

JOAN HARTMANN
Third District Supervisor



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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Date: February 26, 2026

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Board, Committee, or Commission District Appointment

Meeting Date for Agenda Placement: March 10, 2026

Action Requested: Appointment Reappointment

Board, Commission, or Committee Name: Assessment Appeals Board No. 2

Appointee Details:

Salutation: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.

Full Name: Cristopher Lapp

District Representation: Third District

Position Previously Held By (if applicable): Cynthia Brittain

Check box only if this appointment is filling an unexpired vacancy.

Third District Supervisor Joan Hartmann

Signed by: Joan Hartmann

COB Information Verification	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of Resignation on file
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacancy Notice on file
Term:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ years
<input type="checkbox"/>	Beginning date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ending date _____

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Profile

Cristopher

First Name

Lapp

Last Name

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Email Address

[Empty text box for Street Address]

Street Address

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City

CA

State

93463

Postal Code

Indicate Supervisor Who Will Receive a Copy of your Application *

Third District - Joan Hartmann

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Primary Phone

[Empty text box for Alternate Phone]

Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Assessment Appeals Board No. 1: Submitted

Assessment Appeals Board No. 2: Submitted

Reference 1 Name

Denise Johns

Reference 1 Address

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Reference 1 Telephone

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Reference 1 Occupation

Landscape Architect & CBAR

Reference 2 Name

Dan Ferguson

Reference 2 Address

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Reference 2 Telephone

Reference 2 Occupation

SVP PBS TV

Reference 3 Name

Tom Cantella

Reference 3 Address

Reference 3 Telephone

Reference 3 Occupation

CEO, Papa Cantella's Inc.

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.

Yes. I currently serve in appointed advisory roles with Santa Barbara County. I receive modest stipends reported on a W-2 for my service on the Central Board of Architectural Review and from the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments. These are part-time, appointed public service roles, not staff employment.

Interests & Experiences

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

I am interested in serving on the Assessment Appeals Board Committee because I believe in giving back to the community that has supported my professional life, and in helping ensure that property tax decisions are fair, consistent, and grounded in sound analysis. Property taxation affects nearly every resident and business in Santa Barbara County, and this Committee plays an important role in maintaining public trust in that process. I bring more than 25+ years of experience in property taxation, valuation review, and real estate finance. I am the founder and former CEO of APT, Inc., a firm focused on analyzing complex property tax systems and assessments. In addition, as a senior member of the International Right of Way Association, my work has involved easements, setbacks, water rights, and dispute resolution, reinforcing the importance of fairness, objectivity, and balance. I also currently serve in appointed roles with the County and regional agencies, including the Central Board of Architectural Review and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments Committee. These roles have reinforced the importance of independence, process, and clear judgment in public service. I would bring technical expertise, practical experience, and a strong sense of civic responsibility to this Committee, and I would approach the role with fairness, professionalism, and respect for the integrity of the assessment appeals process.

Demographics

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Male

Date of Birth

Education Completed:

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION, Senior Member Pepperdine University, Bachelor of Arts, Marketing and Public Relations Stanford Online, Professional Certificate, Leadership and Artificial Intelligence Amazon Web Services, Certificate, Scale Like Amazon Founder Institute, Graduate, Legal Technologies Program Università degli Studi di Firenze, Business and Art History, ABD

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 *