
Profile

Bill

First Name

Cirone

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Indicate Supervisor Who Will Receive a Copy of your Application *

☒ Third District - Joan Hartmann

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

FIRST 5, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION: Submitted

Peter MacDougall

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retired President SBCC

Reference 1 Occupation

Ben Romo

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Planning

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Reference 2 Occupation

Joyce Dudley

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District Attorney

Reference 3 Occupation

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.

I have not been employed by the County of Santa Barbara. I have served as the elected Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools for 34 years. (The Santa Barbara County Education Office is fiscally independent from County of Santa Barbara).

Interests & Experiences

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

Prior to retirement I have been in Education for 58 years, 34 years as Santa Barbara County Supt. of Schools. I have always believed that the first 5 years are the most critical for development and I have championed preschool education, early learning and parent involvement throughout my career.

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 have served on the first 5 Commission since it's inception and until my retirement in July 2017. I also served as Commission chair for over 10 years. Also see attached resume

Bill Cirone Resume revised 2018.docx

Upload a Resume

Please attach any additional documents here

Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

Date of Birth

Education Completed:

BA Providence College; MA , NYU; Administrative Credential, UCSB

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 *

BILL CIRONE

RETIRED SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



Bill Cirone has a long track record and reputation for leadership in education, business, and civic affairs. He is an award-winning teacher, a highly acclaimed administrator and business leader, and a respected civic leader. John Gardner, in his book *On Leadership*, cited Bill's work in Santa Barbara and described Bill as a "leader in every sense of the word."

Bill's experience in education, business, and community service is broad and diversified. He has a distinguished record of achievement:

In education:

- ♦ Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools: 1982–2017, managing an office serving 20 school districts and two community colleges. Eighty-eight percent of the budget was allocated to programs that serve children and teachers directly, through special education, court and community schools, vocational education, child care, migrant education, arts education and teacher recognition and support programs.
- ♦ Elected County Superintendent of Schools in November 1982, in the first contested election for this office in the history of Santa Barbara County. Bill carried every section of the county.

Upon taking office in January 1983, Bill redefined the mission of the office, emphasizing service and leadership. The Santa Barbara County Education Office is now considered a state model.

Re-elected (unopposed) to a second and third four-year term in 1986 and 1990, and re-elected to a fourth term in June 1994, receiving 68 percent of the vote. Re-elected (unopposed) in 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. When retiring in 2017, Bill had served 34 years, the longest serving county superintendent in the history of the state of California.

- ♦ Founded and directed the nationally acclaimed Santa Barbara Center for Community Education and Citizen Participation.
- ♦ Raised millions of dollars from nontraditional funding sources for educational projects.
- ♦ Served as a consultant to National Teacher Corps, Project IDEA, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, UCLA Graduate School of Education, Kettering Foundation, and other foundations.
- ♦ Teacher: Eight years, Harlem, NY. Won national recognition for teaching excellence. Teaching methods were the subject of feature articles in *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, Associated Press, and television networks.

Community service and professional activities

- ♦ 2015-present—New House Advisory Committee.
- ♦ 2011-2017—Californians Dedicated to Education (CDE) Foundation Board.
- ♦ 2011-present—Board of Governors Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School of Addiction Studies.
- ♦ 2009-2013—Elings Park Board (past board chairman).
- ♦ 2008-present—Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation Board (past board chairman).
- ♦ 2006-present—Education Commission of the States National Center for Learning and Citizenship Board (past board chairman).
- ♦ 2006-2013—Storyteller Children's Center Advisory Board.
- ♦ 2004-2013—KDB Classical Radio board of directors (past president).
- ♦ 1999-2017—First 5 Santa Barbara County/Children and Families Commission (chair).
- ♦ 2003-2006—American Cancer Society of Greater Santa Barbara board of directors.
- ♦ 1998-2012—Santa Barbara Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse board of directors.
- ♦ 1996-2003—America-Israel Friendship League's Global Education Committee.
- ♦ 1990-present—Santa Barbara Fighting Back steering committee (past chair, currently co-chair).
- ♦ 1989-2017—Santa Barbara Partners in Education board of directors, (past president).
- ♦ 1989-present—Philip Francis Siff Educational Foundation board of directors.

- ♦ 1989-2011—IMPACT II/The Teachers Network, national board of directors with headquarters in New York City (board president).
- ♦ 1983-present—Special Education Local Plan Area Joint Powers Agency (SELPA/JPA) board of directors.

