

Annual LAO Compliance Report for FY 2022-2023

Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH)

SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE CHANGES

1.FY 2022-2023

1. Please provide a summary of all language access changes in your Department since FY 2022-2023.

SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE REPORT CHANGES & KEY BARRIERS

A.Explain changes in strategies and procedures, and indicate whether these changes have improved the Departments language access services from the previous year.

Description of Change	Improved Language Access Services?
The department enlisted two agencies to meet the demand of translation and interpretation services and streamline the process.	Yes
The department has shifted to an annual purchase order with language agencies.	Yes

B. Indicate any key barriers that have prevented your Department from achieving your LAO goals and any proposed solutions.

Barriers	Proposed Solutions
Due to the Department's expansion of LEP services, the costs of these services HSH will continue to explore how to empower provider partners to budget for bilingual staff and	HSH will continue to explore how to empower provider partners to budget for bilingual staff and interpretation services.

interpretation services. are becoming prohibitively expensive.	
There is no way with current technology to count the number of people using interpretation services at virtual public meetings. This may lead to inefficiencies in our use of funds for interpretation services	HSH will work with our vendors and communications teams to think about creative ways to better target our interpretation funding.
Due to limitations on funding for language access, we are restricted to the three threshold languages for community meetings and public postings.	We will request additional funding over the year to phase in the most frequently used languages accessed on our website and reported in the ONE System to improve accessibility over time.

II. DEPARTMENTAL GOALS

2. Assessment of Progress in Meeting Previous Year's Goals

Please provide an update on how your department is meeting your current goals. These are the goals that your department indicated in last year's report.

1. The department has reevaluated its telephonic interpretation policy to allocate more funding toward in-person interpretation and translations. To do this the department has elected to reassign the responsibility of telephonic interpretation services to our nonprofit partners.
2. Maintain and support Direct Service Staff: HSH started the year with six bilingual certified staff and we have two bilingual certified staff as of this report's submission.
3. The Department added multilingual options to the San Francisco Homeless Outreach Team's voicemail.
4. The department has increased community coverage by dividing out community engagement and communications work and hiring designated community engagement liaisons. HSH is working to hire a senior-level public information officer who will take a more proactive approach in website maintenance, accessibility, and translation.

3. Goals for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Please provide a description of your department's Language Access Ordinance goals for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (bullet points).

1. Increase the number of languages provided: The department can better meet our equity goals by offering additional languages, such as Arabic, for which we provide translations and interpretation.

2. Explore expansion of Bilingual Certified Staff: HSH, particularly the Programs Division, will need to analyze their needs for bilingual speakers. Once this analysis is complete, HSH will work with the staff members to get certified by DHR in bilingual translation to increase equity and accessibility. If the position is vacant, HSH will require it as a special condition for the position. This would also allow us to keep some translation requests in-house and reduce turnaround on requesting translations through third-party agencies.

III. CLIENT INFORMATION

4. Primary/Preferred Language Information

Do you collect and record primary/preferred language data on clients as part of your intake or application process?

Yes

5. Data Collection Method

What method did you use to determine the number and percentage of limited English proficient (LEP) persons who actually used your department's services citywide during FY 2022-2023?

See OCEIA Guidance, Section I

* You may measure this information by: 1) analyzing information collected during the Department's intake process for all clients; or 2) conducting an annual survey of all contacts with the public made by the Department during a period of at least two weeks; or 3) analyzing and calculating the annual total number of requests for telephonic translation (interpretation) services. If you use the survey method, please pro-rate your results to produce estimated totals for the full year. For example: data from a two-week survey should be multiplied by 26; data from a one-month survey should be multiplied by 12.

Please provide the method you used to determine the number LEP persons actually served.

- a. Intake b. Annual Survey c. Number of telephonic interpretation requests

Description (Optional)

These figures reflect the total number of clients that HSH served last year who are in the ONE System, HSH's main database that stores most of our client information.

6. Number of LEP Persons who Used Department's Services During FY 2022-2023

a. Please indicate the number and percentage of LEP persons who actually used your department's services city wide during FY 2022-2023:

See Guidance, Section I

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calculating the annual total number of requests for telephonic translation (interpretation) services.

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TOTAL CLIENTS (#)	LEP CLIENTS (#)	LEP CLIENTS BY LANGUAGE (#) ?						
		CAN	FIL	MDRN	RUS	SPN	VIET	Other
31,954	4,452	202	90	60	116	3,591	35	349 Other

Key: CAN = Cantonese

FIL = Filipino (Tagalog)

MDRN = Mandarin

RUS = Russian

SPN = Spanish

VIET = Vietnamese

Please indicate the number of clients served in other languages:

LANGUAGE	LEP CLIENTS (#)
African	1
Amhariz	1
Arabic	60
Bangla	5
Burmese	1
Cambodian	4
Creole	12
Dari	1
Eritrean	1
Estonian	1
Ethiopian Dialect	1
Farsi	7
Gujarati	2
Hmong	2
Ibo	1
Indonesian	1
Italian	3
Khmer	1
Krio	1
Laotian	1
Malinke	1
Mam	3
Marshalese	1
Mayan/ Yucatan	3
Mixteco	1
Mongolian	6

Mum	1
Navajo	2
Nigerian	2
Norwegian	1
Other Philippine Dialect	1
Persian	6
Polish	1
Portuguese	15
Polynesian	1
Puerto Rican	1
Punjabi	1
Sango	1
Serbian	1
Slovenian	2
Somali	2
Swahili	1
Swedish	1
Tagalog	4
Thai	2
Toi-sanese	1
Tongan	2
Turkish	23
Tzeltal	1
Ukrainian	12
Urdu	3
Wolof	2
Yoruba	1
Zulu	1

b. If you used information from the Intake process (if you checked "a" in #5 above) , please provide a breakdown of the number of LEP persons served at each Covered Department Facility.

LEP CLIENTS BY COVERED DEPARTMENT FACILITY										
Facility Name/ Location	Total Clients Served at Facility (#)	LEP Clients (#)	% LEP	LEP Clients Served at the Facility by Language(#)						
				CAN	FIL	MDRN	RUS	SPN	VIET	Other (specify)
ONE System	31,594	4,094	12.95%	202	90	60	116	3,591	35	358

IV. DATA ON TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION DURING FY 2022-2023

7. Translated Written Materials

a) Please indicate how many of the Department's materials (e.g. applications, forms, notices of rights, program material, etc.) have been translated into each of the following languages.

See Guidance, Section II (a)

Language	Total Materials	CHN	FIL	RUS	SPN	VIET	Other #1 (specify)	Description
All Translated Materials	290	89	78	9	100	9	5	Arabic
Number of Vital Documents								

b) Please list all of the Department's written materials(e.g. applications, forms, notices of rights, program material, etc.) that have been translated, the language(s) into which they have been translated, and the persons who have reviewed the translated materials for accuracy and appropriateness.

See Guidance, Section II (a)

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8. Telephone-Based Interpretation Services

Describe any telephone-based interpretation services used for FY 2022-2023 (July 1 through June 30). Please include information on call volumes and language use. If your department uses multiple telephone-based interpretation services, which may include LanguageLine Solutions, other vendors, or internal staff, please indicate each on a separate line.

See Guidance, Section II (b)

What telephonic interpretation services were used?	Total Call Volume (LEP Clients)	Total Call Volume by Language							
		CAN	FIL	MDRN	RUS	SPN	VIET	Other #1 (Specify)	Other #2 (Specify)
Language Line	749	37	2	68	30	466	10	136	Arabic, Creole, Mandarin, Portuguese, Khmer, Korean, Dari, Farsi, Mongolian, Ukrainian,

9. In-Person Interpretation Services

How many times did multilingual employees provide in-person interpretation services in FY 2022-2023(July 1 through June 30)? Please include information on the number of times in-person interpretation was provided in each language .

See Guidance, Section II (c)

Total	Number of Times Interpretation Provided, by Language							
	CAN	FIL	MDRN	RUS	SPN	VIET	Other #1 (Specify)	Other #2 (Specify)
499	20	0	1	0	478	0	0	N/A

Description (Optional)

10. Oral Interpretation at Public Meetings

How often did your department provide oral interpretation at public meetings or hearings during FY 2022-2023? Please indicate the number of meetings/hearings and languages provided and whether vendors or multilingual employees were used.

See Guidance, Section II (d)

Number of Interpreted hearings/meetings	15
Total Number of LEP Attendees	
Interpretation provided by	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendors <input type="checkbox"/> multilingual Employees <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Interpretation provided in (languages)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cantonese <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Mandarin <input type="checkbox"/> Russian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Arabic

V. MULTILINGUAL STAFFING AND TRAINING

11. Multilingual Employees

a) How many multilingual public contact employees does your department have, and how many have had their multilingual skills tested and certified by the Department of Human Resources (DHR)? Indicate the language(s) spoken by certified multilingual employees and all multilingual employees.

