



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**DISTRICT 2**  
**File #:** 19-790

Board Meeting Date: 8/6/2019

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Supervisor Carole Groom  
Supervisor Warren Slocum  
**Subject:** Appointments to the Commission on the Status of Women

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation for appointments to the Commission on the Status of Women:

- A) Cheryl Fama, for an initial partial term ending December 31, 2020; and
- B) Melissa Lukin, for an initial partial term ending December 31, 2020; and
- C) Ei Ei Samai, for an initial partial term ending December 31, 2022; and
- D) Karen Pyles, for an initial partial term ending December 31, 2022; and
- E) Sue Datta, for an initial partial term ending December 31, 2022; and
- F) Ellen Tafeen, for an initial partial term ending December 31, 2022; and
- G) Ann Girard, for an initial partial term ending December 31, 2022.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Commission is charged with the responsibility of assessing the needs of women, girls and families in the County. Acts as a resource and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors annually.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Cheryl Fama has worked in healthcare and wellness for all of her career, first starting as a nurse and then most recently as the Chief Executive Officer for the Peninsula Health Care District.

Melissa Lukin has worked in the community for over 20 years. She is the former Executive Director of CORA and is currently the Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Peninsula.

Ei Ei Samai is an Early Learning and Family Resource Manager for Daly City Partnership. She leverages her expertise with facilitation and training in her work and with her volunteer experience with the community. She also is a small business owner with her husband.

Karen Pyles currently works with San Mateo County's Behavioral Health and Recovery Services in Daly City. She has spent her career working in mental health as a counselor and case manager, working with vulnerable populations. She has been a strong advocate for women and learned about the CSW while at the Women's Leadership Conference in 2018.

Sue Datta has over 20 years in technology and ecommerce and is currently the Director for Technology and Cyber security for Gap, Inc. She brings extensive volunteer experience working with Girl Geeks and helping survivors of domestic violence.

Ellen Tafeen retired from Oracle Corp in 2003 and is very active with volunteering, teaching, and supporting senior women. She teaches Driver Safety classes and spends significant time bridging resources from the community to seniors.

Ann Girard has practiced law for over 23 years in the high-tech industry. While very active with the San Mateo Public Library and the City of San Mateo, she wants to engage more with women from all over the county.

These appointments contribute 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.