



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 5
File #: 21-629

Board Meeting Date: 8/3/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: President David J. Canepa, District 5
Subject: Reappointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for reappointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee, each for a term ending June 30, 2025:

- A) Peter Marchi, representing Farmer/Grower, for a first full term; and
- B) Judith Humburg, representing Public member, for a first full term; and
- C) Ron Sturgeon, representing Conservationist, for second term.

BACKGROUND:

The Agricultural Advisory Committee actively assists in the preservation of agriculture throughout San Mateo County through advice and recommendation to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

DISCUSSION:

Peter Marchi and Judith Humburg were each initially appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee in 2019 to serve partial terms ending June 30, 2021. Upon approval of this reappointment, they will each serve for a first full term ending June 30, 2025. Ron Sturgeon has served on the committee since 2017 and is being recommended to serve a second term upon approval of this reappointment.

Peter Marchi is a third-generation farmer on the San Mateo County coastside and has many years of experience and knowledge to contribute to the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC). Peter sees his membership on the AAC as an opportunity to share his farming knowledge and experience with others in order to protect and preserve agriculture within the County of San Mateo.

Judith Humburg is a former Vice Chair and board member of the local Slow Food South Bay, a chapter of Slow Food USA. In this capacity, she often arranged 'meet the farmer' dinners, site tours and volunteer days for the membership. Actively supporting local farmers and ranchers has been a passion of Judith's since the 80's and she's spent many an hour volunteering at local farms on both sides of the mountain, as well as being a loyal customer of various Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) box subscriptions and a local farmer's market shopper. Judith would like to be a part in helping the local agricultural businesses thrive into the future especially with the greater public awareness of the importance of locally grown food and regenerative farming practices in addressing climate change and many chronic health issues.

Ron Sturgeon was born and raised on an orchard farm in Michigan. For over the past 45 years, Ron has been residing on a small San Gregorio ranch in San Mateo County where he's been involved in the beef cattle business and is active in various environmental and agricultural conservation issues.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.