

Memo

To: Members, Board of Supervisors
From: Rich Gordon *RA*
Date: 12/07/02
Re: Appointments to First 5 San Mateo County

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Christine Kennedy of Belmont and Patricia Bresee of Atherton be re-appointed to First 5 San Mateo County. The appointments would be for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2003 and ending December 31, 2005.

BACKGROUND:

Following the passage of Proposition 10 in 1998, which allocated tobacco tax dollars for programs to serve children from birth to age five, San Mateo County formed the Children and Families First Commission. In action requested from the Board of Supervisors on December 17, 2002, the name of the commission will be changed to First 5 San Mateo County. This name change is in response to a change in the name of the state commission and the state program.

The ordinance creating First 5 San Mateo County calls for the appointment of four public members to the commission. Two incumbent public members have terms, which expire on December 31, 2002. Both are seeking re-appointment and there were no other applications in response to the advertising and posting of the pending vacancies. Both public members have served with distinction and should be re-appointed.

Christine Kennedy is an Associate Professor at the School of Nursing at the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF). Her Ph.D. is in Developmental Psychology from Brown University. Dr. Kennedy is a resident of Belmont and a past Chair of First 5 San Mateo County.

Patricia Bresee is an attorney who served from 1987 to 2002 as a Commissioner and Judge Pro-Tem for the Superior Court in San Mateo County. Her judicial assignment was with the Juvenile Court. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Peninsula Community Foundation. Ms. Bresee is a resident of Atherton and is currently the Vice Chair of First 5 San Mateo County.