



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 4
File #: 20-848

Board Meeting Date: 11/10/2020

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Warren Slocum, District 4
Subject: Reappointment to the Assessment Appeals Board

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for the reappointment of Donald McVey to the Assessment Appeals Board, as a Regular Commissioner, for a second three-year term ending September 30, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

In order to equalize the local tax assessment roll, the Assessment Appeals Board ("AAB") is charged with hearing appeals to property tax assessments. In accordance with state law, a local AAB may lower or increase individual assessments as appropriate. Members of an AAB must have a minimum of five years professional experience in the State of California as a certified public accountant or public accountant, a licensed real estate broker, an attorney, or a property appraiser accredited by a nationally recognized professional organization.

Pursuant to County Ordinance section 2.92.030 and state law, the Board of Supervisors directly appoints the members of the AAB to renewable three-year terms.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Donald McVey is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in the State of California since 1983, and is a graduate of San Francisco State University. He has served on the Assessment Appeals Board since 2017 and currently serves as Chair.

Commissioner McVey retired in 2013 as the Director of Finance and Administrative Services for the City of Daly City, serving in that position for 26 years. Responsibilities included Accounting, Payroll, Utility Billing, Information Services, Purchasing, Business Licensing, Risk Management, Central Services and Fleet Maintenance as well as serving as financial advisor to the City Council and City Manager. During that time, he was also appointed Acting Assistant City Manager on multiple occasions.

Prior to joining Daly City, he spent seven years in the San Francisco Office of what is now the accounting firm of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited, where as an Audit Manager he specialized in auditing local government and real estate limited partnerships. While there he pioneered personal computer-based auditing on local government engagements in 1983 as well as developing and teaching national, regional, and local training courses in accounting and auditing for government, real estate and professional development.

Commissioner McVey has served on the Board of Directors of Human Investment Project (HIP Housing) since 2014 and is the Board Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. HIP Housing's Mission is to invest in human potential by improving the housing and lives of people in our community. HIP Housing enables people with special needs, either from income or circumstance, to live independent, self-sufficient lives in decent, safe, low-cost homes.

He and his wife Sandy have lived in Redwood City since 1988 and are the parents of two adult children educated in local public schools and the University of California.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.