
Profile

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Indicate Supervisor Who Will Receive a Copy of your Application *

Third District - Joan Hartmann

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

County Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee: Submitted

If you are now, or have ever been employed by the County of Santa Barbara, please list the department in which you worked, your title, and the dates you were employed.

n/a

Interests & Experiences

Please explain why you are interested in serving, and what experience you bring to the Committee. Attach additional documentation as necessary.

I have been a Santa Ynez Valley resident for 28 years, graduated from UCSB in 1990, and have worked the majority of my career at UCSB. I have actively enjoyed the trails and roads in the Santa Ynez Valley and Santa Barbara South Coast as a road cyclist, mountain biker, trail runner, road runner, and occasional hiker. I am a recent empty nester (both kids have graduated from Cal Poly - yay!) and have some extra bandwidth to take on some community service in a topic that I have benefitted from but not made any significant contributions to. For me, it's time to give back and do what I can to make improvements for future users. I have a particular interest in open space access in and around the SYV, including but not limited to, the realization of the long overdue "river trail." I attended a community meeting recently in Solvang regarding the river trail, and was inspired by Joan's (and other community leaders' work) to bring this to an eventual reality. I also have recently enjoyed an outing with Joan at the Trails Day hike at the Naples property on the coast, participated in a trail running event at Baron Ranch (the first time I've visited that site - amazing), and also took a docent led hike at Arroyo Hondo (also a first for me - spectacular!). I am very inspired by semi-recent mountain bike trail development at Lake Cachuma (I participated in one of the trail building days there a couple of years ago) and the brand new Trek Trails at Rancho Allegre. I am a firm believer in shared use and access to various trails, and understand some of the conflicts that arise with the varying groups. As a long time mountain biker, I've always followed the general rule of yielding to hikers and horses, and use a bell for my downhill jaunts, but also have found myself frustrated with equine use, especially when otherwise amazing mountain bike trails have been torn up by horse hooves following rain (case in point, Camuesa Connector trail out off Paradise Rd.). I'm sure the equine community has equal frustrations about mountain bikers, and my desire would be to work together as a community to bring the various constituencies together to find common ground in order to move forward with our mutual desires for more access to trails and open space. As a road cyclist in the SYV, I am in awe of all the wonderful places we locals and visitors alike can ride, however I am equally dismayed by the sad state of the tarmac on the roads, and the debris (glass, rocks, gravel) that constantly creates hazards in the designated "bike lanes" that accompany our main roads forcing us to ride dangerously close to (or sometimes among) the vehicle traffic. I am a member of the SYVCC (cycling club) and participate in road cleanup efforts on Armour Ranch and Happy Canyon, but would like to do more to leverage public efforts and funds to improve the state of our roads for cyclists. Finally, I would love to see more private/public partnerships to allow easements and access to the beautiful open space that surrounds our communities. I see San Luis Obispo as a model of what could be possible in our community.

Give any information explaining qualifications, experience, training, education, volunteer activities, community organization memberships, or personal interests that bear on your application for the above Board, Commission or Committee. Attach additional documentation as necessary.

I served on the board of the Santa Barbara Humane Society for a number of years in late 90s/early 2000s, and also was the executive director of the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society for one year. In my professional role, I volunteer on many campus committees at UCSB in order to improve and enhance business processes on our campus. I always aim to bring an open mind and team-oriented approach to any committee I serve on, and am happy to take on any role within my capacity and bandwidth, in order to help bring about positive change. I'm also a former educator with experience working in the classroom, and also as an outdoor educator leading groups of elementary school students on experiences in nature. I would be grateful to bring my love and appreciation of the outdoors to a community service role such as this advisory board.

Demographics

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Male

Date of Birth

Education Completed:

Bachelor of Arts, History, UCSB (1990) Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, CA and CO (expired)

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I agree that upon submission of this application all information provided is a matter of public record, and is subject to disclosure.

I Agree *