



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 3
File #: 23-859

Board Meeting Date: 10/17/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ray Mueller, District 3
Supervisor David J. Canepa, District 5
Subject: Appointment to the San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for the appointment of Michael Barnes to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, representing Older Adults, for an initial partial term ending June 30, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

The responsibility of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is to advise and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, to develop and implement an annual work plan, and to provide a public forum for input from the members of the public including identifying unmet needs. The Committee acts as an advocate for people walking and bicycling, and fulfills other duties and engages in other activities as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

Committee membership consists of five voting members who shall be residents of the County of San Mateo and who regularly walk and/or ride a bicycle for transportation purposes. One member shall represent the interests of the Safe Routes to School Community; one member shall represent the interests of Older Adults; one shall represent the interests of Bicycling Transportation; and the two remaining seats shall be At-Large.

DISCUSSION:

Michael Barnes is being recommended to represent Older Adults, a seat with an existing partial term ending June 30, 2024 which was formerly held by William Kelly who has resigned.

Michael Barnes grew up in Palo Alto, often riding the southern San Mateo County roads to and from the coast. After working for a year on a Louisiana tugboat, and hitchhiking the Southern and Eastern seaboard, he bought a bicycle in Boston and rode back to Palo Alto in 1978. While attending Cal, he would spend two weeks of summer each year riding 1,000 miles around California, and one year rode to Denver. He is a long-time bicycle commuter, with over a decade of riding SF's 3rd street

between his Brisbane home and Mission Bay. While caring for his mother the last decade, Michael would often ride the length of Bay-side San Mateo County from Brisbane to his mom's house in Palo Alto. He enjoys mountain biking MidPen's El Corte de Madera and the challenging downhill of Sequoia National Forest, and gravel rides such as the Grasshopper, and misses Tom Simpson's CX races.

Michael also spent 7 years on the San Mateo County C/CAG BPAC, and formed and served on Brisbane's BPAC while a city council member. He spent 45 years working in the biotech and pharmaceutical industry, from research to manufacturing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.