



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 3
File #: 23-450

Board Meeting Date: 6/13/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ray Mueller, District 3
Subject: Appointment to the Arts Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for the appointment of Josephine Tsay Deciron to the San Mateo County Arts Commission, representing District 3, for an initial term ending December 31, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The Arts Commission was created to promote and encourage the arts, to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors, to prepare and update the County's strategic and cultural plan, and act as a liaison with arts organizations in order to ensure collaboration and coordination related to culture and art activities in San Mateo County.

DISCUSSION:

Josephine Tsay Deciron is being recommended to represent District 3 on the Arts Commission for an initial term ending December 31, 2026 to coincide with District 3 Supervisor's term in office. The seat was formerly held by Laura D. McHugh who is no longer on the commission.

Josephine Deciron is an accomplished creative professional who thrives in leading teams and spearheading innovative programs. She drove successful launches at an AI/chat startup as part of the founding executive team, and in operations at Google. She has also led product for educational tech companies.

Her interest in art began as a love for drawing and creating before transforming into a passion for shaping development processes, design management, and crafting meaningful, delightful experiences. By infusing her craft with joy, Josephine aims to brighten the lives of others. Her artwork has been showcased at various locations such as the de Young Museum, the Goethe-Institut SF, Sanchez Art Center in Pacifica, and L'Éclat de Verre in France. With a rich background having volunteered in organizations like the Antoine de Saint Exupéry Youth Foundation, Josephine is dedicated to inspiring the next generation of creators. She holds a BA in Architecture with a minor in

Business Administration from UC Berkeley, and a master's degree from Carnegie Mellon University's Entertainment Technology Center. She is excited to be joining the San Mateo County Arts Commission and giving back to the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.