



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

County Counsel

**DATE:** September 23, 2004

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** October 5, 2004

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** County Counsel

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Director to the Sequoia Healthcare District in Accordance with Elections Code Section 10515(b).

**Recommendation**

Establish a process for the appointment of a director of the Sequoia Healthcare District in accordance with Elections Code §10515(b).

**Background**

Warren Slocum, the Chief Elections Officer has certified that certain offices were scheduled to appear on the ballot for the Presidential General Election to be held throughout the County of San Mateo on Tuesday, November 2, 2004. Mr. Slocum has determined that for one position for Director of the Sequoia Healthcare District that has a two year term, no candidate filed a declaration of candidacy within the prescribed time period.

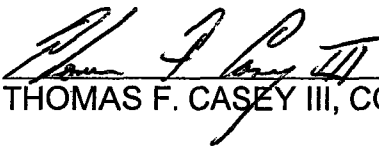
Elections Code § 10515 authorizes and directs the Board of Supervisors, as the supervising authority under the Uniform District Election Law, to make an appointment for the District in these circumstances.

**Discussion**

There are alternative processes available for the Board to use in making the appointment. For example, the Board could advertise the opening, create a Subcommittee which would interview the applicants and make a recommendation to the Board. Another process could be for the Board to refer the matter to the Sequoia Health Care District. The District would advertise the vacancy, interview the applicants and make recommendations to a Board Subcommittee which would then make a recommendation to this Board.

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The appointed Director would assume office the first Friday in December.

  
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Warren Slocum, Chief Elections Officer, Assessor-County Clerk Recorder  
Sequoia Healthcare District Board

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