



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



**Date:** November 21, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** January 7, 2014  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Supervisor Warren Slocum

**Subject:** Appointment of Manuel Ramirez to the San Mateo County Planning Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation for the appointment of Manuel Ramirez as the District 4 representative to the Planning Commission for a term expiring January 1, 2017.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Planning Commission serves the County and its communities by helping them to achieve a better future through the preparation and administration of land use plans and regulations and by supporting conforming development proposals. The Planning Commission is comprised of five voting members who shall not be officials of the County of San Mateo; one member shall reside in each supervisorial district. The term of office for each Commissioner is four years and shall coincide with the term of office of the Supervisor of the supervisorial district in which the member resides for a maximum 12 years.

**DISCUSSION:**

Supervisor Warren Slocum recommends the appointment of Manuel Ramirez to serve as the District 4 representative to the San Mateo County Planning Commission.

Manuel Ramirez is a 22-year resident of North Fair Oaks, where he lives with his wife and daughters. As the owner of his own construction company, Mr. Ramirez is familiar with all aspects of residential projects through design, permitting and construction, serving as the interface between clients and the Planning and Building departments of both cities and counties within the greater Bay Area.

Mr. Ramirez has devoted time and energy to the North Fair Oaks community at large, the schools, library, and has worked collaboratively with Redwood City and San Mateo County on issues of concern. He was an active member in the steering committee

which created the North Fair Oaks Community Plan, a blueprint for the community vision and revitalization of North Fair Oaks, including land use, housing, health, parks and recreation and infrastructure. Mr. Ramirez has kept a watchful eye on the issues of importance to the North Fair Oaks community, raising awareness on the issues of blight, graffiti and crime in an effort to find workable solutions that were fair to all parties and to improve the quality of life for the residents. He has also served on the North Fair Oaks Community Council since 2009, including a term as its Chair.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.