



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Board of Supervisors



Date: November 9, 2015
Board Meeting Date: November 17, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Warren Slocum

Subject: Expansion of Membership of the San Mateo County Veterans Commission to Include Alternate Members

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution expanding membership of the San Mateo County Veterans Commission to provide for the appointment of up to two alternate members and to appoint Jacob Pletcher and Brandon Jones to serve as alternate members of the Veterans Commission.

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting of June 2, 2015, this Board adopted Resolution No. 073812, which established the San Mateo County Veterans Commission. The mandate of the Veterans Commission includes the promotion of programs and policies that address the unmet needs of veterans in San Mateo County, such as those identified in the 2014 San Mateo County Veterans Needs Assessment. In establishing the Veterans' Commission, the Board specifically directed that efforts be undertaken to maximize the likelihood that the commission's membership will reflect the diversity of veterans San Mateo County, including with respect to race/ethnicity, gender, age, and sexual orientation.

Subsequently, on November 3, 2015, the Board adopted Resolution No. 074159, which increased the membership of the Veterans Commission from nine to eleven regular voting members.

DISCUSSION:

In the course of community outreach and establishing the Commission, staff and this office have concluded that the quality and continuity of the proceedings of the Veterans Commission will be best served by providing for the appointment of up to two individuals to serve as alternate members of the Veterans Commission. One alternate Commission member will be authorized to participate in discussions and vote on

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matters before the Commission at a meeting for each regular voting member of the Commission who is absent.

In addition, after conducting interviews of potential candidates to serve on the Veterans Commission, I am recommending that Jacob Pletcher be appointed to serve as an alternate member of the Veterans Commission for a two year term ending June 30, 2017 and that Brandon Jones be appointed to serve as an alternate member of the Veterans Commission for a three year term ending June 30, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact on the budget from adjusting the membership of the Veterans Commission to include two alternate members. Commission members, including alternate members, serve on a voluntary basis.