# Solano Local Planning Council Membership Application Name: EBONY BROWN Home Address: 1 Phone: hone: Business Address: Email: (business or personal?) Employer and Job Title: Applicants must work or live in Solano County, and exhibit: A strong commitment to advocating for increased quality early learning services. -An ability to make information-based decisions. -An ability to work in a team environment. -An ability to work collaboratively with multiple LPC members. -Excellent leadership skills. Council Member duties include: -Participate in a new member orientation. -Attend LPC General Meetings (6 per year). -Attend LPC Planning Retreat (August). -Thoughtful and consistent response to concerns of the Board of Supervisors, County Superintendent of Schools, LPC Members, parents, child care providers, community-based organizations, and the public. Membership Category: Check all categories under which you are applying for nomination. See the previous page for category descriptions. Child Care Provider □ Child Care Consumer □ Public Agency Representative □ Community Representative Demographic Information: The LPC has a strong commitment to ensuring geographical, ethnic, and gender diversity on the Council. Please complete the following: In what part of the county do you work: In what part of the county do you live: □Dixon □Vacaville □Fairfield □Suisun □Benicia □Vallejo □ Rio Vista □None ☐Male ☐Female☐Decline to State □White ☑ African American □ Hispanic/Latino □ Asian American/Pacific Islander □ American Indian □Other

Languages Spoken Fluently:



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Solano County Child Care and Development Planning Council

Qualification Statement (Required): Describe your community, professional, or personal experiences that enable you to provide leadership and work collaboratively with diverse groups of people. Please list specific contributions you would make to the work of the LPC. We are <u>unable to accept</u> applications without qualification statements or without the signature and date below.

# PLEASE SEE QUALIFICATION STATEMENT ATTACHMENT PAGES.

I understand this application will not guarantee me a position on the Local Planning Council. I will be informed of my status during each stage of the process.

Applicant's Signature:

Please submit completed applications to:

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Solano Child Care Planning Council Coordinator

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or Mail to:

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#### **Ebony Brown**

#### Qualification Statement

With over 15 years of experience in Early Childhood Education (ECE), I have had the privilege of working in various leadership roles that have refined my leadership skills and ability to collaborate effectively with diverse groups of people. My journey as a Family Childcare Educator has provided me with the opportunity to grow within the field while supporting and sharing my knowledge with others. Throughout my career, I have honed my ability to lead, mentor, and contribute to the development of high-quality childcare and educational environments.

# Community Experience

- Volunteer: As a volunteer for a local non-profit organization and community outreach leader, I managed a diverse team of volunteers and organized impactful community events. I ensured clear communication among team members and provided support throughout each event. This experience reinforced my understanding of the importance of inclusivity and the power of collaboration in achieving community goals.
- Solano County Family Child Care Association Public Policy: In my role as the Public Policy leader for the Solano County Family Child Care Association, I spearheaded initiatives to improve local amenities and strengthen the sense of community for Family Childcare Educators and Providers. I worked closely with various providers, organizations, and community members to address concerns and implement projects that benefitted all parties.

# Personal Experience

Owner/Director, Safe In My Hands Family Childcare and Early Learning: Since 2010, I have been the dedicated owner and director of Safe In My Hands Family Childcare and Early Learning in Solano County. Over the past 15 years, I have had the privilege of supporting over 60 families, providing a nurturing environment that fosters the healthy growth and development of children. My commitment to connecting families with community resources and providing quality child care is central to my work. In addition to my professional role, I have been an active member of my church for the past nine years, serving as an Elder, Administrative Officer, and Outreach Team Leader.

## **Professional Experience**

• Mentorship: I have had the opportunity to mentor individuals from diverse backgrounds, guiding them in offering high-quality environments in Family Child Care programs. Through this, I have helped others navigate systems within their programs, develop professional portfolios, and create environments that promote growth and learning. My mentoring approach emphasizes empathy, active listening, and tailored support to meet the unique needs of each individual.

# **Contributions to LPC**

- Leadership: I will bring strong leadership skills to LPC, providing clear direction for initiatives and fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment. My experience in managing diverse teams and leading community efforts will help guide the organization's goals effectively.
- Diversity and Inclusion: I am committed to advocating for and implementing policies that promote diversity and inclusion. I believe in creating a welcoming and supportive space for all members of the community, where every voice is heard and valued.
- Community Engagement: I will work to strengthen LPC's ties with the community by
  organizing events and programs that address local needs, encourage active
  participation, and build a sense of community.

I am applying for the Child Care Provider membership category on behalf of the Solano County Family Child Care Association.