



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Board of Supervisors



Date: August 8, 2012
Board Meeting Date: August 28, 2012
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Dave Pine, District 1

Subject: Appointment to the San Mateo County Planning Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for the appointment of Laurie Simonson to the San Mateo County Planning Commission representing the First District, for a term beginning October 1, 2012 and expiring January 2, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

The Planning Commission prepares the County General Plan, approves variances, subdivisions, hears appeals from the Zoning Officer and approves all matters relating to the physical form and appearances of developments in the unincorporated area of the county.

DISCUSSION:

Laurie Simonson is a Burlingame resident and currently serves on Burlingame's Traffic, Safety and Parking Commission and the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. She was recently reappointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee for the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, and completed the Leadership Class offered by the cities of Burlingame, San Mateo, Hillsborough and Foster City, where she led a project on how cities can use social media for emergency preparedness.

Ms. Simonson received her law degree from the University of California Hastings College of the Law and works for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as an attorney. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Bar Association of San Francisco and the Bay Area's gay and lesbian bar association (Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom) and has volunteered for the Human Rights Campaign and the National Center for Lesbian Rights. She also served as the co-chair on the Board of Directors of Metromint Cycling for five years.