



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 1
File #: 21-049

Board Meeting Date: 1/12/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Dave Pine, District 1
Subject: Appointment to the San Mateo County Parks Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for the appointment of Jorge Laguna to the San Mateo County Parks Commission, representing District 1, for an initial full term ending December 31, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission acts in an advisory capacity and makes policy recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the management and operation of County natural preserves, marine reserves, open space areas, trails, parks and/or recreation areas and facilities within unincorporated San Mateo County. The Commission shall adopt and forward to the Board of Supervisors, recommendations regarding fees to be charged for the use of these areas. The Commission shall advise the Board of Supervisors regarding fish, game and wildlife policies and programs, and shall make recommendations to the Board regarding the expenditure of fish and game propagation funds.

Commissioners receive input from citizens on County Parks issues and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Board of Supervisors. They also act as liaison to a number of support groups such as the Parks' Foundation, Volunteer Roundtable, and other ad hoc committees that may be appointed. They may serve as Commission liaison to special projects, especially related to master plan developments.

DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Dave Pine recommends the appointment of Jorge Laguna to the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission representing District 1, which seat was formerly held by Barbara Bonilla who has since resigned from the Commission.

Mr. Laguna has been a Board Member of the San Mateo County Parks Foundation since October 2016, which provides additional financial support for Park recreational, environmental and

educational programs and projects through grants and contributions from individuals, foundations and businesses. A long-time resident of San Mateo County, he enjoys hiking and backpacking and is involved in San Mateo County youth recreation as a coach and volunteer for local city sports leagues. Mr. Laguna holds an MBA in information technology management from the University of California, Irvine and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California, Los Angeles. He has spent over 15 years working in the high-tech space in Silicon Valley and currently serves as the Head of Digital Analytics at Adobe Systems.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.