See Guidance, Section III (a)

	Total Number	Number or Multilingual Staff, by Languages						
		CAN	FIL	MDRN	RUS	SPN	VIET	Other
Certified Multilingual Public Contact Employee	2					2		
Total Multilingual Public Contact Employee	2					2		
All Public Contact	22							

Description (Optional)

HSH HR policy requires certified bilingual employees to perform bilingual services consistently and routinely to be eligible for bilingual pay.

Please provide a roster of your department's Multilingual Employees (excluding those employees who are self-designated as competent in a language other than English). Use additional pages as needed. See Roster of Multilingual Employees from OCEIA.

ROSTER OF MULTILINGUAL EMPLOYEES				
Name	Title	Office Location	Languages (other than English)	DHR Certified? (Y/N)
Alexa	2587 Health			

Gutierrez	Worker III	520 Jones St	Spanish	Yes
Megan Smith	2587 Health Worker III	238 Eddy St	Spanish	Yes

Please upload your Roster of Multilingual Employees as an Excel file	Your file is uploaded  Download Blank Excel Template
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b) Assess the number of additional multilingual employees needed in FY 2022-2023 and beyond to meet the requirements of the Language Access Ordinance.

See Guidance, Section III (b)

Is the current number of multilingual employees adequate to meet LAO requirements?	If no, indicate the number of additional multilingual employees needed and corresponding language(s)
No	To fully comply with LAO requirements using only multilingual employees, HSH would need certified bilingual employees at our offices.

If you have indicated that the number of multilingual employees in your Department is inadequate to meet the requirements of the Language Access Ordinance, please state your Department's plans to meet those requirements

HSH currently uses Language Line and other contractors to meet LAO requirements.

12. Employee Development and Training

See Guidance, Section III (c)

a) Which of the following methods does your Department use to verify the quality of multilingual employees' language proficiency skills?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DHR multilingual certification
<input type="checkbox"/>	External certification process
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other method (describe):
	Our Department does not have a method to verify the quality of multilingual employees'

language proficiency skills

b) Does your Department offer training for public contact staff on how to provide language assistance services to LEP individuals?

Yes

The Department held two trainings in FY2022-23 regarding the LAO requirements at our All Staff meetings. Language assistance services were discussed and materials were distributed to HSH staff, including public contact staff.

VI. LANGUAGE SERVICE AND COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

13. Language Access Policies

Please provide a brief summary of your department's procedures for providing services to LEP persons, using the boxes below.

LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS

a) Does your department have a written Language Access Policy ?	Yes
b) Please provide a brief summary of the policy.	The policy covers how the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing staff will provide services and information to Limited English Proficient speakers.
c) Please upload your department's full Language Access Policy.	Your file is uploaded 
d) Does your department work with clients in crisis or emergency situations ?	Yes
If yes, please describe the nature of crisis or emergency situations (e.g., fire, natural disaster, domestic violence, other).	other
e) Does your department have a protocol for serving LEP persons in crisis or emergency situations?	Yes
If yes, please provide a brief summary of your Department's protocol for serving LEP	The Department has certified bilingual employees that work within our adult housing program, which serves adults who formerly experienced homelessness. If LEP clients are in crisis, HSH's bilingual staff are trained to respond to these situations.

persons in crisis or emergency situations, including the use of multilingual staff for assisting LEP persons and the translation of any warning signs.

Additionally, several members of the Homeless Outreach Team (contractors from Heluna Health) have Spanish language capacity and can engage with unhoused clients experiencing crises. Providers that do not have bilingual abilities can use the Language Line.

14. Recorded Telephonic Messages

a) Please list any recorded telephonic messages that are available in languages other than English, and describe the content of recorded messages (e.g. office hours and location; information about programs and services; other types of assistance).

CONTENT OF RECORDED MESSAGE	LANGUAGE (Mark all boxes that apply)							
	CAN	FIL	MDRN	RUS	SPN	VIET	Other (specify)	
Office Hours and Location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Information about Programs and Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (please describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

b) Assess the availability and quality of your department's recorded telephonic messages in languages other than English .

See Guidance, Section IV (a)

Adequate

Please explain.

The HSH office is not a front door to services in the homelessness response system, so we do not prioritize information about our office hours or location in the recorded voicemail.

15. Telephonic Requests for Translation or Interpretation Services

a) Describe your Department's procedures for handling telephonic requests for translation or interpretation services.

Our procedure is included in the HSH Language Access Policy.

b) Assess the quality of your department's procedures for handling telephonic requests for translation or interpretation services.

See Guidance, Section IV (b)

Excellent

Please explain.

HSH staff are able to use Language Line to provide interpretation services to clients over the phone.

16. In-Person Requests for Translation or Interpretation Services

a) Describe your Department's procedures for handling in-person requests for translation or interpretation services.

Our procedure is included in the office Language Access policy.

b) Assess the quality of your department's procedures for handling in-person requests for translation or interpretation services.

See Guidance, Section IV (c)

Adequate

Please explain.

Our department handles in-person requests for translation and interpretation services through multiple mediums. While we have Language Line, contracted agencies, and certified bilingual employees listed as resources. We could improve through increasing the number of bilingual employees certified within the department.

17. Public Notices of Availability of Language Access Services

a) For in-person or over-the-counter contacts, please indicate whether there is a notice posted in a public place informing LEP persons of their right to request translation or interpretation, and the languages that this notices is printed in.

Public notice posted informing LEP persons of their right to request language access in the following languages:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Filipino
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chinese
<input type="checkbox"/>	Russian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spanish
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vietnamese
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

b) Assess the quality of your department's public notices of availability of language access services.

See Guidance, Section IV (d)

Adequate

Please explain.

440 Turk has notices and resources available in all threshold languages in our front lobby. Our lobby staff have the knowledge available to them to assist anyone who arrives at our office seeking information. We also have Language Line available to our staff to assist in directing individuals to the correct resources.

VII. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES FOR LANGUAGE SERVICES

18. Language Services Expenditures in FY 2022-2023

Please provide the following information on the annual budget and actual expenses for Language Services provisioning.

See Guidance, Section V (a)

Language Access Services	FY 2022-2023 Actual Expenses
1. Compensatory pay for multilingual employees who perform multilingual services, excluding regular annual salary expenditures.	\$3,120.00
2. Telephonic interpretation services provided by vendors.	\$7,465.22
3. Document translation services provided by vendors.	\$83,426.36

4. On-site language interpretation services provided by vendors.	\$22,033.76
5. Other costs associated with providing language access services (e.g., grants, special programs, other.)	\$0.00
6. Total Language Services Budget (add columns 1-5)	\$116,045.34

18 b. Department's Total Operating Budget

\$713,292,581.00

19. Projected Language Services Budget in FY 2023-2024

What is your total projected budget to support progressive implementation of your Department's language service plan in FY 2023-2024 ?

See Guidance, Section V (b)

TOTAL	70000
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Description (Optional)

HSH plans to spend \$70,000 on language access services in FY23-24 but will allocate additional resources if needed.
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HSH Language Access Plan

Updated September 2023

This Language Access Plan is a resource for the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) staff to know and understand how to serve Limited English Proficient (LEP) people who come into contact with the Department. Policies and procedures are included below.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to ensure that LEP clients of HSH can access, understand, and participate in HSH's programs and services.

San Francisco Language Access Ordinance - San Francisco is a diverse city with a large immigrant population. The City's efforts have made it a leader in language access rights and immigrant assistance programs. Language Access became a key priority in San Francisco in 2001 when the City enacted the Equal Access to Services Ordinance (EAS) to ensure the same level of access to services for Limited English Proficient people that was available to English-proficient city residents. In 2009, the Ordinance was amended as the Language Access Ordinance (LAO). Beyond federal and state non-discrimination and language access laws, the LAO mandates key requirements for City Departments to follow to improve the accessibility of services and programs to the LEP population. Key requirements of the LAO include: (1) all City Departments that serve the public must utilize bilingual employees, (2) translate vital materials and signage, and (3) provide oral interpretation at public meetings and hearings upon request. The three certified languages (other than English) are Chinese, Spanish, and Filipino.

As a compliance agency for San Francisco's LAO and a department that directly serves monolingual, LEP, and immigrant communities, HSH takes language access seriously and strives to find innovative, practical ways to ensure that the Department is providing quality language services to city residents. This departmental Language Access Plan details the practices and measures HSH takes to ensure that its public services are provided in compliance with the LAO.

2. Description of Agency

HSH provides a coordinated system of services for outreach, shelter, and access to various forms of housing for eligible San Francisco individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

HSH Organizational Chart - The most recent version of our Organizational Chart as of July 2023 is submitted with this policy as Appendix A. The chart is a living document that is updated frequently.

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3. Multilingual Staff

Language Access Unit (LAU) language specialists are HSH employees that are certified by the Department of Human Resources and have attended Community Interpreters training. For any walk-in or phone calls with LEP people that speak a language that a LAU staff speaks, people should be directed to HSH’s LAU language specialists that work on site at the location where the client called or walked in.