Other community service and professional activities

- ♦ 1998-2007—Santa Barbara Foundation Board of Directors (president 2003-2004).
- ♦ 1999-2001—County of Santa Barbara Workforce Investment Board member.
- ♦ 1998-2007—Santa Barbara Foundation board of directors (president 2003-2004).
- ♦ 1998-1999 and 1986-1994—Board of directors, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association.
- ♦ 1998-2002—National Association of Partners in Education board of directors, board chair.
- ♦ 1998-1999 and 1992-1993—United Way Education chair and campaign cabinet.
- ♦ 1999-2000—California Alliance for Arts Education board of directors.
- ♦ 1994-2001—Advisory Board, AAA, Automobile Club of Southern California.
- ♦ 1993-1999—Financial Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) - board of directors; board president, two terms (FCMAT is the agency charged with helping districts that are in a financial crisis).
- ♦ 1990-1998—State Industry Education Council board of directors.
- ♦ 1990-1998—Advisory Board, Thomas Jefferson Center for Character Education.
- ♦ 1990-1991—Center for Media and Values board of directors; executive committee.
- ♦ 1988-1992—Elected president (1990) of National Community Education Association, a national professional association with members in all 50 states and headquarters in Washington, D.C.; board of directors 1988-92.
- ♦ Organized and co-chaired Santa Barbara County Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home, November 1984.
- ♦ Served on the board of directors or advisory committees for numerous other nonprofit organizations including UCSB General Affiliates; CALM; Storyteller; Jodi House; Santa Barbara Community Action Commission (CAC) (board chair); 15th District PTA; Center for Media Literacy; Community Resource Information Service; South Coast Coordinating Council (president); Children's Creative Project (treasurer); Community Housing Corporation; Senior Programs of Santa Barbara; Founding Board of the Goleta Community Center; Santa Barbara County Private Industry Council (PIC); Santa Barbara County Lung Association; California Coalition for Public Education; Common Cause/California

- ♦ Keynote speaker and workshop leader at international, national, and state conferences including South Pacific Centre for Community Education Regional Conference on Partnerships in Melbourne, Australia (1988); Recreating Government - The National Conference on Citizen Participation; National Community Education Association (NCEA) national convention; California Community Education Association state convention; Northwestern Community Education Consortium annual conference, New York State Adult and Community Education state conference, and the Instructional Leadership in the 21st Century conference, Brigham Young University.

State and National Commissions and Task Forces

- ♦ 2012 California Department of Education Blueprint for Creative Schools Task Force.
- ♦ 2004 Constitutional Rights Foundation California Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools, Education Committee.
- ♦ 1997 Invited by president of the United States to the White House to participate with the president, vice-president, secretary of education, and California state superintendent of public instruction in a dialogue on national standards and testing.
- ♦ Invited participant at 1993 National White House Summit on Children and Families.
- ♦ Appointed by state superintendent of public instruction to:
 - < 1999-2000—High School Exit Exam Task Force
 - < 1997—Co-chair State Superintendents Statewide Arts Task Force, to develop recommendations re the place of visual and performing arts in the schools.
 - < 1990—California Education Summit delegation.
 - < State Department of Education task force on high-risk youth.
 - < California Partnership Consortium.
 - < State Department of Education Advisory Committee on California Basic Educational Data System.
 - < State Department of Education policy task force for community education.
 - < State Department of Education Healthy Start advisory committee.

Media outreach:

- ♦ Host of Cox Cable TV talk show, "Line to Learning."
- ♦ Host of Cable TV talk shows, "Local Leaders, Cirone on Schools" and "Schools of Thought" and Talking with Teachers".
- ♦ Host of Channel 21 show, "Talking with Teachers."
- ♦ Regular radio commentaries on educational issues for five local radio stations.
- ♦ Contributor of regular editorial commentaries about education for all Santa Barbara County newspapers.

- ♦ Recipient of California County Superintendents Associations Professional Publication Award.
- ♦ Recipient of special commendation from the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce media committee for “energetic, enthusiastic, and consistent sharing of positive information and for being a positive educator of the public”.
- ♦ Past correspondent, the National Civic League.
- ♦ Past contributing editor, New Dimensions for Youth.
- ♦ Past education Advisory Committee—JP Kids (childrens media production).

Business experience:

Executive for five years for Mead Educational Services, a division of the Mead Corporation.

- ♦ Helped organize an educational division for the billion-dollar Mead Corporation.
- ♦ Served as first Director of Product Development.
- ♦ Named Director of Marketing.
- ♦ Served on division's Corporate Committee for Social Responsibility.

Education:

Providence College—B.A., Political Science

New York University—M.A., Education

University of California, Santa Barbara—Administrative Credential

The Kepner-Tregoe Management Institute

IBM School of Technology, Advanced Business Institute

Apple Corporation - Technology Leadership Institute

Awards and recognitions:

- ♦ 2017 Santa Maria Arts Council honoree for effective advocacy for the arts in education.
- ♦ 2013 Santa Barbara Foundation & KEYT *Man of the Year Award*.
- ♦ 2013 Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) *Ferd. J. Kiesel Memorial Award for Distinguished Service* for “his long track record of leadership in education, business and civic affairs at the county, state, and national levels”.

