



First 5 San Bernardino Mourns Passing of Vice Chair and Commissioner, Dr. Margaret Hill

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Dr. Margaret Hill, current vice chair and Commissioner with First 5 San Bernardino, passed away Sunday, December 19, 2021. She was 81 years old.

Dr. Hill, a renowned teacher, principal, educator and community leader was an icon in the San Bernardino community. While her contributions span over 50 years, her legacy will live on having made a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of so many. Her passion and constant advocacy on behalf of children will forever be part of her legacy.

Dr. Hill served as a First 5 San Bernardino Commissioner since 2013, and as the chair of First 5's Advisory Committee from March 2014 to February 2018. She was beloved by the entire team who always appreciated her encouragement and support of their work. She will be sorely missed at the monthly Commission meetings as she worked hand in hand with First 5 to prioritize the needs of children.

From Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, First 5 San Bernardino:

The children and families of San Bernardino County as well as the First 5 Commissioners and staff are eternally grateful for the service and commitment Margaret Hill brought to ensuring the best possible outcomes for all children, especially those ages birth through five and their families. One story I'll always remember regarding Margaret is this: Having retired several times (2003 from SBCUSD and 2012 from the SBCSS), Margaret shared with me that one day in March 2013, while reading the newspaper, her husband Bob said to her, "I thought you retired? It says here that you are a new Commissioner for First 5 San Bernardino." She replied, "Yes, I am. Didn't I tell you about that?" Margaret never slowed down! It was in her blood to keep on doing what she did best!



From Elliot Weinstein, MD, Pediatrician and Chair, First 5 San Bernardino Commission:

Dr. Hill was a remarkable woman who gave so much to our community. Her career in education and her continued efforts on the First 5 Commission have shown her to possess a tireless commitment for educating all the children of San Bernardino County. She was one of the most loving, warm and intelligent people I have ever met. She brought a positive cheer to every meeting, and her insight and comments always made each meeting better. Her dedication to the commission's goals will be irreplaceable. We will all miss Margaret so very much, and I would like to send my condolences to her family in this time of sorrow.

From Diana Alexander, First 5 Commissioner, Assistant Executive Officer, San Bernardino County:

Words could never express the sorrow I feel over the loss of Dr. Margaret Hill. I admired her so much and feel such sadness. However, her gifts of love, kindness and her amazing ability to touch so many lives will never be lost. What a blessing she was to all of us.