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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Date: 2/16/22

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

RE: Reappointment of Valerie Cantella

For placement on the Board of Supervisors agenda for the meeting of March 15, 2022.

I would like to appoint the following individual for appointment to the Behavioral Wellness Commission:

Valerie Cantella

Appointee will represent the Fifth District on this commission.

Term Expires:

December 31, 2025

Fifth District Supervisor: Steve Lavagnino Signed by:

COB Information Verification				
☐ Letter of Resignation on file				
☐ Vacancy Notice on file				
Term:				
□years				
☐ Beginning date				
☐ Ending date				

Reference 1 Occupation

County Superintendent of Schools

Reference 2 Name

Kristen Miller

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Reference 2 Telephone Reference 2 Occupation			- 1 - 4 - 4 - 4 - 4 - 4 - 4 - 4 - 4 - 4
President & CEO of the Goleta Valley Chamber of Con	nmerce		

Reference 3 Name

Michelle Greene

Reference 3 Address

Reference 3 Telephone

Reference 3 Occupation

City Manager, City of Goleta

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.

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 always had a desire to give back to the community and help others. I've done this professionally and personally throughout the years in a variety of roles -- from Partners in Education Volunteer, PTA mom, Boys and Girls Club coach, Goleta Education Foundation Board Member, and elected Goleta Union School District Board Member -- to name a few. I've been considering how I might continue to give back and have been seeking an opportunity to make an impact in the area of behavioral wellness. This is an issue close to my heart as I have two children in their early 20s who have experienced mental health issues in varying degrees. One is significantly disadvantaged with an intellectual disability co-existing with a mental health issue. I also have loved ones who have experienced addiction, and am close to the recovery community. I regularly participate in 12-step meetings for the loved ones of alcoholics and find this an incredibly enriching experience. My experience in navigating mental health and addiction issues with family members, along with my professional and volunteer interests make this commission a good fit.

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.

Details are listed on my resume, but here's a summary. Professional work: Director of Communications, Santa Barbara County Education Office; Community Relations Manager/Public Information Officer, City of Goleta; Principal, Navigator Services; District Representative for Assemblymember Brooks Firestone; Community Relations, Goleta Valley Hospital Volunteer work: Goleta Dam Dinner, Partners in Education, Goleta Education Foundation, Westmont College Alumni Board, Goleta Boys and Girls Club, American Diabetes Association, Goleta Union School District Board of Trustees Training: Advanced Public Information Training (FEMA), Advanced Public Engagement Training (Davenport Institute at Pepperdine).

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Upload a Resume

Please attach any additional documents here

Demographics

Ethnicity

▼ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

▼ Female

02/08/1970

Date of Birth

Education Completed:

Bachelors of Arts, Political Science, Westmont College

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 *