## OR-506CoC Hillsboro/Beaverton/Washington County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board

## **Applicant Summary**

Applicant: Vernon Baker

Organization: Executive Director, Just Compassion of East Washington

County

CoC Board Position: Faith-Based Organization

## Professional or lived experience in:

Homelessness Services

I have served as the Executive Director of Just Compassion since October, 2018 and have worked consistently with community partners and stakeholders in building services and resources for individuals experiencing houselessness.

## Experience and willingness to serve on behalf of and advocate for people experiencing homelessness:

As the Executive Director of Just Compassion, I feel it is important to be part of collaborations that advocate for the needs of the houseless. I currently serve on multiple boards in Multnomah County which focus on underserved and marginalized communities and serve as a platform for those needing advocacy. During my time with Just Compassion, I have seen it grow in capacity and services. The COC board provides an opportunity to collaborate with a very diverse membership, which aligns with my personal values and those of the organization.