



## MEMORANDUM

To: Clerk of the Board

From: Supervisor Donald P. Wagner, Third District

Date: September 8, 2025

**RE: Re-appointment of William Baker, Jr. to the Assessment Appeals Board No. 1**

1A2.

I would like to reappoint William Baker, Jr. to the Assessment Appeals Board No. 1 for a term of September 1, 2025 through September 3, 2028. Please add this as a consent calendar item to the Tuesday, September 23, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD  
COUNTY OF ORANGE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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APPLICATION FOR COUNTY OF ORANGE  
BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE

(FOR COUNTY USE ONLY)

Return to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
400 W. Civic Center Dr., 6th Floor  
Santa Ana, California 92701  
Email: response@ocgov.com  
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**Instructions:** Please complete each section below. Be sure to enter the title of the Board, Commission or Committee for which you desire consideration and attach a resume. For information or assistance, please contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisor's Office at (714) 834-2206. Please print in ink or type.

**NAME OF BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP. SEE LIST AT <https://cob.ocgov.com/boards-commissions-committees/bcc-name-list-and-contact-information>**

Assessors Appeal Board

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE:**  First  Second  Third  Fourth  Fifth

**APPLICANT NAME AND RESIDENCE ADDRESS:**

William E Baker Jr.  
First Name Middle Name (Optional) Last Name

Villa Park CA  
Street Address City State Zip Code

Home Phone Number Cell Phone Number

Email Address

**CURRENT EMPLOYER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OCCUPATION/JOB TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:** Please attach a resume to this application and provide any information that would be helpful in evaluating your application. **A RESUME MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR APPLICATION.**

**ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES:**  YES  NO

**IF NO, NAME OF COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER?**  YES  NO

**IF YES, NAME COUNTY YOU ARE REGISTERED IN:** \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL CURRENT PROFESSIONAL OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER.

ORGANIZATION/SOCIETY	FROM (MO./YR.)	TO (MO./YR.)
Please see Resume.		

WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, HAVE YOU BEEN AFFILIATED WITH ANY BUSINESS OR NONPROFIT AGENCY(IES)?  YES  NO

DO YOU OWN REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR HAVE FINANCIAL HOLDING WHICH MIGHT PRESENT A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST?  YES  NO

HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR CRIME SINCE YOUR 18TH BIRTHDAY? YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: ARRESTS OR DETENTIONS THAT DID NOT RESULT IN A CONVICTION; CONVICTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN JUDICIALLY DISMISSED, EXPUNGED OR ORDERED SEALED; INFORMATION CONCERNING REFERRAL TO AND PARTICIPATION IN ANY PRETRIAL OR POSTTRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM; AND CERTAIN DRUG RELATED CONVICTIONS THAT ARE OLDER THAN TWO YEARS, AS LISTED IN CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE § 432.8 (INCLUDING VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 11357(B) AND (C), 11360(C) 11364, 11365 AND 11550 – AS THEY RELATE TO MARIJUANA)?

YES  NO

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN AND ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, IF NECESSARY.

PLEASE BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHY YOU WISH TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD, COMMITTEE, OR COMMISSION. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, IF NECESSARY.

I would like to continue to serve the County

DATE: 9/2/2025

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE:

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Date referred: \_\_\_\_\_

To:  BOS District 1     BOS District 2     BOS District 3     BOS District 4     BOS District 5

All BOS     BCC Contact Person Name \_\_\_\_\_

# **WILLIAM E. BAKER, JR.**

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **LEGAL EDUCATION AND BACKGROUND**

**University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law - Juris Doctor, 1974;**  
**University of Southern California, B.S., 1971;**  
**Long Beach City College - AA, 1969**

**Admitted to State Bar of California 1974;**  
**U.S. Supreme Court;**  
**U.S. Court of Appeal - Ninth Circuit;**  
**Central District of California;**

