



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Board of Supervisors



Date: November 28, 2016
Board Meeting Date: December 13, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Warren Slocum

Subject: Appointments to the San Mateo County Veterans Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for the appointment of Jacob Pletcher to fill a vacancy on the San Mateo County Veterans Commission, with a term ending June 30, 2017 and appointing George Smith to fill a vacancy as an alternate member of the Veterans Commission, with a term ending June 30, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

On June 2, 2015, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 073812 establishing 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 in San Mateo County, including with respect to race/ethnicity, gender, age and sexual orientation.

Subsequently, on November 3, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 074159, which increased the membership of the Veterans Commission from nine to eleven regular voting members. Thereafter, on November 17, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 074183 which expanded the membership of the Veterans Commission to include two alternate members.

DISCUSSION:

Owing to the recent resignation of a Commissioner, there is currently a vacancy among the regular members of the San Mateo County Veterans Commission. The currently vacant position is for a term ending June 30, 2017. At a recent meeting, the Veterans Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors appoint current Alternate

member of the Commission, Jacob Pletcher, to serve as a regular voting member of the Commission, with a term ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Pletcher has served as an alternate for the past year, and has been an active and thoughtful contributor to the Commission's work. I endorse the Commission's recommendation that Mr. Pletcher be appointed as a regular member of the Veterans Commission.

If the Board appoints Mr. Pletcher to serve as a regular member of the Veterans Commission, this will create a vacancy for an alternate member of the Veterans Commission for a term ending June 30, 2017. The the Veterans Commission has recommended to the Board of Supervisors that George Smith be appointed to fill this vacancy. Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was thereafter honorably discharged. He has been active in a number of veteran organizations including the American Legion Post 82 (San Mateo) and Vietnam Veterans of America. I endorse he Commission's recommendation that Mr. Smith be appointed as an alternate member of the Veterans Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact on the budget from the appointment of a full voting member and an alternate member of the Veterans Commission to fill vacancies to the Commission.