



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 3
File #: 23-579

Board Meeting Date: 7/11/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ray Mueller, District 3
Subject: Appointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for the appointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee, each for an initial partial term ending September 30, 2026:

- A) Cole Mazariegos-Anastassiou, representing Farmer/Grower; and
- B) Daniel Theobald, representing Agricultural Business.

BACKGROUND:

The Agricultural Advisory Committee actively assists in the preservation of agriculture throughout San Mateo County through advice and recommendation to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

DISCUSSION:

Cole Mazariegos-Anastassiou is being recommended to serve representing Farmer/Grower, a seat formerly held by Louis Figone who no longer serves on the commission. Daniel Theobald is being recommended to represent Agricultural Business, a seat formerly held by Lauren Silberman.

Cole Mazariegos-Anastassiou is a resident of Pescadero and the owner-operator of Brisa Ranch, a 20-acre diversified farm founded in 2018. He is a founder of the first chapter in California of the National Young Farmers Coalition, a nationwide organization that organizes and advocates for the voices of young and emerging farmers. He was recognized in 2021 by the California Alliance of Family Farmers as "New Farmer of the Year." He has volunteered at the Peninsula Human Society and SPCA, Puppy Pound Rescue, Puente, and Pescadero High School. He is being appointed representing Farmer/Grower.

Daniel Theobald is a resident of San Gregorio and is the founder of Twisted Fields, a 127-acre

research farm meant to study and address major challenges in agriculture, including developing ethical automation, agricultural sustainability, and resource stewardship. He previously founded Mass Robotics, a global nonprofit dedicated to the advancement of robotics for the good of all people. He is being appointed representing Agricultural Business.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.