



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 1
File #: 18-091

Board Meeting Date: 2/13/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Dave Pine
Supervisor Don Horsley
Subject: Appointments to the Assessment Appeals Board

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for the following appointments to the Assessment Appeals Board:

- A) Clinton Freeman, as Regular Commissioner, for a three-year term ending February 12, 2021;
and
- B) Sadhana Narayan Franchi, as Alternate Commissioner, for a three-year term ending February 12, 2021; and
- C) Geoffrey Wiggs, as Alternate Commissioner, for a three-year term ending February 12, 2021;
and
- D) Jesse Gutierrez, as Alternate Commissioner, for a three-year term ending February 12, 2021.

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:

Each of the proposed appointees is a resident of San Mateo County and satisfies the requirements set forth in the Revenue & Taxation Code for appointment to the AAB. Specifically, Mr. Clinton Freeman is a certified general appraiser with more than fifteen years' experience. Ms. Sadhana Narayan Franchi is an attorney who has been practicing for 30 years. Mr. Geoffrey Wiggs is an attorney with seven years' experience practicing in a number of areas involving real estate. Mr. Jesse Gutierrez is a licensed real estate broker with experience in both residential and commercial properties.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.