**California Bar Association 1974-present; Real Property and Business Litigation Sections;**  
**Orange County Bar Association; Section Chairman, Creditors Rights (1994-1995);**  
**Orange County Bar Association Delegate to State Bar Convention, Resolutions Committee member(1997-2007).**  
**Presiding Judge, Whittier Law School Trial Advocacy Mock Trials (1999);**  
**Orange County Superior Court Temporary Judicial Officer (2000 to 2005);**

**“Super Lawyer” designation, 2005 - present;**

**California Association of Realtors Legal Panel 1984 - 1990**  
**Guest Columnist "Real Estate Law" in East Orange County News .**

**William P Gray Legion Lex American Inn of Court: Master Benchler, 1995-present.**  
**Bill has been an active participant and presenter at the monthly meeting of the Inn attended by Judges and Lawyers to promote professionalism and civility in the practice of law**

**Orange County Tax Assessment Appeals Board Member and Hearing Officer 2021 - present**

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**Director, Chapman College Athletic Foundation 1978-1981**

Bill assisted Chapman College(before it became a university) in developing its athletic programs and its hiring of professionals (ie, Walt Hazard as its basketball coach), development of a Campus football program, and assisted in campaigns for funds to develop athletic facilities on and near campus.

**Civic Activities in Villa Park**

**Celebration USA - actor and singer 1980**  
**Second City Performance - actor & performer 1982**  
**City Dancer with Rams Cheerleaders at Rams Halftime 1984**  
**Villa Park Women's League (2d Male member)**  
**Member - Organizing Committee for first “Villa Park Dry Land Boat Parade” 1983 to 1986 +/-**

**Founding Director, Villa Park Community Access Television Corporation 1983 to 1997**

When Cable Television was first introduced to Southern California, Bill helped start and operate the Villa Park television station, and developed and hosted “Meet the Mayor” where he interviewed the Mayor on topics of interest to the residents. He also helped developed independent programming by residents of topics of interest.

**Founding Director, Mercy House Transitional Living Centers 1988 to present**

Mercy House was formed by Fr. Jerome Karcher to assist the Homeless in Orange County. Bill was an

original Board Member and has loyally supported the organization so that today it is the pre-eminent provider of services and programs for the Homeless in Orange, Riverside , Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, with residences and shelters providing short term (overnight) and long term housing (months). Bill, and his family, volunteer at the winter Armory Housing facility welcoming the homeless men and women into a warm and dry shelter during the bitter cold and wet winters. Bill also frequently provides his legal experience to the Board and Staff when needed on a pro bono basis.

**Founder, initial Chairman & Board member, Friends of Villa Park Library, Inc. 1995 - present**

When the County bankruptcy threatened closure of the Villa Park Branch of the County Library, Bill incorporated the Friends of the Villa Park Library to raise funds and contract with the County to pay for the retention of the Branch. After successful fund-raising under Bills Chairmanship, the Branch was saved and the contract Bill drafted and negotiated with the County allowed extended hours and staffing, all financed by the FOVPL. Since the termination of the Bankruptcy, the FOVPL has paid for the expansion of the Library Facility, its renovation with all new shelving and furniture, and the donation of tens of thousands of dollars each year in books and related library material purchases. Bill is currently its Chairman.

**Charter & Founding Member Villa Park Rotary Club (1996 to present),  
"Rotarian of the Year" 2004 - 2005  
Officer & Board Member 1998-9, 2004-5  
Charter Organization Representative for Pack & Troop 850  
International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians -Membership Chair 2012 - present  
Paul Harris Fellow (level 8)  
Cliff Dochterman Award (Scouting & Rotarian Award) March, 2007**

When Rotary District Governor, Dr. Mike Abdalla, expressed a desire to establish a Rotary Club in Villa Park, Bill was one of the first to answer "Yes". In conjunction with Dr. Mike, Bill and a cadre of like minded men and women started the club. Now, over the past 22 years, it has developed it into a vibrant and strong club of over 50 men and women active in civic affairs In Villa Park, the County and Internationally. Bill encouraged the Club to become the Charter partner of Pack and Troop 850, and Rotarians have worked shoulder to shoulder with the Scouts on Eagle Projects and Scout activities.