Language Access Unit Staff			
Name	Language	Phone Number	DHR Certification
Megan Smith	Spanish	415-345-0980	Yes
Alexa Gutierrez	Spanish	415-674-0761	Yes

4. HSH Procedures for LEP Client Interactions

1. Housing Sites: When a LEP individual needs in-person or telephone interpretation services at one of HSH’s housing programs where HSH staff provides services on site, the public contact staff will:
 - a. Identify the language needed.
 - b. Request any available LAU staff on site to assist with interpretation.



- c. If no one is available with proficiency in the language required, HSH team members may use Language Line. Using Language Line Solutions is appropriate if:
 - i. staff are unable to locate bilingual speakers of the target language and if the LEP individual is otherwise unable to access a core service provided by HSH.
 - ii. the individual is attempting to file a language access complaint (see Section VIII).
 - d. Use the procedure outlined in Figure 1 to contact Language Line. All public contact staff should know how to use Language Line. Use of this service is charged to the office per minute used. HSH staff should consult their supervisor prior to using this service unless they are already trained and approved to use Language Line as a public contact staff.
 - e. Enter information on the interaction in the tracking log (see Section VII).
2. Walk-ins to HSH Offices: Occasionally, when the HSH office is open for public walk-ins, LEP individuals will come into the HSH office with questions about the work of HSH. When an LEP person enters an office, the staff member at the front desk will determine the language that the client needs help in and assist using the following steps:
 - a. Identify the language required using the Language Services Public Sign (Appendix B), or by asking the person what language they speak.
 - b. The front desk person can contact the LAO Liaison to identify if there is an available LAU staff member on site to provide language assistance in the requested language. If the LAO Liaison is not available, then front desk staff should contact any relevant LAU staff who are available at the office, according to the roster of LAU staff (see section IV) and based on the language needs of the LEP speaker.
 - c. If no one is available at the office with proficiency in the language required, HSH team members may use Language Line. Using Language Line Solutions is appropriate if:
 - i. staff are unable to locate LAU staff on site for the target language and if the LEP individual is otherwise unable to access a core service provided by HSH.
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 - e. Enter information on the interaction in the tracking log (see Section VII).
3. Telephone: HSH occasionally receives calls from LEP individuals seeking information. All employees who manage the main office line must be familiar with the following protocol:
 - a. When an LEP person contacts the main line of HSH, staff should identify the caller's preferred language by asking what language they prefer to speak. If they understand some English and cannot state their language, try asking their country of origin or other questions that may help.
 - b. The front desk person can contact the LAO Liaison to identify if there is an available LAU staff member on site to provide language assistance in the requested language. If the LAO Liaison is not available, then front desk staff should contact any relevant LAU staff who are



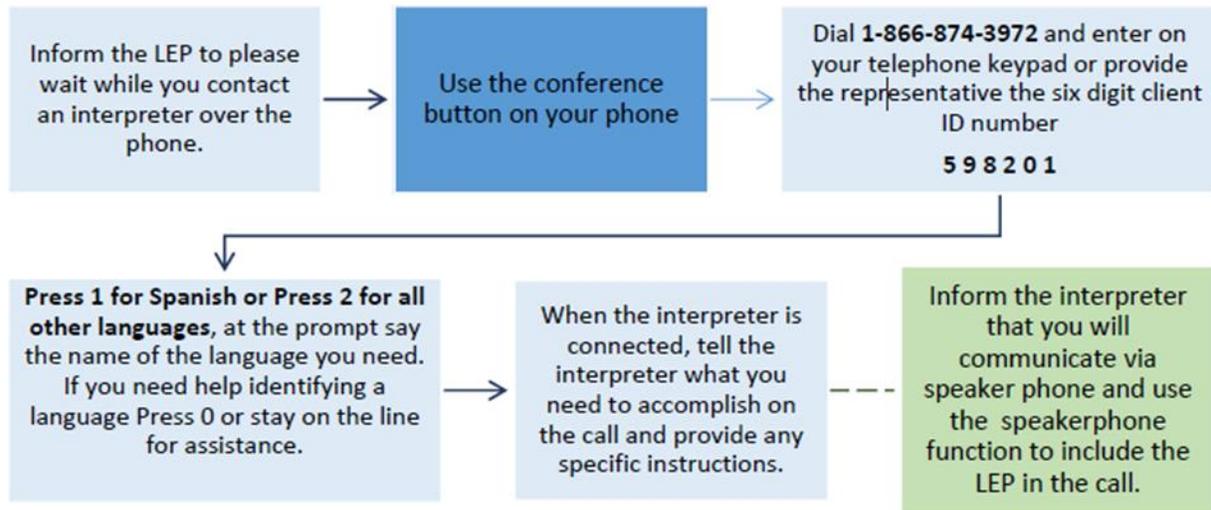
- available at the office, according to the roster of LAU staff (see section IV) and based on the language needs of the LEP speaker.
- c. If no one is available at the office with proficiency in the language required, HSH team members may use Language Line. Using Language Line Solutions is appropriate if:
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 - e. Enter information on the interaction in the tracking log (see Section VII).

Recorded telephonic messages: The Department has a basic telephone message on our main phone line about our services as well as the San Francisco Homeless Outreach Team’s main phone line. Callers can choose to listen to this message in English, Chinese, Filipino, or Spanish. If the caller leaves a recorded telephonic message, staff managing the voicemail will inform the Language Line interpreter that the department has received a recorded telephonic message in a specific language. Once the message has been interpreted, ask the Language Line interpreter to phone the caller and provide interpretation services over the phone. If the caller does not answer, please have the interpreter leave a voice message with the HSH’s return contact information and reason for the call. If the caller calls back, the public contact staff will use Language Line as needed.

4. **Email:** The office may receive emails in languages other than English. All general emails come through dhsh@sfgov.org.
 - a. Employees who check the general office email account should send all non-English messages to the LAO Liaison.
 - b. As needed, the LAO Liaison will identify the language of the non-English messages and will send it to the appropriate certified bilingual employee, if available, for translation.
 - c. If a LAU staff is not available in-house to translate, the LAO Liaison will identify another solution to translate and respond to the message in a timely manner.
5. **Events:**
 - a. Interpretation at public meetings and community events: Contact the department’s LAO Liaison to determine need and set up for interpretation services.
 - b. Staff may be asked provide language assistance at community events sponsored or co-hosted by HSH. Any expectation of language assistance will be discussed prior to the event.
6. **Other:** For other scenarios where staff are in the field and no present bilingual staff speaks the language required by the LEP person, use Language Line. Use of this service is charged to the office per minute used. HSH Staff should consult their supervisor prior to using this service unless they are already trained and approved to use Language Line as a public contact staff.



Figure 1: Language Line Instructions*



***Numbers are SAMPLE only. Use numbers received in your training.**

5. Tracking LEP Client Interactions

All public-serving Departments are required to submit an annual LAO Compliance Plan based on data collected during the prior fiscal year. The Compliance Plan must include data on the number of LEP people who used the Department’s services. HSH will use the following data collection methods:

1. All walk-ins, calls, or emails from LEP individuals should be logged by front desk staff, staff who answer phone calls from the main line or bilingual staff that is asked to assist a LEP caller or walk-in on the [online form](#). All public contact staff should bookmark this link on their computers.
 - a. Front desk/Admin staff should log the interaction in the Google form if it is a simple interaction that does not involve other staff members.
 - b. If the client is referred to bilingual staff in the LAU, the LAU team member should fill out the Google form and submit information required by the form, taking care not to include protected health information.
 - c. For calls or walk-ins that required the use of Language Line, the staff member that helped facilitate the interpreted call should log the interaction.

The Language Access Liaison consolidates these form responses into the LEP Interaction Log (Appendix C).

2. The LAO Liaison maintains records of all translations and interpretations carried out by the LAU and vendors. These records include data on the number of hours of assistance provided and the number of LEP individuals who receive interpretation services at public meetings, outreach activities, and other events.

6. Informing the Public

HSH uses signage to inform the public about available language services:

1. At HSH's main office front desk entrance there is a Languages Services card that LEP people can use to indicate their preferred language (Appendix B).
2. Language Services Cards are used at interpretation events and are placed prominently on and around the table where interpretation equipment is distributed.

7. Complaints

HSH is responsible for collecting, investigating, and resolving all complaints regarding alleged violations of the San Francisco Language Access Ordinance. Complaints can be submitted to the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA): in person or mailed to 50 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco, CA 94102; by fax to 415-581-2351; by calling 415-581-2360; or by emailing language.access@sfgov.org.

