



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Board of Supervisors



**Date:** September 3, 2014  
**Board Meeting Date:** September 30, 2014  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Supervisor Warren Slocum

**Subject:** Appointment of Lynda Burton to the San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation for the appointment of Lynda Burton to the San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council as an At-Large Member, term expiring December 31, 2017.

**BACKGROUND:**

The San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council is responsible for establishing policies to reduce and prevent domestic violence and enhance victim's services.

Members of the Domestic Violence Council evaluate, make recommendations and initiate activities regarding: current responses of law enforcement, the judicial system, health care services and community resources; local government efforts to reduce domestic and family violence; public awareness and public education necessary to effect prevention activities; the collection of statistics and data; the adequacy of federal, state and local laws; and the need for services for those who are victims of domestic and family violence. The Council develops an annual work plan and submits an annual report to the Board of Supervisors

**DISCUSSION:**

Supervisor Warren Slocum recommends the appointment of Lynda Burton to the San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council as an At-Large Member.

Ms. Burton has long been working in the field of domestic violence prevention as both a staff attorney with Legal Aid Society in San Mateo County for 28 years and as a Founding Member of the Domestic Violence Council. Now in private practice, Ms. Burton is no longer eligible to fill one of the designated representative membership positions on the Domestic Violence Council but is available to fill the vacancy as an At-

Large Member. Ms. Burton is also the 2013 recipient of the Barbara M. Hammerman Award, which recognized those who excel in service to domestic violence survivors and their children and serve domestic violence clients.

Ms. Burton is fluent in Spanish, she represents low-income clients, many monolingual, from initial intake through trial in cases in family law and domestic violence. She has also been recognized by her peers including as a San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame recipient in 1997. She was instrumental in forming the first restraining order clinic in the early 1990s and more recently, served as a US Department of Justice Office of Violence peer reviewer. Ms. Burton has distinguished herself as a member of the Domestic Violence Council and moving Ms. Burton over to an At-Large position will continue to greatly benefit the County.

For these many reasons, Lynda Burton would be an asset as an At-Large Member to the Domestic Violence Council.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.