

Santa Barbara County Boards & Commissions

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**Profile**

Sharyne

First Name

Merritt

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Buellton

City

CA

State

93427

Postal Code

Third District

What district do you live in?

Mobile: (

Primary Phone

Mobile:

Alternate Phone

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Agricultural Advisory Committee

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Mary Jane Edatalepour

Reference 1 Name

, Buellton, CA

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Telephone

farmer

Reference 1 Occupation

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Jane Gray

Reference 2 Name

Goleta, CA

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Telephone

planner

Reference 2 Occupation

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Art Hibbits

Reference 3 Name

Lompoc, CA

Reference 3 Address

Reference 3 Telephone

farmer

Reference 3 Occupation

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**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.**

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## **Interests & Experiences**

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

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As an organic farmer, I am interested in policies that impact agriculture as well as policies that impact the environment. I bring experience in farm management, legislative analysis, and research.

**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.**

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see attached resume

SMerrittResume 2016.docx

Upload a Resume

Please attach any additional documents here

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## Demographics

Prefer not to Answer

Ethnicity

Democrat

Political Party

Female

Gender

Date of Birth

## Education Completed:

Ph.D.

## 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 \*



**APPLICATION FOR  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE**

Return to: SB Ag Commissioner's Office  
624 W. Foster Road  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

DATE RECEIVED

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1. **APPLYING FOR:** (Use Specific Title of Board, Commission or Committee)

**AAC, Agriculture Advisory Committee**

2. **TODAY'S DATE:**

**12-16-16**

3. **NAME:**

**Happé Wilja**

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Last First Middle

4. **E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

6. **ADDRESS:**

Number & Street

City & Zip

**carpinteria ca 93014**

5. **TELEPHONE:**

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

7. **REFERENCES:** Give names and addresses of three (3) individuals (not relatives) who have knowledge of your character, experience, community involvement, and abilities.

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	OCCUPATION
jennifer chavez	carpinteria, ca	_____	PR and marketing
winfred van wingerden	carpinteria, ca	_____	cut flower grower/ farmer
Joel Reed	The Howard School, foothill rd, Carpinteria, CA	_____	headmaster Carden School

8. Are you, or have you ever been, employed by the County of Santa Barbara?

No  Yes - if yes, list below

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES (OPTIONAL):**

Ethnic or Racial Identity:

- White
- African American
- Hispanic
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Native American/Alaskan Native
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:

- Male
- Female

10. **EDUCATION COMPLETED:**

**university**

11. **INDICATE SUPERVISOR WHO WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF APPLICATION:**

**Carbajal/ Williams**

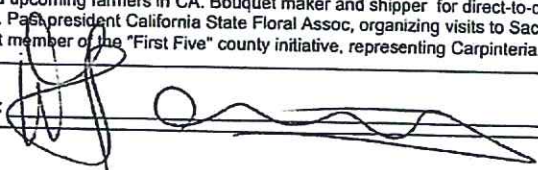
12. **EXPERIENCE:** Please explain why you are interested in serving, and what experience you bring to the Committee. Attach additional documentation as necessary.

Served as alternate on AAC for the Santa Barbara County Flower Growers Assoc; as a long-time farmer of cut-flowers and bouquet manufacturer, I am extremely interested in the direction the BOS supervisors takes on agricultural issues: water, labor, land use and all other decisions affecting small businesses in the County. I enjoyed serving on AAC as an alternate for June van Wingerden and am now looking forward representing California Women for Agriculture (CWA) on AAC. I enjoy the diverse group of farmers from the entire county who serve on AAC, each with his/ her own unique background and point of view, bringing tremendous expertise to the table and into the decision - making process. I recognize AAC as one of the few groups in the county whose opinion is still heard and valued by our Board of Supervisors.....

13. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** 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 sheets as necessary.

28 years member of CWA, serving in many board positions and currently serving on the State Wide Executive Committee as District Director. Past board member and chairwoman of the California Cut Flower Commission, the State mandated marketing order for cut-flowers and greens serving all the flower growers in CA. Past board member "CA Grown" . Served as treasurer for Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau. Past board member and president for Howard Carden School in Carpinteria; 28 years a farmer in the South County; Carpinteria Valley with field crops and cut flower crops in greenhouses; "Veriflora" and "American Grown" - certified. Past board member of California Farm Link: finding financial services for young and upcoming farmers in CA. Bouquet maker and shipper for direct-to-consumer outlets. Served on many National boards for cut flower growers and wholesalers and retailers. Past president California State Floral Assoc, organizing visits to Sacramento and helping with National Farm Day / Week - events in Sacramento and Washington DC. Past member of the "First Five" county initiative, representing Carpinteria.

14. **SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:**





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1. APPLYING FOR: (Use Specific Title of Board, Commission or Committee) <u>Ag Advisory Committee</u>	2. TODAY'S DATE: <u>12/28/16</u>
3. NAME: <u>Adam</u> <u>Deborah</u> <u>Ann</u> Last                                      First                                      Middle	4. E-MAIL ADDRESS: <u>        </u>
6. ADDRESS: Number & Street <u>        </u> City & Zip <u>Santa Maria, CA 93455</u>	5. TELEPHONE: Home: <u>        </u> Business: <u>        </u>

7. REFERENCES: Give names and addresses of three (3) individuals (not relatives) who have knowledge of your character, experience, community involvement, and abilities.

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	OCCUPATION
<u>Donna France</u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>Farmer</u>
<u>Nancy Finnegan</u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>landscaper</u>
<u>Amy Wolfe</u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>CEO AgSafe</u>

8. Are you, or have you ever been, employed by the County of Santa Barbara?       No       Yes - if yes, list below

Department:                               Title:                               Date:         

<p>9. PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES (OPTIONAL):</p> <p>Ethnic or Racial Identity:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Native American/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): <u>        </u> <p>Sex:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	<p>10. EDUCATION COMPLETED: <u>BS Dietetics and Food Administration</u> <u>Cal Poly San Luis Obispo</u></p> <p>11. INDICATE SUPERVISOR WHO WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF APPLICATION:</p>
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12. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving, and what experience you bring to the Committee. Attach additional documentation as necessary. Growing up in a farming family, I am well aware of the issues that face CA farmers in all of our day to day activity. I currently act as CFO for our 2000 acre vegetable and berry production business. I know what is involved in keeping farms both financially and environmentally sustainable. I feel like I offer a voice of reason in mitigating solutions to ag related issues countywide.

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CFO/owner - Innovative Produce  
AgSafe - current board member, Executive Committee  
Santa Barbara County Foodbank - past board member,  
Executive Committee Audit Committee chair

14. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Deborah A. Adam