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Work Locations:

City

Area of Expertise:

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Homelessness Solutions

Preferred Presentation Format:

- Conference Panel
- Virtual Presentation
- Podcast

Bio:

Melissa Peterman, a proud second-generation San Diegan, has over a decade of experience in affordable housing and homelessness solutions. She earned her bachelor's degree in political science from San Diego State University and a master's in political theory from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her educational journey reflects her commitment to understanding and addressing complex societal issues.

Over the course of her career, Melissa has served in key roles with organizations such as Father Joe's Villages and the San Diego Housing Commission. As Vice President with the San Diego Housing Commission, she spearheaded transformative initiatives overseeing multimillion-dollar projects. Notable among these are the citywide strategic endeavors, Housing Our Heroes and Housing First – San Diego, which resulted in the permanent housing of 4,000 individuals experiencing homelessness.

Currently serving as the Executive Director for Townspeople, Melissa provides visionary leadership, steering the organization toward innovative housing solutions. Her executive acumen aligns seamlessly with Townspeople's vision of achieving a fully housed San Diego.