthcare Act and the Workforce and Innovation and Opportunity Act and the changes that are necessary for our region to best serve homeless populations and compete for funding in the future.

My record is one of partnerships, collaboration, being a visionary, and a change agent in the field. My connections within the corporate sector and my experience with the Faith based community will enhance the continuum moving forward to end homelessness.

It is an honor to serve as a Board Member on the Continuum of Care Board, but I am willing and eager to contribute even more. I thank you for considering me for the Co-Chair position.

Sincerely,

Darlene Newsom

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