If a client seeks to submit a complaint through HSH, the Department will collect all relevant information and pass the complaint to OCEIA. Upon receiving a complaint, HSH staff should take the following steps:

1. **Walk-in:** If a person walks in to make an LAO complaint, the staff member at the front desk or housing site shall assess if bilingual assistance is needed.
 - a. If the complainant needs language assistance, an available member of the LAU team on site shall be called. The staff member will ensure that the form is filled out completely.
 - b. If HSH is unable to locate an LAU staff on site for the target language, the public contact staff will give the complainant the choice between:
 - i. Using Language Line for interpretation to create the complaint with HSH's assistance.
 - ii. Calling OCEIA at 415-581-2360 to submit their complaint directly to a OCEIA staff person in their own language.
 - c. If the complainant completes the form at HSH, the form shall be completed and marked with a "received" stamp and date received. The form will be delivered to OCEIA at language.access@sfgov.org.
 - d. If the complainant would like additional information, the staff member at the front desk will contact OCEIA at (415) 581-2360.
 - e. **Staff should not make any additional commitments regarding specific outcomes or remedies at this time.**
2. **Telephone:** If an individual would like to file a complaint by telephone, the public contact staff should contact the LAO Liaison to identify an available LAU HSH staff member on site who speaks



the appropriate language. If the LAO Liaison is not available, the administrative staff should transfer the call to any available LAU staff member onsite who speaks the target language.

- a. If an LAU staff person is available:
 - i. The LAU staff member should use a blank version of the complaint form in the appropriate language and should orally ask the complainant for the same information that is required on the form. The staff member should not add or omit any information.
 - ii. The LAU staff member can let the complainant know that HSH staff may contact them by phone for additional information about the incident, and that the complainant will receive a status update within 30 days.
 - iii. **Staff should not make any additional commitments regarding specific outcomes or remedies at this time.**
 - b. If HSH is unable to locate a bilingual speaker of the target language, the public contact staff will give the complainant the choice between:
 - i. Using Language Line for interpretation to create the complaint with HSH's assistance.
 - ii. Calling OCEIA at 415-581-2360 to submit their complaint directly to a OCEIA staff person in their own language.
 - c. If the complainant completes the form at HSH, the form shall be completed and marked with a "received" stamp and date received. The form will be delivered to OCEIA at language.access@sfgov.org.
3. Email, fax, or mail: Complaints received through these channels should be immediately forwarded to OCEIA at language.access@sfgov.org.

8. Training

1. The Language Access Liaison will present the HSH Departmental Language Access Policy at an annual staff meeting. This short training presents all the basic information that the entire staff needs to know to ensure that the office is providing meaningful access to services for LEP individuals.
2. Bilingual HSH staff may have opportunities to participate in other training related to language access services. The LAO Liaison will inform staff of potential training opportunities.

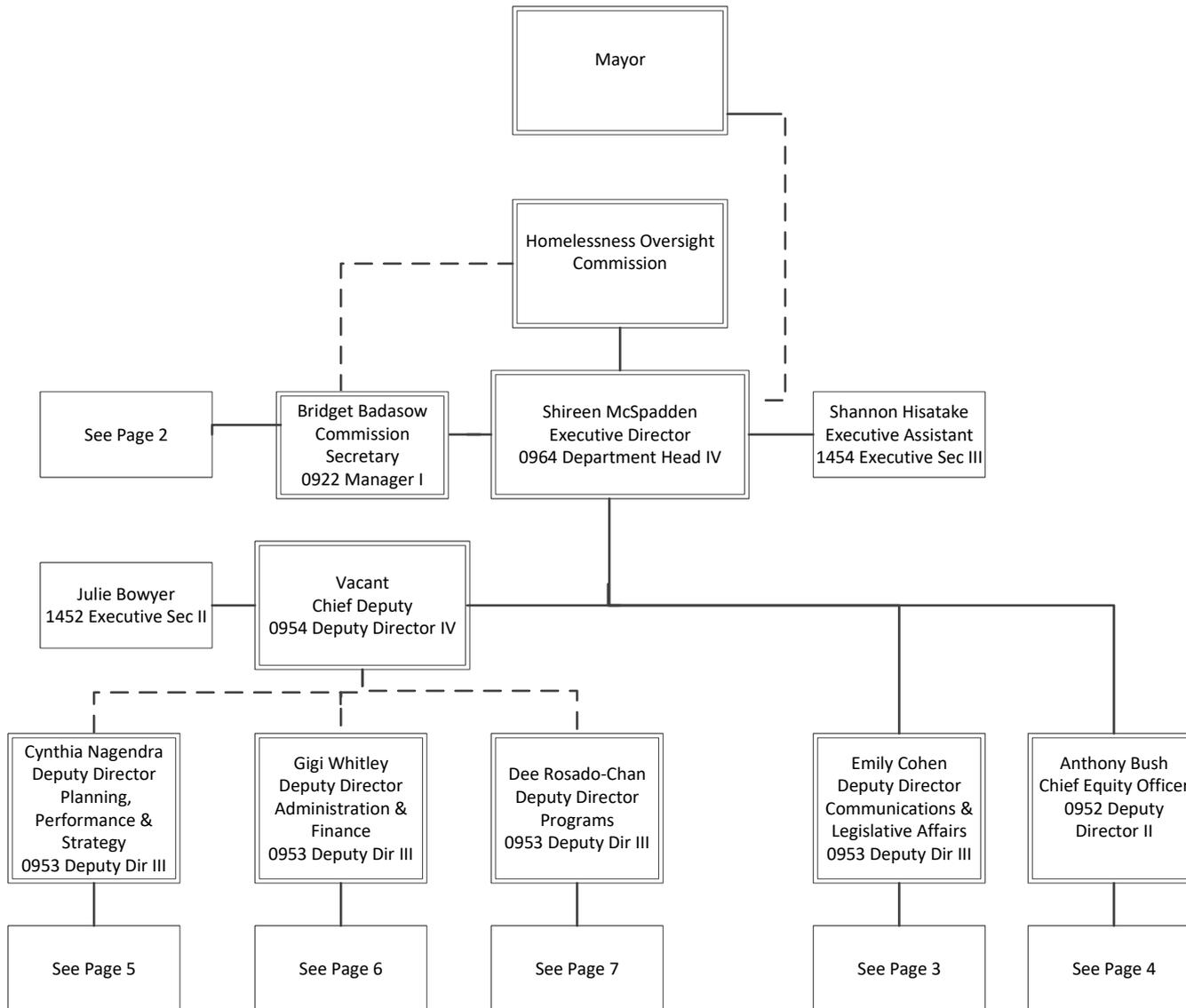
Appendices

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- **Appendix C** - Interactions Log – [Form for data collection](#)
- **Appendix D (linked)** - [OCEIA Language Access Complaint Forms](#)

