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# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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## APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION

APPLICANT NAME: JAMES DURCHSLAG

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OCCUPATION: Consultant

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

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PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE?  NO  YES

PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION.

FOR THE PAST 2 YEARS I HAVE FACILITATED THE ACTIVITIES OF 2 SOUTHERN HUMBOLDT DISTRICT 2 ORGANIZATIONS FOCUSED ON THE HOUSING NEEDS OF OUR AREA. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR OVER 50 YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A STRONG VOICE IN REPRESENTING HOUSING ISSUES THAT IMPACT SOUTHERN HUMBOLDT.

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: 2/25/25 SIGNATURE: [Signature]

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct

**SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:**  
Heather Humphyres, Executive Assistant - Housing Authority of the County of Humboldt  
735 W. Everding St., Eureka CA 95503

DATE TO SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ NOT APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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**Jimmy Durchslag**

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## EMPLOYMENT

11/2022-Present South County Homes All (SCHFA)  
SoHum Housing Opportunities (SHO) Garberville, CA  
**Facilitating Consultant/Grant Writer/Interim Rapid Rehousing Mgr.**  
In Nov. 2022, I was hired to facilitate the activities of SCHFA, a group of community representatives. Its mission is to grow Southern Humboldt's capacity to develop local housing and support people to get and stay housed. I wrote a successful \$3.5 million grant from the State of California for SHO to develop an Interim Housing facility and to find permanent housing for identified encampment residents. I am currently working with participants, landlords and case managers to facilitate this transition.

5/2020 – 10/2020 Heartland Renewal Initiative Trinidad, CA  
**Campaign Director**  
This brief consulting position supported a proposal for a green energy renewal for the nation's Heartland (Midwest, Great Lakes, Great Plains) coming out of the pandemic and the current financial downturn. I made contacts with policymakers, academics, planners, workers and businesspeople in the region.

4/2006 – 2/2014 Mainstream Media Project (MMP) Arcata, CA  
**Director**  
In 2006 I took over the management of MMP, including supervision of the staff of seven, responsibility for fundraising and finances, Board recruitment and development and responsibility for all organizational operations.

4/2001 – 4/2006 Mainstream Media Project (MMP) Arcata, CA  
**National Media Coordinator, Guests on Call (GOC)**  
MMP hired two media coordinators for a new rapid response radio booking service, GOC. This program was in addition to an existing service that conducted two month long media campaigns. Over the next two years GOC became the unified media service for all MMP broadcast interview scheduling, using five media coordinators. At this point I took over national booking.

3/2000 – 3/2001 NetHelp International Eureka, CA  
**Senior Account and Finance Manager**  
NetHelp is an outsource technical support helpdesk for ISPs. In six months, I was promoted from the Call Center Manager to the head of all finance and account management including billing and company-wide strategic planning.

7/1995 - Present Bembe Records Redway, CA  
**President and Owner**  
My partner and I developed a small record label that produces releases in the genre of Afro-Cuban music. Currently there are 21 releases in our catalog. I handle all aspects of accounting, production, manufacturing, marketing and I coordinate project development. Currently at low maintenance level of operation

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5/1987 - 6/1996                      Music for Little People (MFLP)                      Redway, CA.  
**President**

Overall responsibility for all operational and financial aspects of this 100-employee company. Among my activities: investigation, purchase, installation and maintenance of all computer systems; establishment of the departmental organizational structure and supervision of all department heads; creation of annual budgets, cash flow analysis, business plans and annual strategic plans; creation of circulation plans, annual plans and results analysis for the retail catalog division.

1/1982 - 11/1986                      Redwoods Rural Health Center (RRHC) Redway, CA.  
**Fundraising Consultant/Building Project Mgr**

As one of the founders and first administrator of this non-profit community clinic (see below), I shepherded it through its first stages of growth. Then I took on the more specialized tasks of planning and funding a new facility. Among my responsibilities: purchasing a site, negotiating a low interest \$750,000 loan with the FmHA, hiring an architect, preparing reports, and planning and conducting an annual community fund-raising campaign. The new facility was completed in the fall of 1988.

4/1976 - 12/1981                      Redwoods Rural Health Center (RRHC) Redway, CA  
**Executive Director**

I wrote the grant proposal which first funded the health center as a small information and referral office. While I was coordinator, the organization grew from a paid staff of three and an annual budget of \$30,000 to a full service medical clinic with twenty employees (including two doctors) and a budget of over \$500,000. I was responsible for all operations: supervision of employees, management of all fiscal systems, grant writing, fundraising, communication and support for the board of directors as well as contacts with outside agencies.

## **EDUCATION**

6/1970                                      Yale University                                      New Haven, CT  
**Bachelor's Degree**

Graduated Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa in English Intensive

Postgraduate Courses                                      US-CA-Variou

### **Certification**

Extended Education. Numerous workshops and seminars on non-profit organizations and businesses, including Financial Management, Organizational Structure and Communication, Systems Integration, Group Process and more.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Community Involvement**

During my 51 years residence in Southern Humboldt County I have served on the Board of Directors of several community organizations: the Mateel Community Center (MCC-past President), the Backwoods Jazz Association, Southern Humboldt Working Together (SHWT-past President) and Redwood Community Radio/KMUD (RCR-past President). I have also been involved with and served as fund-raising consultant for several other community organizations and businesses. I am also an active musician and have led and played trombone in numerous musical groups.