



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COURTS

File #: 23-274

Board Meeting Date: 4/25/2023

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 Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for the appointment of Whitney Genevro to the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission for an initial partial term ending December 31, 2024.

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 appointment of Whitney Genevro to the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission for the term prescribed by law. Whitney Genevro is being recommended for appointment to a seat formerly held by Rocsana Enriquez, for a partial term ending December 31, 2024. This is a request that the Board of Supervisors appoints the above-listed commissioner to the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission (JDPC).

Whitney is a native of San Mateo County and resides in the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park. She graduated with a BA from California State University East Bay and a JD from Golden Gate University School of Law. Whitney currently works as a conflicts attorney for Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto. Prior to attending law school, she worked as a program manager and grant writer for Second Harvest of Silicon Valley for 10 years. A core value of Whitney's is to be supportive of her community - she grew up with a strong volunteer ethic and became a youth leader at age 17. She currently volunteers her time as a youth leader at her church, with Project WeHOPE, Bayshore Christian Ministries, is working on a community garden project at Aspire East Palo Alto Charter School, and continues to support Second Harvest as a food sort volunteer. She is also a Law Program facilitator with Fresh Lifelines for Youth in Santa Clara County. Whitney has made it a

priority to learn about the juvenile justice system; her goal is to bring more attention to the needs of the system and be a part of positive changes for youth in our county. She has already begun her work as a volunteer with the JJDPC, joining a project team to understand what restorative justice practices are in place in high schools in San Mateo County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.