



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 3
File #: 22-882

Board Meeting Date: 11/15/2022

Special Notice / Hearing: None__
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: President Don Horsley, District 3
Subject: Reappointments to the Commission on the Status of Women

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for reappointments to the Commission on the Status of Women, each for a first full term ending December 31, 2025:

- A) Sue Datta; and
- B) Ellen Tafeen; and
- C) Ann Girard; and
- D) Susan Kokores.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission is charged with the responsibility of assessing the needs of women, girls and families in the County. It acts as a resource and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors annually.

DISCUSSION:

Sue Datta, Ellen Tafeen, and Ann Girard have served on the commission since their partial terms began in August 2019 and are each being recommended to serve their first full terms on the commission. Susan Kokores began serving with a partial term on the commission in 2020 and is being recommended for her first full term upon approval of this reappointment.

Sue Datta has over 23 years of experience in technology and e-commerce and is currently the Director for Technology and Cyber security for Gap, Inc. She brings extensive volunteer experience working with Girl Geeks and helping survivors of domestic violence.

Born and raised in the Boroughs of New York City to immigrant parents (refugees from the Holocaust), Ellen Tafeen has great interest in helping others achieve a better quality of life. In helping to assist Seniors in our communities, she is active in local AARP activities: Driver Safety Instructor, National Board Member of the Safety Driver Tech Program and Tax-Aide Preparer. In addition to being appointed as a commissioner to the Commission on the Status of the Women, she has served on San Mateo County's Civil Grand Jury.

Ann Girard has practiced law for over 26 years in the high-tech industry. While very active with the San Mateo Public Library and the City of San Mateo, she wants to engage more with women from all over the county.

Susan Kokores has had extensive work and volunteer careers in the fields of healthcare as a nurse and in a hospital marketing position, in the non-profit sector as an account executive and fund development director, and in the community by serving on a school board, as well as working on a ballot measure campaign. In addition, she co-founded a non-profit (Women's Achievement Network and Development Alliance) dedicated to financially struggling single mothers that has enabled them to experience greater financial, educational, and retirement success.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.