



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
County Manager



**Date:** September 27, 2016  
**Board Meeting Date:** October 18, 2016  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Supervisor Adrienne J. Tissier  
**Subject:** Appointments to the Commission on Aging

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation for appointments to the Commission on Aging, each for a term ending June 30, 2019:

- a) Robert Giusti; and
- b) Carol Tabak; and
- c) Elsa Agasid; and
- d) Joan Kilroe.

**BACKGROUND:**

The mission of the San Mateo County Commission on Aging is to improve the quality of life for seniors in San Mateo County through the promotion of independence, self-sufficiency, mental and physical health, as well as community involvement.

**DISCUSSION:**

Robert Giusti is a resident of San Carlos seeking appointment to the commission. He is a retired college admissions, outreach, and degree planning professional. He co-founded a start-up called "HIRE 55" highlighting the unique challenges faced by the over 55 job seeker. Robert's desire as a Commissioner is to work to increase resources and income opportunities for seniors still wishing to contribute their talents and expertise to the community

Carol Tabak is a resident of Burlingame seeking appointment to the commission. She has degrees in Bioethics and gerontology and is a retired staff surgeon at Kaiser

Redwood City. She is a certified Ombudsman with our San Mateo County Ombudsman program, a hospice volunteer, and a volunteer chaplain at the San Mateo Medical Center. She is “passionate about the plight of our senior citizens” and sees her participation on the Commission on Aging as an opportunity to give the community a voice.

Elsa Agasid is a resident of South San Francisco seeking appointment to the commission. She works as a Family Nurse Practitioner at UCSF. She has a master’s degree in nursing with a focus on cardiovascular care. Elsa is a member and Secretary for Allice, a domestic violence advocacy community-based group and has served on the Seton Medical Center Community Board. As a Commissioner, she hopes to assist by advocating for more community services that meet the cultural, social, psycho-emotional, spiritual, and bio-physical needs for older adults.

Joan Kilroe is a resident of Redwood City seeking appointment to the commission. She is a Senior Peer Counselor with Peninsula Family Service. She is an active member of the Congregational Church and is involved with community outreach and social justice issues. She’s invested 14 years as a clinical youth care counselor and was a nanny for 22 years. Joan believes that the community as a whole needs to be affectively addressing the needs of the population of aging adults that is rising at astounding rates.

These appointments contribute 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.