



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Board of Supervisors



Date: January 11, 2017
Board Meeting Date: January 24, 2017
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Don Horsley
Supervisor Warren Slocum

Subject: Reappointment to the Agricultural Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for an appointment and reappointment representing Farmers/Growers to the Agricultural Advisory Committee:

- A) Louie Figone, reappointment for a term ending June 30, 2018; and
- B) John Vars, appointment for a term ending June 30, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

The Agricultural Advisory Committee actively assists in the preservation of agriculture throughout San Mateo County through advice and recommendation to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

DISCUSSION:

Louie Figone has been a member of the board since 2011, and is seeking reappointment for a consecutive second four-year term. Mr. Figone is currently holding over from his first term which expired on June 30, 2014. This reappointment would be for the balance of what would be Mr. Figone's second term which will expire on June 30, 2018.

John Vars is a co-owner and partner at Fifth Crow Farm, a Pescadero based, diversified organic farm which sells to farmers markets and restaurants in San Francisco and San Mateo County and has a large membership based Community Support Agricultural (CSA) program. Prior to his eight years with Fifth Crow Farm, John managed two other farms. John has a strong interest in seeing agricultural land preserved and productively used.

This reappointment and appointment contributes to the 2025 Shared Vision statement of a Collaborative Community. Our diverse population works well together to build strong communities, effective government and a prosperous economy, civic engagement – including voting, public service, charitable giving, volunteerism, and participation in public discussions of important issues – is uniformly high among the diverse population of San Mateo County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None