



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 5
File #: 21-742

Board Meeting Date: 9/28/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: President David J. Canepa, District 5
Subject: Recommendation for reappointments to the San Mateo County Veterans Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for reappointments to the San Mateo County Veterans Commission, each for a term ending June 30, 2024:

- A) Linda Meyer, Half Moon Bay - Member for a second term; and
- B) Brandon Jones, Pacifica - Member for a second term; and
- C) Hank Scherf, Menlo Park - Member for a third term; and
- D) George Smith, San Mateo - Member for a second term.

BACKGROUND:

On June 2, 2015, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 073812 establishing the San Mateo County Veterans Commission. The mandate of the Veterans Commission includes the promotion of programs and policies that address the unmet needs of veterans in San Mateo County, such as those identified in the 2014 San Mateo County Veterans Needs Assessment. In establishing the Veterans Commission, the Board specifically directed that efforts be undertaken to maximize the likelihood that the Commission's membership will reflect the diversity of veterans in San Mateo County, including with respect to race/ethnicity, gender, age and sexual orientation.

Subsequently, on November 3, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 074159, which increased the membership of the Veterans Commission from nine to eleven regular voting members. Thereafter, on November 17, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 074183 which expanded the membership of the Veterans Commission to include two alternate members.

DISCUSSION:

This recommendation is for the reappointment of four Veterans Commissioners for another term of office, from June 30, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Linda Meyer joined the Veterans Commission first as an Alternate member on October 17, 2017, and then as a full voting member on June 26, 2018. Ms. Meyer is a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy.

Brandon Jones joined the Veterans Commission first as an Alternate member on November 17, 2015, and then as a full voting member on August 8, 2017, and reappointed for a first full term on June 26, 2018. Mr. Jones is a veteran who served in the U.S. Army.

Hank Scherf was appointed to the Veterans Commission at its inception on November 3, 2015. He was reappointed to a second term on June 26, 2018. Mr. Scherf is a Vietnam veteran who served in the U.S. Navy. He currently is serving his second term as Chair of the Commission.

George Smith joined the Veterans Commission first as an Alternate member on June 6, 2017, and then as a full voting member on June 27, 2017, and reappointed on June 26, 2018 for a first full term as a regular member. Mr. Smith, a retired firefighter, is a Vietnam veteran who served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.