



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COURTS

File #: 23-15

Board Meeting Date: 1/3/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Neal I. Taniguchi, Court Executive Officer
Subject: Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission Reappointments

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for two reappointments to the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission; each for a first full term ending December 31, 2026:

- A) Allen Bustos; and
- B) Johanna Rasmussen.

BACKGROUND:

For the efficient and effective statutory compliance of the review of juvenile operations in this county, the Court and the Board have agreed that the appointees by the Court to the Juvenile Justice Commission are appointed concurrently by the Board of Supervisors to the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission.

DISCUSSION:

With the recommendation of the Juvenile Judge Susan Irene Etezadi, Presiding Judge Leland Davis III recommends the reappointment of Allen Bustos and Johanna Rasmussen to the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission for the term prescribed by law. Their current partial terms expire December 31, 2022. This reappointment is for a full term ending on December 31, 2026.

This is a request that the Board of Supervisors appoints the above-listed commissioners to the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission.

Allen Bustos is a second generation Filipino American born and raised in the Bay Area particularly in Daly City. As a son of immigrant parents he is a first generation college student who has achieved an Associate's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and is a Public Health major at San Francisco State University with plans to pursue graduate studies in the Ed.D Educational Leadership program. As a formerly incarcerated individual his efforts are to help bring forth change as a critical educator,

restorative justice practitioner, activist, community organizer, and artist, so that there is a pathway to higher education for marginalized populations that is culturally and community responsive.

Johanna Rasmussen has been advocating for youth and families in San Mateo County for over thirty years. Her advocacy work in the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice System began when her own daughter entered the system at the age of 13. Johanna has worked both locally and on the state level to increase funding for community based mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis programs and services for youth and adults. In addition to her criminal justice reform work, Johanna advocates for underserved community members and families on issues relating to housing, special education, disability and employment, and seeks to increase equity and improve transparency at all government levels. Johanna is Chairwoman of the Farm Hill Neighborhood Association in Redwood City and Coordinates the Confirmation Program at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.