



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 2
File #: 19-200

Board Meeting Date: 3/12/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Carole Groom
Subject: Appointment to the First 5 Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for the appointment of Alexis Becerra, Mental Health Therapist with the San Mateo Union High School District, to the First 5 Commission, representing Public member, for a term ending December 31, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

The First 5 Commission consists of nine members (a) one member of the Board of Supervisors, (b) the director of the County of Health System, (c) the director of the County Human Services Agency, (d) the County Superintendent of Schools, and (e) five members appointed by the Board of Supervisors from among the following categories: recipients of project services included in the county strategic plan; educators specializing in early childhood development; representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency or a local child care coordinating group; representatives of a local organization for prevention of early intervention for families at risk; representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood development; representatives of local school districts; and representatives of local medical, pediatric or obstetric associations or societies.

DISCUSSION:

Alexis Becerra current role as a mental health therapist with students at the high school level, would be an important asset to the First 5 SMC Commission's growing leadership and advocacy role throughout the county. Ms. Becerra has witnessed first-hand how at risk young people and their families progress to the high school educational system without having had crucial early intervention and prevention services at a very young age. Ms. Becerra has worked with many children and families who are part of the cultural diversity of San Mateo County and those that we serve and support at First 5 San Mateo. Her background includes her current role as a Mental Health Therapist for the San Mateo Union High School District, as well as past experience as a Special Education Embedded School Based Mental Health Clinician and Bilingual Turning Point Clinical Case Manager

for Edgewood Center for Children and Families.

This appointment contributes to the 2025 Shared Vision statement of a Collaborative Community. Our diverse population works well together to build strong communities, effective government and a prosperous economy, civic engagement - including voting, public service, charitable giving, volunteerism, and participation in public discussions of important issues - is uniformly high among the diverse population of San Mateo County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.