



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 5
File #: 21-516

Board Meeting Date: 6/29/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: President David J. Canepa, District 5
Subject: Reappointments to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for reappointments to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Commission:

- A) Krystle Cansino, reappointment for a first full term ending June 30, 2024; and
- B) Rebecca Carabez, reappointment for a second term ending June 30, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission reports and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding policies, programs, procedures and legislation affecting LGBTQ individuals in San Mateo County, and provides outreach and support to at-risk and underserved LGBTQ populations within San Mateo County, including youth, communities of color, non-English speakers, older adults, and immigrants. The Commission promotes transgender inclusion among private and public entities in San Mateo County, including access to health care and to gendered spaces such as bathrooms and shelters. It develops initiatives to support LGBTQ families with children in San Mateo County and provides a public forum for input from the LGBTQ community to identify unmet needs.

DISCUSSION:

Krystle Cansino has served on the LGBTQ Commission since her partial term began in July 2019. Rebecca Carabez began serving on the LGBTQ Commission in 2018 and is being recommended to serve a second term.

Krystle Cansino is a proud member of the Filipino community from South San Francisco. Krystle has over 10 years of experience working in mental health services and the LGBTQ community. She has extensive volunteer and civic experience and currently works for the City/County of San Francisco.

Rebecca Carabez lives in Daly City and is an Associate Professor in the School of Nursing at San Francisco State University. Dr. Carabez was appointed to the LGBTQ Commission in August, 2018. Her personal passion and professional research in academia at San Francisco State University aligns with the Commission's mission of promoting justice and equity, ensuring that all voices in the community are represented and ending oppression of current and historical inequities. Dr. Carabez' interest in addressing health and housing equity to LGBTQ community, especially for seniors and transgender persons, supports the Commission's work plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.