



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**DISTRICT 3**  
**File #:** 22-715

Board Meeting Date: 9/27/2022

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** President Don Horsley, District 3  
**Subject:** Appointments to the Emergency Medical Care Committee

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation for appointments to the Emergency Medical Care Committee:

- A) Benjamin Martin, representing Consumer, for an initial partial term ending March 31, 2026;  
and
- B) Sergeant Joe DeSousa, Categorical member representing California Highway Patrol, for an  
initial partial term ending March 31, 2023.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) is responsible for reviewing and reporting its observations and recommendations to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and local Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMS Agency) regarding the emergency medical services system. The Committee monitors and presents recommendations to improve emergency medical care in San Mateo County.

The EMCC consists of 20 members appointed by the Board, for terms of four years, for up to three consecutive terms. Among EMCC's 20 members, it must have, among other requirements: Five (5) consumer representatives who have no pecuniary or professional interest in emergency medical care, and whose primary residence is in San Mateo County.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Benjamin Martin is being recommended to serve on the EMCC representing Consumer, a seat formerly held by Annie Tsai who has resigned due to growing commitments. Upon approval of this appointment, the initial partial term would end March 31, 2026.

Sergeant Joe DeSousa is being recommended to serve as a categorical member representing the California Highway Patrol (CHP), a seat with an existing term ending March 31, 2023, formerly held by Sergeant Damien Warner who has transferred outside of San Mateo County.

Benjamin Martin is in an attorney with more than 23 years of experience in the practice of law and counseling local small enterprise in the areas of risk, planning and strategy.

Joe DeSousa is dedicated CHP Sergeant with more than 20 years of law enforcement experience in the Bay Area.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.