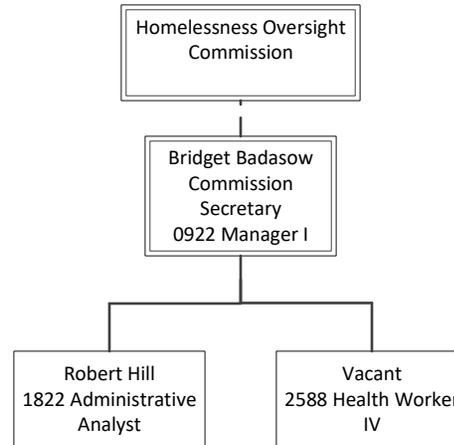




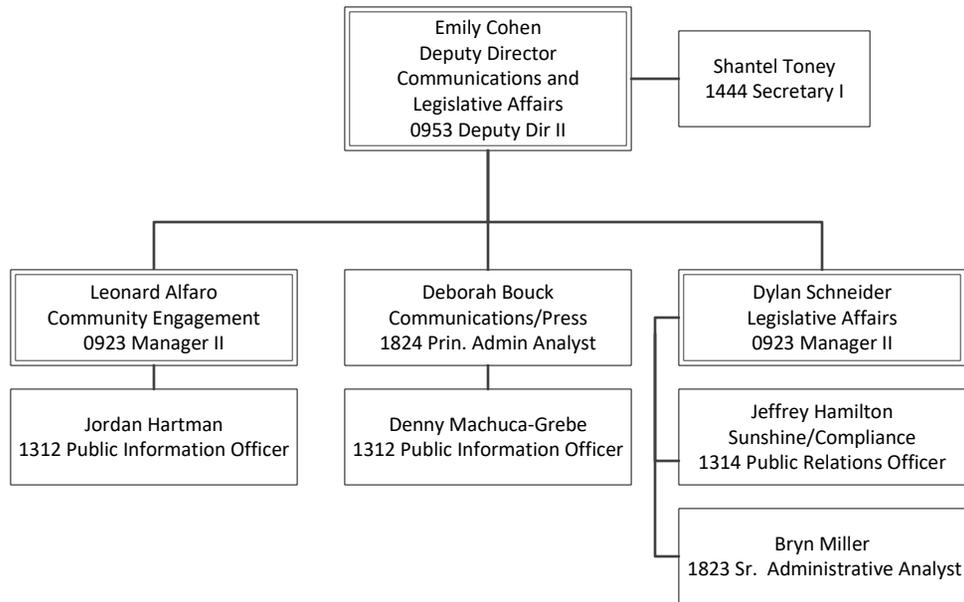
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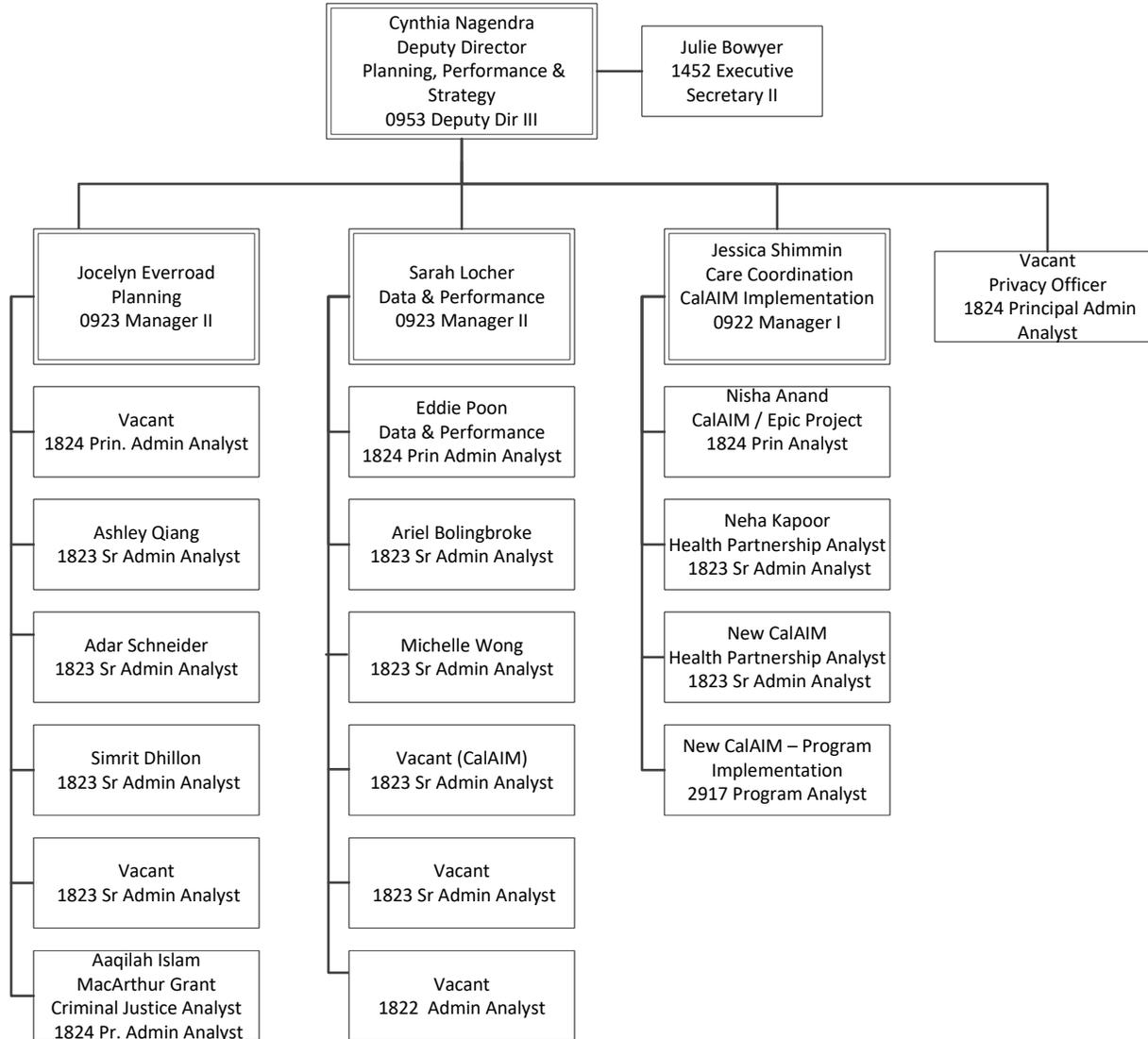
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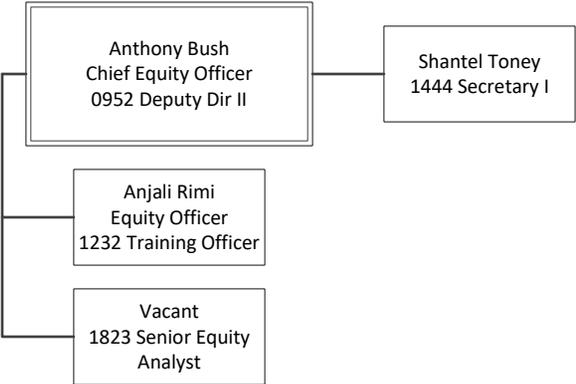
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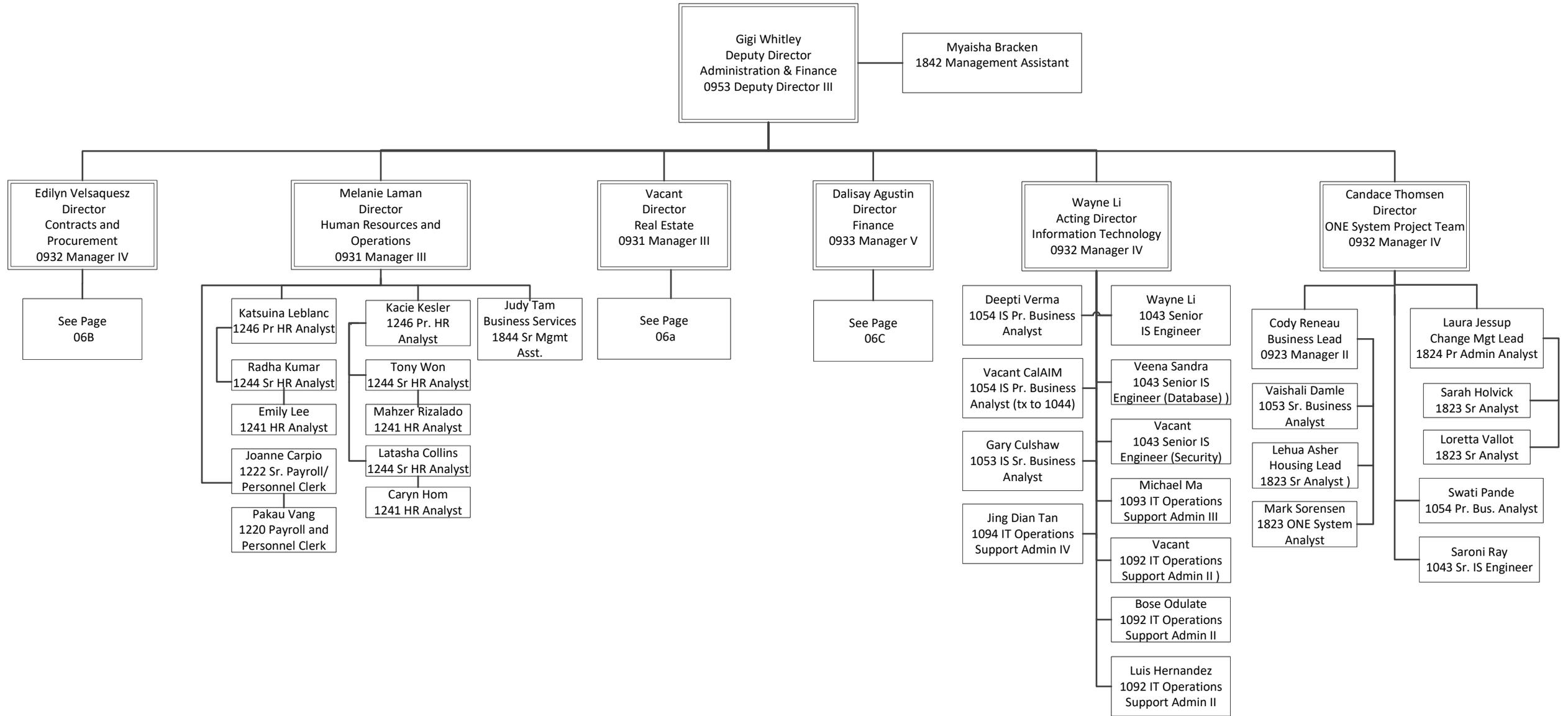
