



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
DISTRICT 2  
**File #:** 23-449

Board Meeting Date: 6/13/2023

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Supervisor Noelia Corzo, District 2  
**Subject:** Appointment to the San Mateo County Parks Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation for the appointment of Thaddeus Block to the San Mateo County Parks Commission, representing District 2, for an initial term ending December 31, 2026.

**BACKGROUND:**

The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission acts in an advisory capacity and makes policy recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the management and operation of County natural preserves, marine reserves, open space areas, trails, parks and/or recreation areas and facilities within unincorporated San Mateo County. The Commission is charged with adopting and forwarding to the Board of Supervisors, recommendations regarding fees to be charged for the use of these areas. The Commission also advises the Board of Supervisors regarding fish, game and wildlife policies and programs, and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the expenditure of fish and game propagation funds.

Commissioners receive input from citizens on County Parks issues and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Board of Supervisors. They also act as liaison to a number of support groups such as the Parks' Foundation, Volunteer Roundtable, and other ad hoc committees that may be appointed. They may serve as Commission liaison to special projects, especially related to master plan developments.

**DISCUSSION:**

Thaddeus Block is being recommended for appointment to the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission representing District 2 for an initial 4-year term coinciding with Supervisor Noelia Corzo's first term in office ending December 31, 2026.

Thaddeus Block has lived in the city of Belmont since 2005 and has a profound love for city and county parks and open space. He regularly hikes and bikes on the trail systems throughout San

Mateo County with his wife and three children aged 11, 14, and 16. Their greatest times together as a family, and with other members of the community, are outdoors at a park or on a trail system.

Thaddeus recently served the City of Belmont as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner for 8 years. As a commissioner he worked with other commissioners to support the Belmont City Council by providing diverse perspectives on issues, and through creative brainstorming were able to generate new ideas that were useful to the city, such as finding ways to promote volunteerism among residents.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.