**Founding Board Member, Villa Park Elementary School Restoration Corporation, 1998-2009**

The historic original school structure at Villa Park Elementary School was threatened with Demolition and further deterioration due to the lack of funds in the School Districe. Mandatory earthquake remediation was required. Bill incorporated the VPESRC, ,drafted and negotiated a Lease/Lease back with the OUSD to allow access and development of site and building plans, and assisted in raising over \$75,000 used needed to pay the professionals for the Plans.

**Crystal Cove Alliance (now Crystal Cove Conservancy)  
Executive Board Member (2003- to 2017),  
Vice-Chair (2009 - 2012),  
Chairman (2012 -2015)**

When the State Parks removed all of the tenants from Crystal Cove Historic District, it had several options for the land: restore the historic cottages for use, lease the land to a resort, or remove everything back to nature. Laura Davick, who grew up in the Cove, banded together several of her like minded citizens and incorporated the "Alliance to Save Crystal Cove" seeking to have it restored. Bill came into the Board, changed the name to Crystal Cove Alliance, and participated as a Board member, Secretary, Vice Chairman and Chairman. While on the Board, in various capacities, Bill participated in the fund-raising activities which generated the money needed to give over \$8,000,000.00 CCA raised to the under-funded State Parks to allow the first cottages to be renovated, the development of the "Beachcomber Café" and the CCA's operation of the Cottage rentals for the State Park system. Under Bills leadership as Chairman, the CCA negotiated a thirty year extension of its Concession agreement and expansion of its educational activities in conjunction with UCI and the OCC BSA. Scout programs and Eagle projects are welcome activities at Crystal Cove.

**California Hethushka, 2009 - present.**

The Hethushka is a warrior's dance society of the Ponca Tribe. The dance of the Hethushka is a formal, structured organization and dance commencing on a Friday night and ending Sunday evening.. The Hethushka Dance has maintained its structure and organization over the years. Members of these societies

still work to help the elders, veterans, orphans, and widows. The elegant clothes of these dancers is just one sign of their dedications and commitment to a way of life. The Ponca have "given the drum" to The California Hethushka. Bill has been dancing in Pow Wows since 1965 while a member of the Tribe of Tahquitz Honor Scout Organization. He was asked to become a member of the California Hethushka in 2009 after dancing and participating for several years.. After joining , Bill discovered that the Organization was in need of legal work including incorporation as a non-profit, and qualification as a Non-profit under State and Federal regulations. Bill maintains his involvement in this organization and has encouraged local Order of the Arrow members to participate.

## **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Bill has been a registered Member of the Boy Scouts since joining as a Cub Scout in 1957, in Long Beach, and since 1974 in Orange County. He is an Eagle Scout (January, 1965) , a Lifetime Member of NESAs (National Eagle Scout Association) and remains an active Adult Scouter, currently Charter Representative for a Troop 850, Pack 850, and "New Unit Commissioner" for a new Pack 863 (4 years), as well as an Executive Board member of the Orange County Council, Boy Scouts of America.

**1964 National Jamboree Participant - Valley Forge, Pennsylvania**

**1967 World Jamboree - Host Corp, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Farragut State Park, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho  
Eagle Scout - 1965**

**National Eagle Scout Association (NESAs) - Life Member**

**National Eagle Scout Association Outstanding Eagle Scout Award - 2018**

The **National Eagle Scout Association - Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA)** was established during the BSA's 100th Anniversary in 2010 and was created to recognize notable Eagle Scouts who had performed distinguished service at the local, state, or regional level.

**Tribe of Tahquitz, Long Beach's Honor Scout Organization, 1965 - present,  
Officer 1966-1967,  
Chairman of Chiefs Council, 1967;  
Crew 228 Member - Long Beach Area Council**

As a youth Member, Bill was a volunteer Staff member at Camp Tahquitz for 8 weeks per summer for three years, interrupted in 1967 when he attended the World Jamboree as a Unit Ranger for Japanese and Australian Troops. As an adult, Bill has supported the continued development of Camp Tahquitz and promotion of its Indian lore program. Bills son, Will , also became a member of the Tribe and was on Camp staff for two years. Bill is still registered in the Long Beach Area Council (consistently since 1957) as an adult member of Crew 228.

