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My Interest in Serving on the Equal Opportunities Commission

I started my career as a legal aid lawyer working on behalf of farmworkers in California. I then worked at New Haven Legal Assistance as an attorney for homeless people for 14 years. For the next 5 years, I was Assistant and Deputy Corporation Counsel for the New Haven. My primary responsibility was providing legal assistance to city agencies responsible for services to poor and homeless individuals.

In 1990, I was Executive Director of the Ct. Legal Rights Project, a state funded program to provide legal assistance to people with mental illness. Next, I was Executive Director of the South-Central Behavioral Health Network, which created and administered programs to reintegrate mentally ill people into the community. My last position before I retired was as Director of Peer Services at Continuum of Care. I was responsible for recruiting, training, and supervising over 40 people with histories of mental illness or substance abuse who were employed as peer counselors in various behavioral health programs.

In addition, I served as an East Rock alder for 7 years, and later was a member and Chair of the City Plan Commission.

I believe that I have the background and interest to serve as an active member of the Equal Opportunities Commission, and request the opportunity to do so.

Thank you for your willingness to consider appointing me to that Commission.

Sincerely,

Edward Mattison