



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



**Date:** October 15, 2015  
**Board Meeting Date:** November 3, 2015  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Supervisor Warren Slocum

**Subject:** Resolution Expanding Membership of the San Mateo County Veterans Commission from Nine to Eleven Voting Members

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the expansion of the San Mateo County Veterans Commission from nine to eleven members.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 2, 2015, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 072812 which established the San Mateo County Veterans Commission. This resolution also provided that the commission would be comprised of nine voting members and that the Commission's membership should reflect the diversity of veterans residing within San Mateo County, including with respect to race/ethnicity, gender, age, and sexual orientation.

**DISCUSSION:**

There has been extraordinary interest in serving on the Veterans Commission by a wide range of veterans and those providing services to veterans. 96 applications were received during the recruitment period. 35 applicants were selected by a screening committee, and interviewed by a panel comprised of Supervisor Warren Slocum, a Vietnam veteran, Supervisor Don Horsley and Donna Vaillancourt, who currently serves as Director of the San Mateo County Office of Human Resources and herself a military veteran. The quality and caliber of the applicants interviewed was exceptional. Therefore it is recommended that the interests of the County and the County's veterans will be best served by increasing the size of the Veterans Commission from nine to eleven voting members.

The initial appointment of members of the Veterans Commission will be as follows: six (6) members shall be appointed to serve three (3) year terms and five (5) members

shall be appointed to serve two (2) year terms. Thereafter, each of the terms shall be three (3) years.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.