

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

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Instructions: Please complete each section below. Be sure to enter the title of the Board, Commission or Committee (only one per application) for which you desire consideration in Box 1. For more complete information or assistance, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. **Please print in ink or type. Please note that ALL information provided is a matter of public record, and is subject to disclosure.**

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

2. TODAY'S DATE:
Dec. 22, 2022

3. NAME:
Herrington Stefanie Marie

Last First Middle

4. E-MAIL ADDRESS:
[REDACTED]

6. ADDRESS:
[REDACTED] _____
Number Street
[REDACTED] _____
City Zip Code

5. TELEPHONE:
Home: [REDACTED]
Business: Montecito Law Group

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
Chris Jacobs	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck	[REDACTED]	Real estate attorney for movie stars
Dave Durlinger	City of Carpinteria	[REDACTED]	City Manager, Carpinteria
Gary Bright <i>Rek Barrett</i>	Bright & Powell <i>S. Santa Barbara Crisis</i>	[REDACTED]	Litigation and general attorney <i>psychiatric expert</i>

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

Department: n/a Title: _____ Date: _____

9. PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES (OPTIONAL):

Ethnic or Racial Identity:
 White
 African American
 be another gender option here? ;)
 Hispanic
 Asian/Pacific Islander
 Native American/Alaskan Native
 Other (please specify):

Sex:
 Male
 Female
 *shouldn't there

10. EDUCATION COMPLETED:
 Juris doctorate, University of Oregon School of Law
 Bachelor of Arts, University of Colorado at Boulder
 High school diploma, Pueblo Central, Pueblo, Colorado
 Also attended Ganado High School, Navajo Reservation, Arizona, and Tigard High School, Tigard, Oregon

11. INDICATE SUPERVISOR WHO WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF APPLICATION:
 Das Williams, First District Supervisor of the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors

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

I am passionate about mental health issues, especially after being hospitalized three times in the past six weeks (for the first, second, and third time in my life) and being the recipient of the County of Santa Barbara's emergency services and medical crisis services teams.

I was so impressed with my treatment and I also observed a number of things that could operate more smoothly to allow patients in crisis to receive even better treatment. I would like to engage the Board of Supervisors in these conversations by serving on the Behavioral Wellness Committee. I am in the process of publishing a book detailing my personal experience, written through the lens of my unfiltered, manic, bipolar thoughts, as displayed on social media and in other mediums (recorded phone calls from hospital beds, police body cam footage, court transcripts, medical records, police incident reports, incessant notes, lunatic videos of singing in the shower, and the impressions and contributions of friends, family, clients, and fellow community members devoted to improving mental health treatment, including the Board of Supervisors, and especially Supervisor Das Williams). The book is called "The Story is in the Footnotes." Footnote One: "The Incessant Thoughts of a Tenacious Guinea Pig." Footnote Two: "Unapologetically Bipolar." My mission is to change how the world looks at mental health, using myself as my own damn Guinea pig. I will pursue this mission tirelessly, whether appointed to this Commission or not.

(Commission)

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.

Vice Chair and Commissioner, County of Santa Barbara Commission for Women, 2021-2022; Past President and Charter Member, Rotary Club of Carpinteria Sunset; Past President and 7-Year Board Member, Girls Inc. of Carpinteria; Attorney, licensed both in Oregon and California, for the past 13 years; Former Judicial Clerk, The Hon. Daniel M. Taubman, Colorado Court of Appeals; Editor-in-Chief, Oregon Law Review, 2008-2009; woman-owned business owner of four for-profit businesses, namely California corporation (Law Firm: Montecito Law Group, P.C.); California corporation (Real Estate Brokerage Firm: Sticks + Sand); Wyoming LLC (Investment Property Holder: SCE Property Holdings, LLC); and California LLC (Changing How the World Looks at Mental Health: My Great Life, LLC). I am in the process of launching a non-profit arm of my law firm to provide free and reduced-fee legal services to families who would greatly benefit from working with a Life & Death Lawyer, but can't afford to pay our normal fees. We will trial this program for all of 2023, beginning in January. We will target kind, hard-working people who are earning less than the federal poverty guidelines for this area, or who are single moms or dads, or veterans, or seniors living on social security, or families living with several other families under one roof, or devoted community volunteers, etc. Good people. Who deserve great lawyers. Especially if they can't pay. Because everyone needs a great Life & Death lawyer in their life, especially when life gets hard.

14. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: /s/ Stefanie M. Herrington (happy to DocuSign if necessary)