**Order of the Arrow, 2009 - present,  
Brotherhood Member 2010,  
Vigil Member June, 2013;  
Koshare Chapter Indian Affairs Advisor, 2013 - 2015**

While the Advisor for Indian Affairs, Bill introduced members to authentic regalia and dancing as part of Koshare's Camp Promotion program. During his tenure, Koshare won Wiatava recognition in Indian Affairs and Camp Promotion.

**BSA Western Region Board of Directors, 2012 - 2016.;**

**Voting Delegate to the National Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America - 2012 - 2015, 2023-present**

**Orange County Council Scouting America.**

Bills Involvement and commitment to Scouting is evident and obvious to all who know him. After moving to Orange County in 1974, Bill immediately visited the Scout headquarters and registered as an Adult. He soon became active in his local District (Santiago) years before he had children. He was advancement chair, District vice-chair and Chairman several times. During one District meeting held in his office, Bill had to excuse himself and pass the leadership to the vice chair as Paige was in labor with Merrill, their eldest child,

and needed to get to the Hospital. When Will became of Cub Scout age, Bill formed a Pack, became Cubmaster, and soon had over 50 Cubs. Many of the Cubs became Scouts. Bill was Assistant Scoutmaster of two different Troops Will joined, the second to help re-establish the Troop as a youth leader. Bill has earned or received so many training, leadership and award "knots" that they do not fit on his uniform

**Chairman of the Board 2023-present**  
**Vice Chairman of the Board 2022-2023**  
**Board of Directors 1997- present,**  
**Executive Committee 2000-2003, 2009 - present;**  
**Council Commissioner, 2009 - 2010 - 2011 - 2012**  
**Vice-Chair Outdoor Activities 2013 - present**  
**Scout-O-Rama Chairman 1997, 1998**  
**Activities Chair 1998-2000,**  
**Program Chair 2000-2003, Vice-Chair -Programs**

**Council Award of Merit, 1992**  
**Silver Beaver Recipient 2000**

The **Silver Beaver Award** was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council.

**Silver Beaver Alumni Association - Life member**

**OCC BSA Man of Character 2011**  
**James E West Fellowship (2)**  
**Heritage Society**

**Wood Badge WE4-39-1-10 May, 2011**

**Canyons District**  
**Committee Member 2010 - 2014**  
**Chairman, 2013-2014**  
**District Award of Merit Recipient 1994**  
**New Unit Commissioner 2013 - 2018 for St. Norbert's Pack and Troop 863**

**Santiago District**  
**Committee Member 1976 - 1979**  
**Chairman, 1977 -1978**

**Cub Master 1990 - 1994;**  
**Assistant Scoutmaster 1994 - 2001**

**Philmont Trek, 1997**

#### **FAITH BASED ACTIVITIES** (Roman Catholic Church)

##### **Parish Activities (St. Norbert's Parish):**

**Octoberfest.** Paige & Bill were volunteers each year for the Octoberfest, joining other couples in various booth activities or cooking to serving food and drinks to the participants over a 3 day period.

**Renew:** Paige & Bill were a host couple for the Renew Parish program and hosted other Parishioners in renewing their faith and commitment as members of the St. Norbert Catholic Community. They founded and wrote the program for parents of newly baptized children

**Baptism Program:** Bill and Paige worked with their Pastor to establish a Baptism preparation program for new parents which they conducted for many years.

##### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Team Couple 1980 - 1988**

Bill and Paige presented Marriage Encounter weekends for over eight years to hundreds of couples seeking to enrich their marriages, and were a presenting couple at the National Meetings.

##### **Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher, 2000- present,**

This Roman Catholic Heraldic organization has as its sole purpose the support of the Christian Church in the Holy Land. Bill is an active participant and leader during the annual meetings.

**Legatus 2008 - 2025,**

**Vice-President (2014);**

**President (2015)**

**Board member - 2014 - 2016**

*Legatus* is the world's premier membership organization for Catholic business leaders committed to learning, living and spreading the Catholic Faith. Bill is an active member and past President.