

Profile

Katherine (Kate)Ford

First NameLast Name

Email Address

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

CA93105

StatePostal Code

Indicate Supervisor Who Will Receive a Copy of your Application *

☒ Second District - Laura Capps

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Submitted

Reference 1 Name

Hilda Maldonado

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Telephone

Reference 1 Occupation

Superintendent, SB Unified

Reference 2 Name

Glenn Miller

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Telephone

Reference 2 Occupation

Doctor

Reference 3 Name

Wade Cowper

Reference 3 Address

Reference 3 Telephone

Reference 3 Occupation

Chief of Staff for Roy Lee

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.

Santa Barbara is my hometown (Go, Dons!); and after 43 years in education, I returned to Santa Barbara to retire, then ran for school board, and served for four years 2018-2022. I have served on numerous boards and am dedicated to helping Santa Barbara thrive and prosper in any way that I can. I currently serve as the Vice President of the SB Maritime Museum, the Vice Chair of the Harbor Commission, and the Secretary of the Board of the SBHS Visual Arts and Design Academy. I enjoy learning, collaborating, and addressing issues of civic importance.

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 was a teacher for 15 years and a school principal for 20 years. I worked as an Education Senior Program Officer for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle for three years and then served as the LA Area Superintendent for Aspire Public Schools until I retired in 2018. I hold an MA degree in Educational Leadership from Chapman College and a BA degree in Sociology/Education from UC Santa Cruz, as well as a lifetime CA Teaching Credential and an Administrative Services Credential from Santa Clara University.

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Please attach any additional documents here

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female

Date of Birth

Education Completed:

Diploma, SB High School BA, UC Santa Cruz MA, Chapman University CA Lifetime Teaching Credential CA Administrative Services Credential

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 *