- ♦ 2012—California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) *Professional Publication Award* for outstanding contributions to public education through research, writing, and/or publishing of information that advances an understanding of regional educational programs.
- ♦ 2014 *Champions Award*, the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association highest honor conferred by CCSEA to an individual deemed to be a “champion of public education and the student of California.”
- ♦ 2010 *Paul Harris Fellowship* from the Rotary Foundation International
- ♦ 2010 *Léni Fé Bland Leadership Award* from the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission.
- ♦ 2009—*Leadership in Arts Award* by the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission for stellar support of arts education in Santa Barbara County.
- ♦ 2007—California County Superintendents Educational Services Association 2006 Gaylord “Ace” Nelson *County Superintendent of the Year Award*.
- ♦ 2007—Santa Barbara Regional Chamber of Commerce *Volunteer of the Year Award*.
- ♦ 2006—Community Action Commission *Community Action Champions Award* for outstanding service to youth and families.
- ♦ 2007—Community Action Commission *Rita Madden Commemorative Lifetime Achievement Award* for outstanding service to youth and families.
- ♦ 2004—*Santa Barbara News-Press Lifetime Achievement Award*.
- ♦ 2004—*Golden Oak Service Award* from the Santa Barbara County 15th District PTA for contributions to the welfare of children and youth in the community.
- ♦ 2002 —Richard Breza *Service to Santa Barbara Award* and Congressional Record from the U.S. House of Representatives in honor of service to Santa Barbara County; *Easy Lift Vanguard Award*; *Apple Superintendents Technology Leadership Institute Award*; Association of California School Administrators *Region 13 Administrator of the Year Award-Superintendent*.
- ♦ 2001—Received *Outstanding Arts Educator Award* from the California Arts Council.
- ♦ 2000—Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network: *Wildlife Sanctuary Award* for “making caring for your community a personal matter by philanthropic contributions of time, finances, and dedication, and who has worked hard to create a better lifestyle for his community and the people who reside there”.
- ♦ 2000—Received the South Coast Business & Technology *Excellence in Service Award* and the Southern California Gas Company’s prestigious *Recognition 2000 Award* for building model public-private partnerships.
- ♦ Toastmasters International *Communication Achievement Award* for “outstanding achievements and contributions to communications excellence.”

- ♦ 1996—Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Santa Barbara *Distinguished Community Service Award*.
- ♦ 1996 and 1993—Selected to participate in educator delegation to Israel by America-Israel Friendship League.
- ♦ Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce 99 for 99 "99 local people who have been most influential in fostering economic vitality and the quality of life." Named by Santa Barbara Chamber as one of the most influential community leaders in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999 as well.
- ♦ 1995—*California State PTA Honorary Service Award* for outstanding service to children and youth (first California superintendent to receive this state award).
- ♦ 1995—Santa Barbara County Interfaith Community Organizing Project (ICOP) *Outstanding Leadership Award*.
- ♦ 1987—*Santa Barbara Public Servant of the Year*.
- ♦ *Smallheiser Award* for "untiring and dedicated service to the teaching profession."
- ♦ Served as one of twelve teachers nationally to participate in a national symposium on teaching excellence.
- ♦ Recipient of three awards from Joint Council on Economic Education.
- ♦ Recipient of California Community *Educator-of-the-Year Award*.
- ♦ Recipient of *Sower of the Light award* for "sowing many lights in education through dedication and commitment."
- ♦ Visiting Scholar, Center for Excellence, University of Tennessee
- ♦ Visiting Fellow, Chisholm Institute of Technology, Victoria, Australia, 1986 and 1988.
- ♦ Meritorious service awards from the Independent Living Resource Center and the Community Action Commission.
- ♦ Named in 1989 by *Santa Barbara News-Press* as one of ten "most powerful movers and shakers" in Santa Barbara County.

- ♦ Nominated by Constitutional Rights Foundation to serve on Presidential Commission on Community Service.
- ♦ Veterans of Foreign Wars "*Voice of Democracy*" Award.
- ♦ Selected by Secretary of Defense as "among the most influential opinion leaders in the United States" to attend the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference.
- ♦ Nominated as a "community hero" for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games Torch Relay.

Personal:

- ♦ Married to Barbara, 54 years. Barbara, an active community volunteer, served as coordinator for Santa Ynez Valley Meals on Wheels. She currently serves as board chair of Atterdag at Home. She is the past board chair for Santa Barbara Meals on Wheels, and is also served on the board of Laguna Cottages for Seniors (past president).
- ♦ One child, Peter, age 45, a graduate of Santa Ynez Valley High School, and California Lutheran University (May 1994). Peter is married to Blanca and they have two daughters.