



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**DISTRICT 4**  
**File #:** 23-176

Board Meeting Date: 3/28/2023

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Supervisor Warren Slocum, District 4  
**Subject:** Appointments to the San Mateo County Veterans Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation for appointments to the San Mateo County Veterans Commission, each for an initial partial term ending June 30, 2023:

- A) Caroline Schlocker, representing Member; and
- B) Mary Cravalho, representing Member.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 2, 2015, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 073812 establishing the San Mateo County Veterans Commission. The mandate of the Veterans Commission includes the promotion of programs and policies that address the unmet needs of veterans in San Mateo County, such as those identified in the 2014 San Mateo County Veterans Needs Assessment. In establishing the Veterans Commission, the Board specifically directed those efforts be undertaken to maximize the likelihood that the Commission's membership will reflect the diversity of veterans in San Mateo County, including with respect to race/ethnicity, gender, age and sexual orientation.

Subsequently, on November 3, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 074159, which increased the membership of the Veterans Commission from nine to eleven regular voting members. Thereafter, on November 17, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 074183 which expanded the membership of the Veterans Commission to include two alternate members.

**DISCUSSION:**

This recommendation is for the appointment of two Veterans Commissioners as noted above.

Caroline Schlocker and Mary Cravalho were recently appointed as Alternates in October 2022, and since then there have been two resignations on the Commission. Each is being recommended to serve an initial partial term as members for seats formerly held by Michael Rau and Leah Grant.

Caroline Schlocker is a U.S. Navy veteran who served honorably as a Navy surgeon for 16 years. She is currently a Surgeon and Professor in Otolaryngology at University of California at San Francisco.

Mary Cravalho is in private practice as a Marriage Family Child Counselor (MFCC) and Marriage Family Therapist (MFT). She has worked with a number of organizations including StarVista as a Family Counselor and Case Manager and Service League of San Mateo County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.