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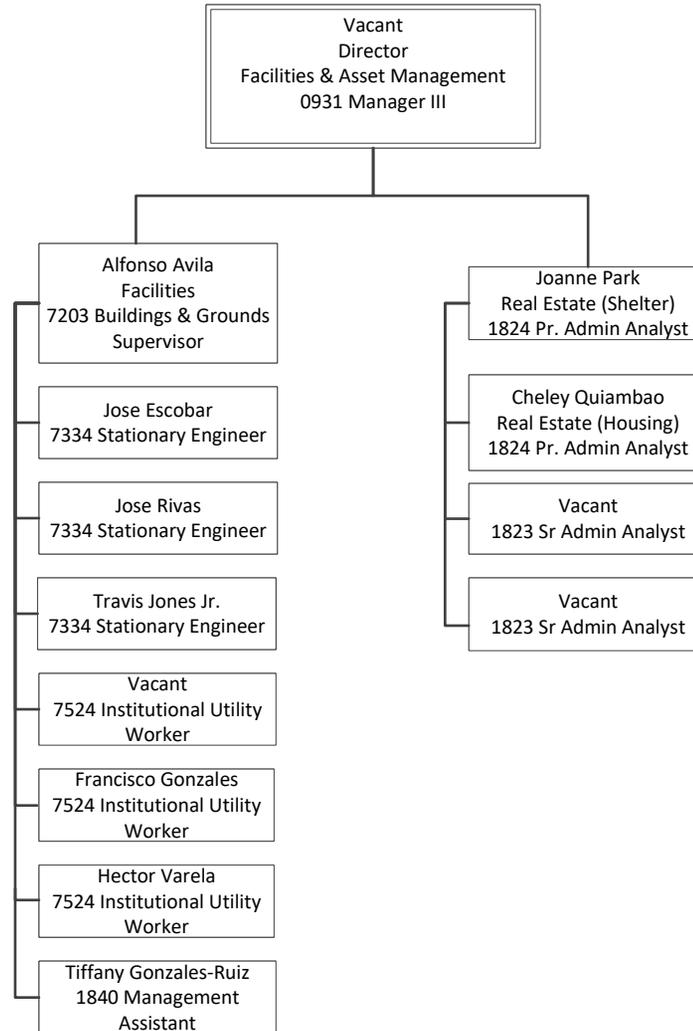
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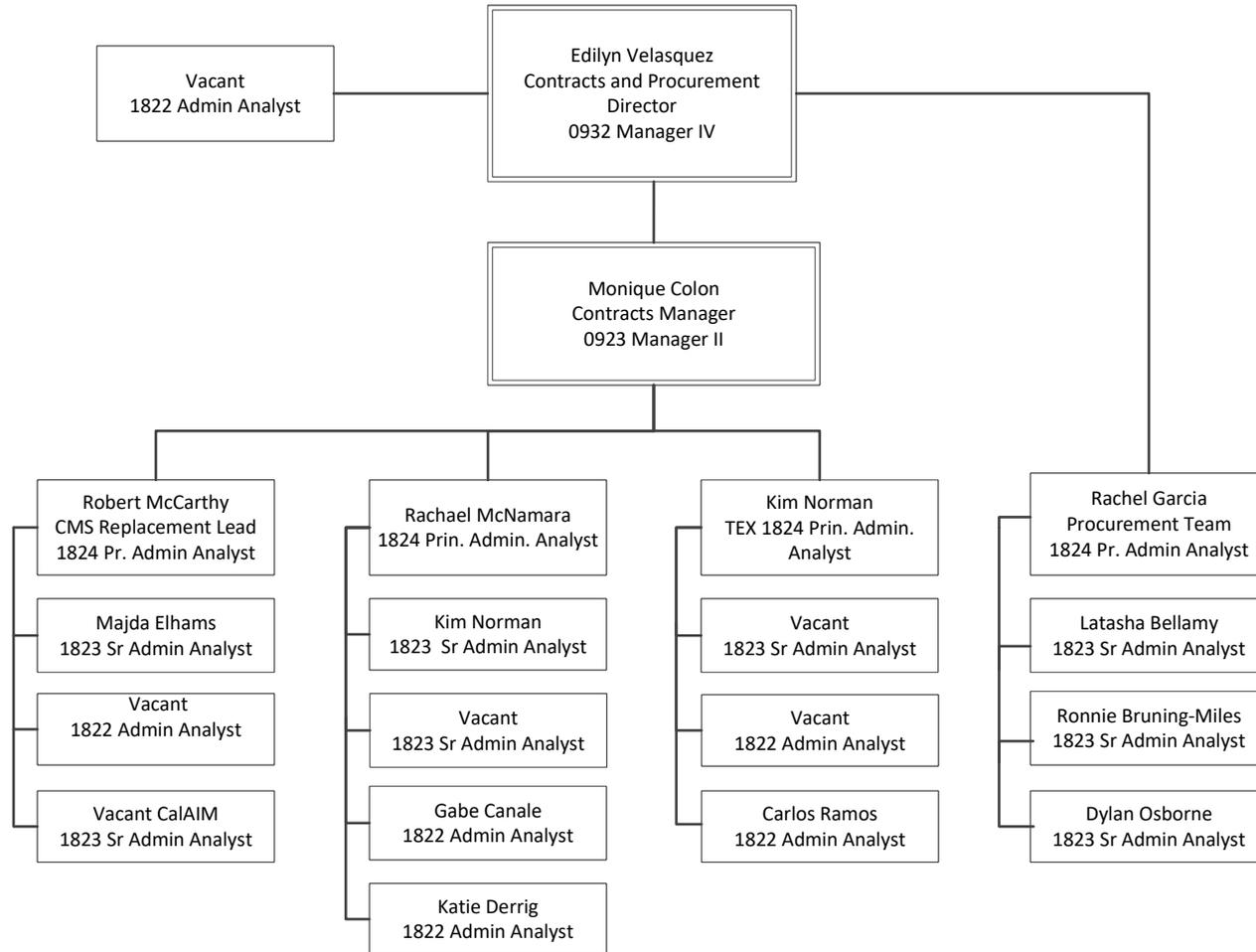
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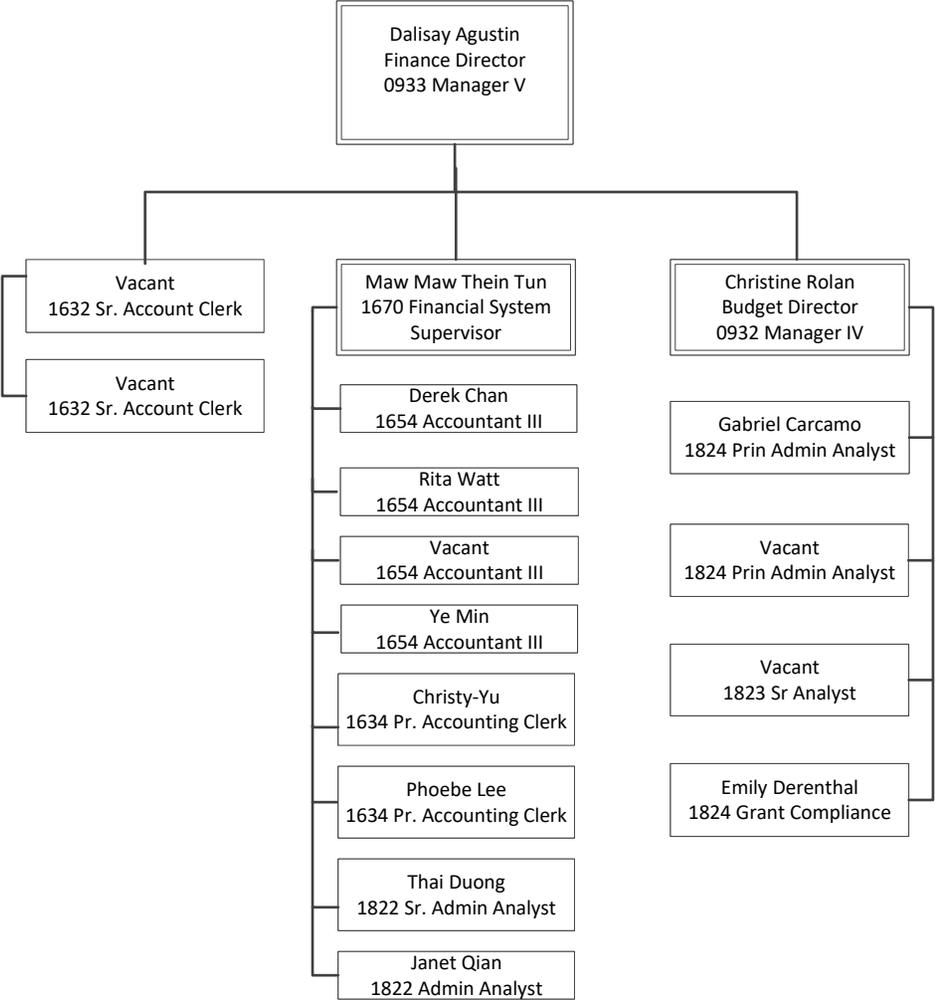
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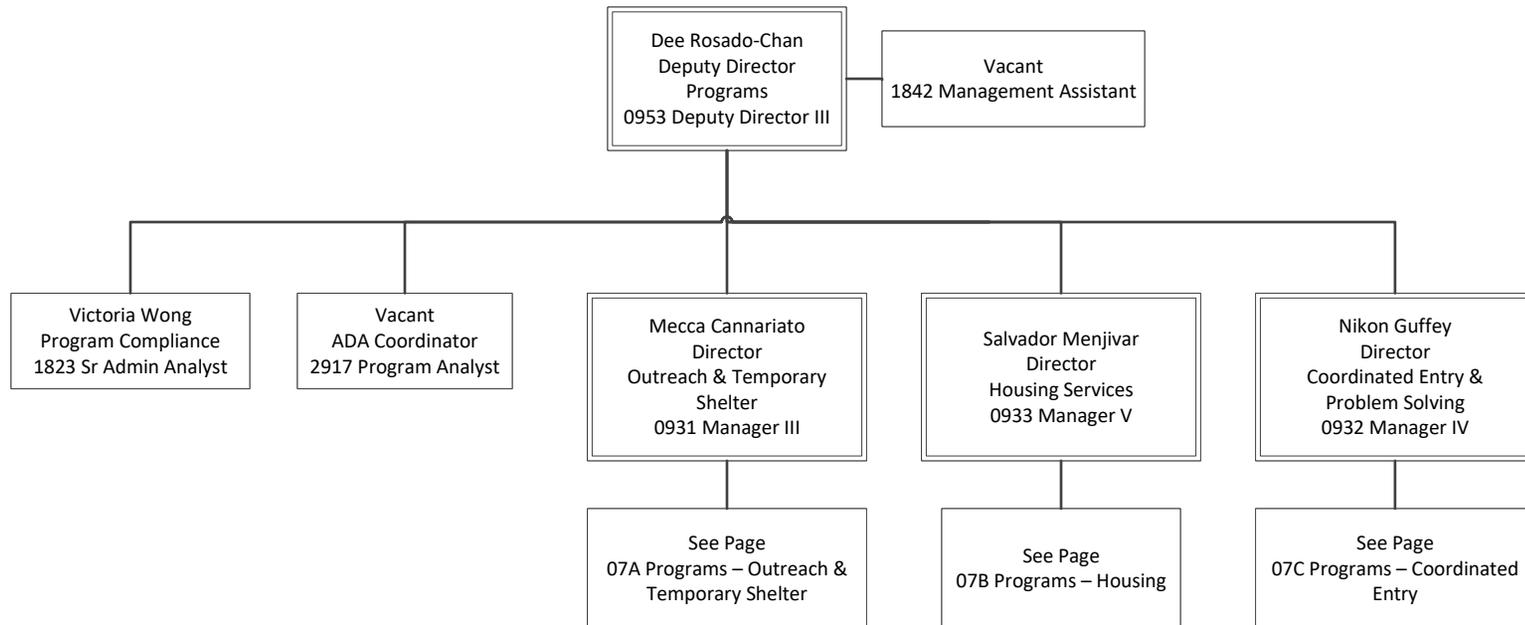
