

Application Form

Profile

Cheryl _____ Cotton _____
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

_____ Suite or Apt _____
 Home Address

San Pablo _____ CA _____
 City State Postal Code

_____ Primary Phone

_____ Email Address

[District Locator Tool](#)

Resident of Supervisorial District:

District 1

CA Department of Education _____ Deputy Superintendent _____
 Employer Job Title

Length of Employment

3 years

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County?

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Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Contra Costa Commission for Women and Girls: Submitted

Seat Name

At-Large 1

Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?

Yes No

If Yes, how many meetings have you attended?

1

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

University of California, Berkeley

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

BA, Social Welfare

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

Mills College

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

MA, Education

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses**Other Training A**

Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

Administrative Services Credential

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

As a working mother, single parent, and career educator, I am deeply committed to advancing gender equality and addressing the challenges faced by women and girls in our society. I am eager to contribute my skills, experience, and passion to this important cause. Despite significant strides over the decades in recognizing the rights and empowerment of women and girls, within the last few years, we have witnessed challenges that hinder the full realization of gender equality. From economic disparities to barriers in education, healthcare, and political representation, women and girls around the world and within our local community face multifaceted obstacles that demand urgent attention and action. As a commission member, I aim to leverage my background, experience, and skills to address these challenges effectively. In addition to my professional skills, I bring a deep sense of dedication, empathy, and advocacy to this role. I am committed to listening to the voices of women and girls, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented communities, and ensuring that their perspectives shape our decisions and priorities.

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application)

I have served for thirty years in education as a classroom teacher, school coach, project coordinator, school principal, and an administrator at the district, county office of education, and state levels. My career has gifted me with unique opportunities to teach, lead, advocate, and impact students, educators, families, and communities. In addition, I have lead professional development on topics including implicit bias and equity. I have also been trained in developing compassionate systems and evocative coaching. I am a long standing member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and chair my chapter's Sisterly Relations Committee and work with a team to develop activities and events that promote sisterhood and support for women and girls.

Upload a Resume

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified?

Yes No

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings?

Yes No

If Yes, please explain:

Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board?

Yes No

If Yes, please list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you are currently serving:

If Yes, please also list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you have previously served:

List any volunteer or community experience, including any advisory boards on which you have served.

Conflict of Interest and Certification

Do you have a familial or financial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section below or Resolution No. 2021/234)

Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Do you have any financial relationships with the County such as grants, contracts, or other economic relationships?

Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and understand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

I Agree

Important Information

1. This application and any attachments you provide to it is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code §6250-6270).
2. All members of appointed bodies are required to take the advisory body training provided by Contra Costa County.
3. Members of certain boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: (1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and (2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.
4. Meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
5. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two (2) days per month.
6. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.
7. As indicated in Board Resolution 2021/234, a person will not be eligible for appointment if he/she is related to a Board of Supervisors' member in any of the following relationships:
 - (1) Mother, father, son, and daughter;
 - (2) Brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, and granddaughter;
 - (3) Husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, and stepdaughter;
 - (4) Registered domestic partner, pursuant to California Family Code section 297;
 - (5) The relatives, as defined in 1 and 2 above, for a registered domestic partner;
 - (6) Any person with whom a Board Member shares a financial interest as defined in the Political Reform Act (Gov't Code §87103, Financial Interest), such as a business partner or business associate.

CHERYL COTTON



San Pablo, CA 94806



CAREER OVERVIEW

Throughout my 30 year career in education, I have served as a classroom teacher, school coach, project coordinator, elementary principal, and an administrator at the district, county, and state levels. I have had unique opportunities to teach, lead, advocate, and impact students, educators, families, and communities.

EDUCATION

Master of Education
Mills College, Oakland

Bachelor of Social Welfare
University of California, Berkeley

CREDENTIALS

Multiple Subject Credential
Administrative Services Credential

AFFILIATIONS

CA Commission on Teacher
Credentialing, Commissioner

Smarter Balanced Assessment
Consortium Executive Committee

CA Subject Matter Project
Concurrence Committee

Statewide Model Curriculum
Coordinating Council

Contra Costa Youth Services Bureau
Board Member

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2020 Outstanding Leadership in
Education Award, CAAASA

2018 Personnel/Human Resources
Administrator of the Year, ACSA
Region 6

CURRENT EXPERIENCE

Deputy Superintendent

California Department of Education
January 2021- present

As Deputy Superintendent of the Instruction,
Measurement and Administration Branch, I
support and monitor the following divisions:

- Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional
Materials Division
- Educator Excellence and Equity Division
- Assessment Development and
Administration Division
- State Special Schools and Services Division
- Office of Equal Opportunity

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Contra Costa County Office of Education
July 2019 - January 2021

Director, Human Resources

Albany Unified School District
May 2018 - June 2019

West Contra Costa Unified School District
July 2012 - May 2018

Principal

West Contra Costa Unified School District
October 2004 - June 2012
