**Special Notice / Hearing:** None\_\_

**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Supervisor Warren Slocum, District 4

**Subject:** Reappointments to the San Mateo County Veterans Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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Recommendation for appointments and reappointments to the San Mateo County Veterans Commission, each as a member for a term ending June 30, 2026:

1. Mary Cravalho, San Mateo, appointment for a first full term; and
2. Caroline Schlocker, Menlo Park, appointment for a first full term; and
3. Stan Maupin, Redwood City, appointment as an Alternate for a first full term; and
4. Aditi Patel, Redwood City, appointment as an Alternate for a first full term; and
5. Donna Vaillancourt, Redwood City, reappointment for a second full term; and
6. Fred Baer, Foster City, reappointment for a third full term; and
7. Al Banfield, South San Francisco, reappointment for a third full term.

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**BACKGROUND:**

On June 2, 2015, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 073812 establishing the San Mateo County Veterans Commission. The mandate of the Veterans Commission includes the promotion of programs and policies that address the unmet needs of veterans in San Mateo County, such as those identified in the 2014 San Mateo County Veterans Needs Assessment. In establishing the Veterans Commission, the Board specifically directed that efforts be undertaken to maximize the likelihood that the Commission's membership will reflect the diversity of veterans in San Mateo County, including with respect to race/ethnicity, gender, age and sexual orientation.

Subsequently, on November 3, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 074159, which increased the membership of the Veterans Commission from nine to eleven regular voting members. Thereafter, on November 17, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 074183 which expanded the membership of the Veterans Commission to include two alternate members.

**DISCUSSION:**

This recommendation is for the appointment/reappointment of Veterans Commissioners, as noted above.

Mary Cravalho is in private practice as a Marriage Family Child Counselor (MFCC) and Marriage Family Therapist (MFT). She has worked with a number of organizations, including StarVista, as a Family Counselor and Case Manager and Service League of San Mateo County.

Caroline Schlocker is a U.S. Navy veteran who served honorably as a Navy surgeon for 16 years. She is currently a Surgeon and Professor in Otolaryngology at University of California at San Francisco.

Stan Maupin is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and retired Chief of the Redwood City Fire Department. He is also a Redwood City Port Commissioner and serves on the Board of the American Legion Post 105 in Redwood City.

Aditi Patel is the widow of a U.S. Navy veteran and serves as President of the San Mateo County Medical Society. She holds a D.O. in Internal Medicine and is currently the Medical Director of Kentfield Hospital in Marin County.

Donna Vaillancourt is a U.S. Army veteran and, while active, served as a field medic for three years while stationed in Germany. She previously served as the

Director of the Department of Human Resources with San Mateo County until July 2018. Ms. Vaillancourt also served in various leadership positions during her 37-year career for San Mateo County, including Deputy Director of Public Works. She currently continues to serve San Mateo County as a consultant and as Chair of the San Mateo County Veterans Commission.

Fred Baer served in the US Army from 1964-1966 as a columnist for the Armed Forces Press Service. He has served Foster City on the Education Committee and the Parks & Recreation Committee. He is also a past and current board member of the USA Track & Field Pacific Association. Mr. Baer has been inducted into the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame, the California Community College Football Coach Association Hall of Fame, the California Community College Basketball Coach Hall of Fame and has been awarded a California Community College Athletic Directors' Association Top Honor Award.

Al Banfield was a staff sergeant in the US Army and is a Vietnam veteran. He is a founding Commissioner on the San Mateo County Veterans Commission. Mr. Banfield grew up in Daly City and Colma and has lived with his family in South San Francisco since 1972. He is a former member of the South San Francisco Parks & Recreation Commission, and a member of the South San Francisco Elks and the Lions Clubs.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.