



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 4
File #: 20-547

Board Meeting Date: 7/21/2020

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Warren Slocum, District 4
Subject: Reappointment to the San Mateo County Parks Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for the reappointment of Meda Okelo to the San Mateo County Parks Commission, representing District 4, for a second full term ending December 31, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission acts in an advisory capacity and makes policy recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the management and operation of County natural preserves, marine reserves, open space areas, trails, parks and/or recreation areas and facilities within unincorporated San Mateo County. The Commission shall adopt and forward to the Board of Supervisors, recommendations regarding fees to be charged for the use of these areas. The Commission shall advise the Board of Supervisors regarding fish, game and wildlife policies and programs, and shall make recommendations to the Board regarding the expenditure of fish and game propagation funds.

Commissioners receive input from citizens on County Parks issues and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Board of Supervisors. They also act as liaison to a number of support groups such as the Parks' Foundation, Volunteer Roundtable, and other ad hoc committees that may be appointed. They may serve as Commission liaison to special projects, especially related to master plan developments.

DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Warren Slocum recommends the reappointment of Meda Okelo to the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission, whose prior term ended January 2020 and is being recommended to serve for a second full term.

Mr. Okelo has served on the Parks and Recreation Commission since 2014 including as the Commission's Chair in 2018. Over the course of his service on the commission, Mr. Okelo has shown

exceptional leadership and was the voting member that recommended the Mini-Park Policy to the Board of Supervisors. San Mateo County will be well served by his reappointment to the Parks Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.