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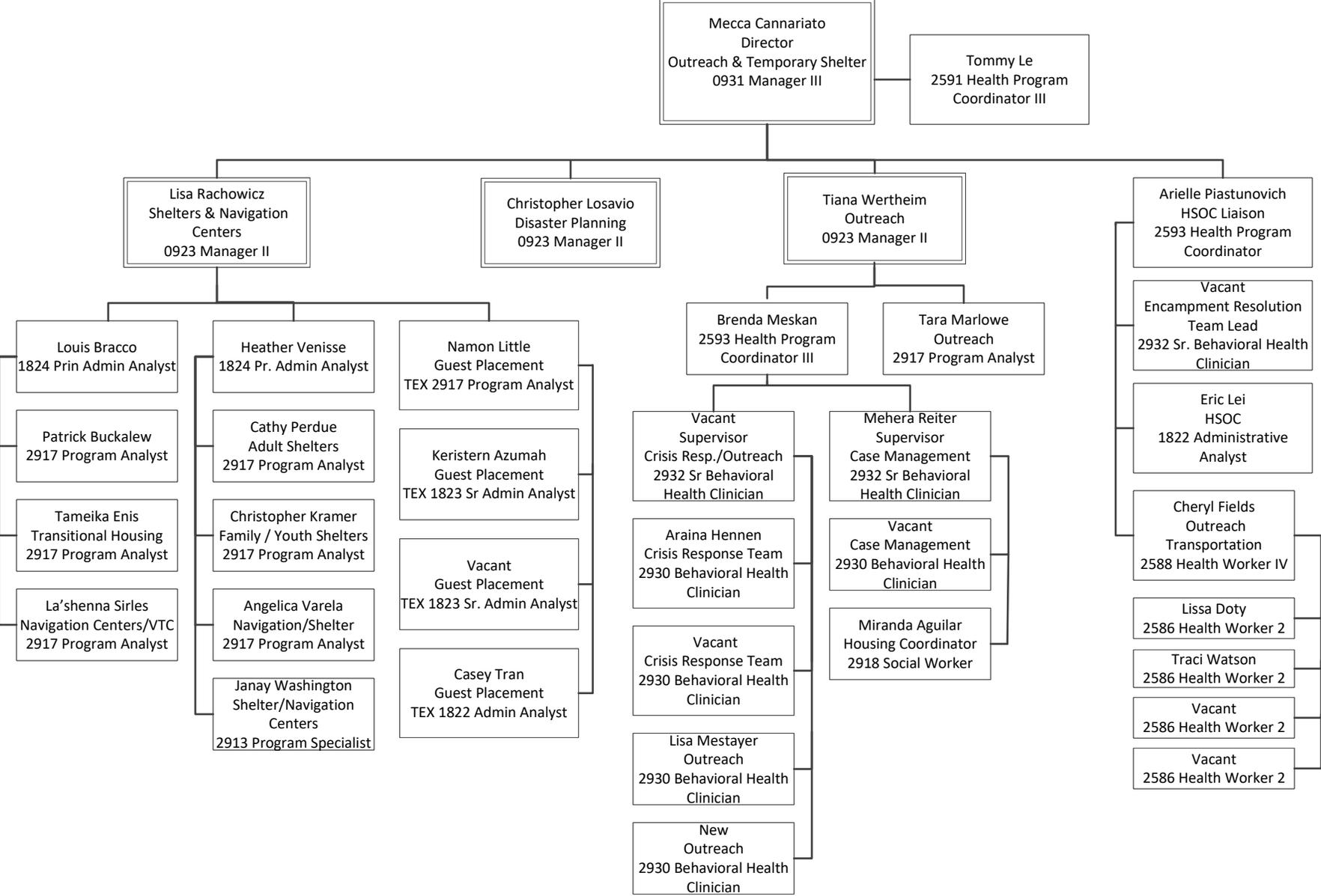
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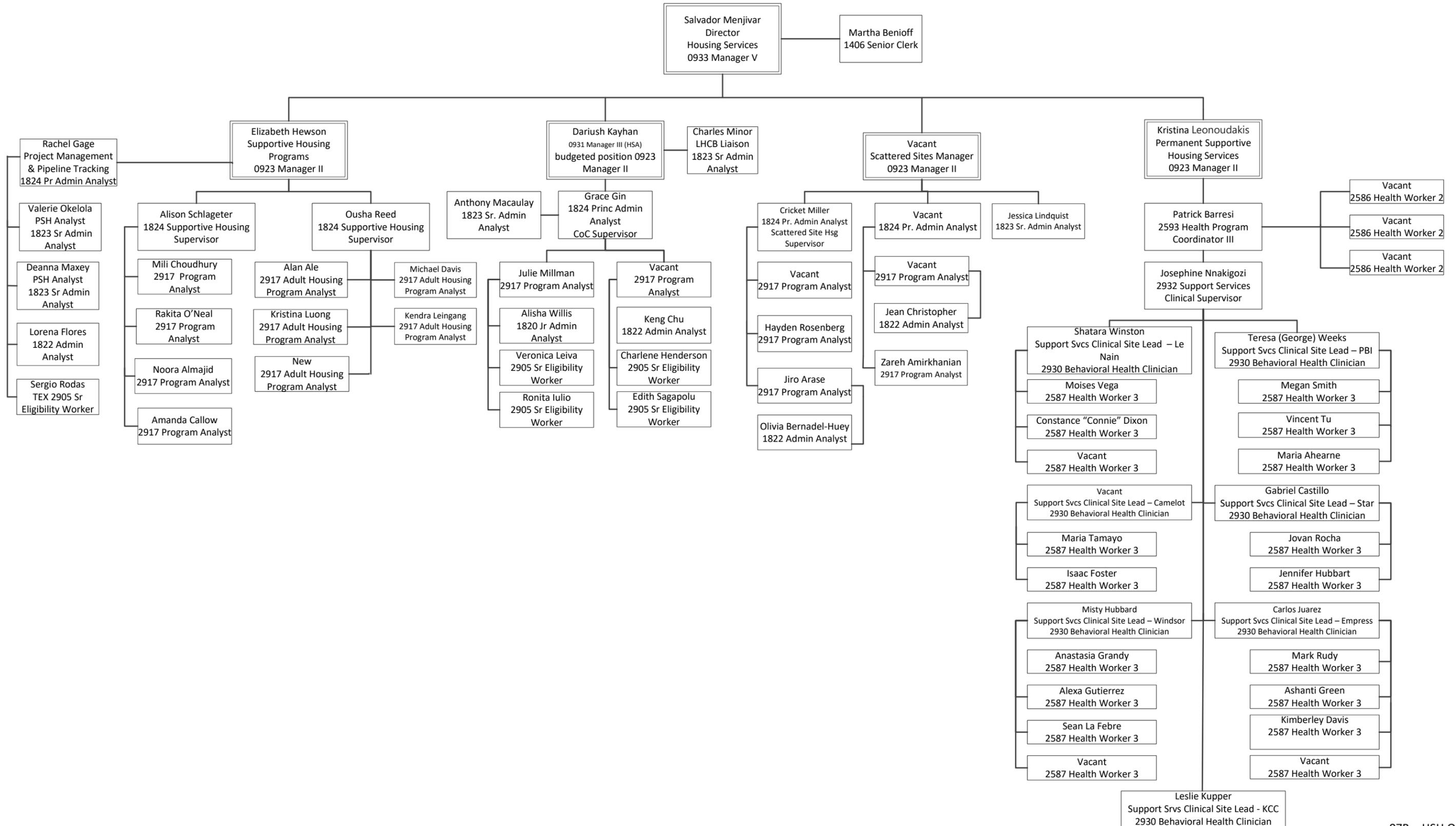
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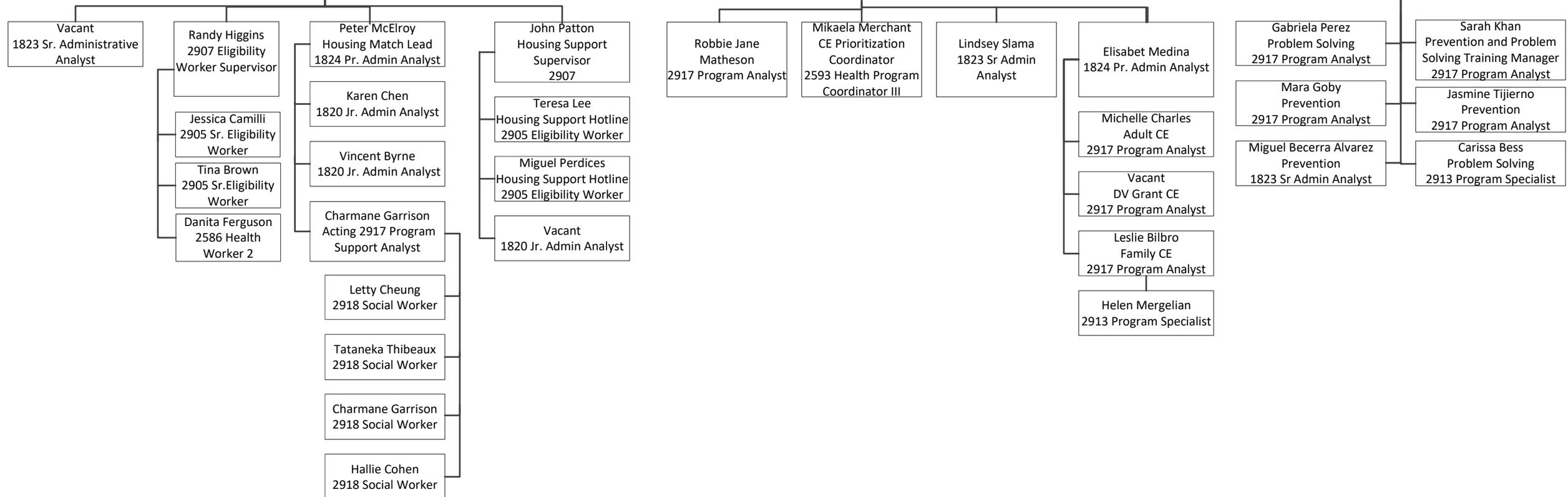
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Interpretation Services Available

