

Memo

To: Members, Board of Supervisors
From: Rich Gordon *RGM*
Date: 4/29/2004
Re: Appointment to Midcoast Community Council

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Gael Erickson be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Midcoast Community Council. Ms. Erickson would be filling a term that will end with the election of November 2005.

BACKGROUND:

Sandy Emerson had been serving on the Midcoast Community Council, but resigned from her position in July 2003. The timing of her resignation made it impossible to fill the vacancy during the November 2003 election.

The Board of Supervisors has entered into an agreement with the Midcoast Community Council regarding the filling of Council vacancies. That agreement calls for the vacancy to be advertised and for the Midcoast Council to conduct public interviews of the applicants. The Midcoast Community Council then makes a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board has agreed to appoint the individual recommended by the Midcoast Council.

Four individuals applied for the vacancy. One of those, Andrew Calman, has indicated that he will support Gael Erickson as the nominee of the Midcoast Council. At the Midcoast Council meeting three Council members supported Ms. Erickson and two members supported another candidate, Neil Merrilles. Mr. Merrilles and Ms. Erickson both ran for the Midcoast Community Council in November 2003, but neither one secured enough votes to get elected at that time. The Board of Supervisors may hear from individuals who feel that Mr. Merrilles should be appointed. In making a recommendation to fill this vacancy, the Midcoast Community Council is not bound by previous elections. The Midcoast Council was free to consider all candidates and make a recommendation.

The Midcoast Community Council has recommended Gael Erickson. Ms. Erickson is a resident of El Granada, a community not presently represented on the Midcoast Council. She has been a member of the Parks and Recreation Sub-Committee of the Midcoast Community Council.

Under the terms of the agreement with the Midcoast Community Council regarding the filling of vacancies, it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors appoint Gael Erickson. This appointment would be for a term expiring with the election of November 2005.