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Dear ICHH TA Committee Chairs:

Please accept my letter of interest to serve on the Technical Assistance Committee for the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing. My career has been dedicated to housing and homeless services from direct service provision to affordable housing development. I am a champion of supportive housing models in particular and understand cross-sector coordination creates the infrastructure communities need to foster strong and effective homelessness response systems. I spent 10 years as a direct service provider in fidelity supportive housing models, street outreach and jail diversion programs, and public health risk management for substance users. In the last 4 years, I gained experience across Nevada's complex affordable housing landscape and fostered strong relationships with leaders across the field as the Director of Education and Outreach for the Nevada Housing Coalition and Deputy Administrator with Nevada Housing Division. With an understanding of Nevada's development capacity and financing resources, and experience with effective models and solutions, I am interested in joining the ICHH TA Committee to support strategic planning and implementation efforts to address homelessness across the state.

With a career that includes both direct service in homeless response and statewide capacity-building and policy work in Nevada, I can leverage my skills and experience to support the work of this committee. As NHC's Director of Education & Outreach, I led coordination of a statewide capacity-building program, ElevateNV with a priority focus on supportive housing. Overseeing a total program budget of \$1.1 million, including fundraising to continue the program, I designed, implemented, and evaluated diverse affordable and supportive housing education & training activities. In my time with the Nevada Housing Division, I deepened my understanding of state and federal programs, affordable housing finance, and public policy strengthening my ability to navigate government processes and legislative priorities. My current leadership role with Corporation for Supportive Housing has widened my reach as the Director of the Southwest Region, learning from innovative successful programs and policies in states similar to Nevada in size and/or housing landscape.

I hope this summary of my career in the housing and homelessness field demonstrates my commitment to this work and interest in serving alongside this committee.

Sincerely,

Juwana Grant

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December 8, 2025

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Members of the Council,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Technical Assistance Committee to the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing (ICHH). I am committed to contributing my lived experience, professional expertise, and practical knowledge to support the development and refinement of Nevada's statewide strategic plan to address homelessness.

I bring direct lived experience with housing instability. Raised in public housing as the oldest child of a single mother of four, I witnessed firsthand the challenges families face when navigating limited and complex housing systems. As an adult, I experienced homelessness in San Jose, California, spending two years living in short-term rentals after a sudden loss of income due to injury. During that period, I worked to stabilize my finances, rebuild my support systems, and transition into permanent housing. These experiences shaped my understanding of the systemic barriers faced by individuals and families seeking stability and continue to motivate my work today.

My professional background includes case management, mental and behavioral health support, and volunteer service with at-risk youth, community outreach programs, and peer support initiatives. I currently work with Anthem Nevada Medicaid members through Mindoula Health, addressing Social Determinants of Health as well as medical and behavioral health needs. These roles have afforded me significant experience with cross-sector coordination and the structural challenges that impact housing access, service delivery, and long-term stability.

I offer a strong combination of interpersonal and technical skills that I believe would benefit the Committee's work, including:

- Empathy and trauma-informed engagement
- Effective communication and public speaking
- Cultural competency and community engagement
- Lived-experience advocacy
- Conflict resolution
- Knowledge of Nevada's community and health resources
- Strong organizational and planning abilities
- Servant leadership and collaborative problem-solving

I am motivated to serve on this committee because I understand the difficulty of navigating a fragmented system and am committed to helping Nevada create more equitable and coordinated housing pathways. My daily work supporting individuals facing housing insecurity reinforces the need for strategic, community-informed solutions and long-term system change. I hope to contribute both practical insight and a grounded perspective to the Council's efforts to improve outcomes for unhoused Nevadans. Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to support the Technical Assistance Committee.

Sincerely,
Vevlyn Grant