You have the right to request an interpreter at no cost to you. Please point to your language. An interpreter will be called. Please wait.

<p>Amharic አማርኛ </p> <p>ብሚናገሩት ቋንቋ መጠቀም ይችሉ ዘንድ የትርጉም አገልግሎት በነጻ የማግኘት ሙሉ መብት አለዎት። እባክዎ የሚናገሩትን ቋንቋ ያመልክቱ። ከአስተርጓሚ ጋር ናገሻኝዎታለን እባክዎ ትንሽ ይጠብቁ።</p>	<p>Arabic عربي </p> <p>يحق لك الحصول على خدمات ترجمة فورية دون أي مقابل. يُرجى منك أن تُشير بإصبعك إلى لغتك كي نستدعي المترجم المعني. . يُرجى منك الانتظار لحين استدعاء المترجم.</p>	<p>Armenian Հայերեն </p> <p>Դուք իրավունք ունեք առանց որևէ վճարի թարգմանիչ ունենալ: Խնդրում ենք մատնանշելք ձեր լեզուն և ձեր համար թարգմանիչ կկանչենք: Խնդրում ենք սպասելք:</p>
<p>Cantonese 粵語 </p> <p>你享有要求傳譯員免費為你提供傳譯服務的權利。請指出你所需的語言。將為你安排傳譯員。請稍候。</p>	<p>Filipino Filipino </p> <p>Kayo ay may karapatang humiling ng libreng tagapagsalin. Mangyaring ituro ang inyong wika. Tatawagin ang isang tagapagsalin para sa inyo. Mangyaring maghintay po.</p>	<p>French Français </p> <p>Vous avez droit gratuitement aux services d'un interprète. Veuillez indiquer votre langue. Nous allons contacter un interprète. Veuillez patienter si'il vous plaît!</p>
<p>German Deutsch </p> <p>Sie haben kostenlosen Anspruch auf eine/n Dolmetscher/in. Bitte deuten Sie auf Ihre Sprache. Ein/e Dolmetscher/in wird gerufen. Bitte warten Sie.</p>	<p>Haitian Creole Kreyòl Ayisyen </p> <p>Ou gen dwa a yon entèprèt gratis. Tanpri montre nou lang pa w la. N ap rélé yon entèprèt pou ou. Tanpri ret tann.</p>	<p>Hebrew עברית </p> <p>יש לך את הזכות למתורגמן ללא כל עלות לך. אנא הצבע על השפה שלך. המתורגמן ייקרא. אנא המתן.</p>
<p>Hindi हिंदी </p> <p>आपको बिना कोई शुल्क दिए दुभाषिया सेवा पाने का अधिकार है। कृपया अपनी भाषा को इंगित करें। दुभाषिया को बुलाया जाएगा। कृपया प्रतीक्षा करें।</p>	<p>Italian Italiano </p> <p>Avete diritto ad un interprete. Il servizio è gratuito. Indicate la vostra lingua e attendete; un interprete sarà chiamato al più presto.</p>	<p>Japanese 日本語 </p> <p>通訳を無料でご利用になれます。該当する言語を指示して下さい。通訳を手配いたしますのでお待ち下さい。</p>
<p>Korean 한국어 </p> <p>여러분은 무료로 전문 통역자의 도움을 받을 권리가 있습니다. 왼쪽의 “한국어”를 손가락으로 가르켜 주십시오. 전문 통역자에게 연결될 것입니다. 잠시만 기다려 주십시오.</p>	<p>Mandarin 普通话 </p> <p>您享有要求传译员免费为您提供传译服务的权利。请指出您所需的语言。将为您安排传译员。请稍候。</p>	<p>Polish Język Polski </p> <p>Macie prawo do korzystania z usług polskiego tłumacza. Usługa ta jest na nasz koszt. Proszę wskazać swój język. Proszę czekać. Łączymy z tłumaczem.</p>
<p>Portuguese Português </p> <p>Você tem o direito a um intérprete de graça. Por favor aponte para a língua que você fala. Um intérprete será chamado. Por favor espere.</p>	<p>Russian Русский </p> <p>Вы имеете право на услуги бесплатного переводчика. Укажите, пожалуйста, на Ваш язык. Переводчик будет вызван. Пожалуйста, подождите.</p>	<p>Spanish Español </p> <p>Tiene derecho a pedir un intérprete sin costo alguno. Por favor, señale su idioma. Se va a llamar por teléfono a un intérprete. Por favor, espere.</p>
<p>Tigrinya ትግርኛ </p> <p>አገልግሎት ትርጉም ካብን ናብን ኣዲ ቋንቋኹም ብነጻ ናይምርካብ መሰል አለኩም። ብኹብረትኩም እትዛረብዎ ቋንቋ ኣመልክቱ። ኣስተርጓሚ ይከረኩብኩም ኢና! ብኹብረትኩም ተጸብዩ።</p>	<p>Vietnamese Tiếng Việt </p> <p>Quý vị có quyền được một thông dịch viên miễn phí. Xin chỉ vào ngôn ngữ của quý vị. Chúng tôi sẽ gọi một thông dịch viên. Vui lòng chờ trong giây lát.</p>	<p>Urdu اردو </p> <p>آپ مفت ترجمانی کی خدمات کے مستحق ہیں۔ براہ کرم اپنی زبان کی طرف اشارہ کیجئے۔ آپ کے لئے ایک ترجمان کا انتظام کیا جائیگا۔ براہ کرم انتظار کیجئے۔</p>