

Memo

To: Members, Board of Supervisors
From: Rich Gordon *RG* and Mark Church *MC*
Date: 1/31/2006
Re: Appointments to the First Five Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Margaret Taylor and Rod Hsiao be appointed to the First Five Commission of San Mateo County. Both Margaret Taylor and Rod Hsiao would be appointed to a three year term ending in December of 2008.

BACKGROUND:

There are two vacancies on the First Five Commission. Both vacancies are for public members

Five candidates were interviewed for the two vacancies.

Ms. Taylor has served previously on the First Five Commission as the representative of the Health Services Agency. Ms. Taylor was the Director of the Health Services Agency from 1985 to 2004. She has also served on the state First Five Commission (First Five California). She is presently doing consulting work and serving as Chairman of Board of United American Bank in San Mateo. She is the President-Elect of the San Mateo Rotary Club. Ms. Taylor will bring to the First Five Commission a measure of continuity and important contacts with the state commission as well as contacts in the business community.

Mr. Hsiao is currently the Chief Operating Officer for the Natural Heritage Institute, a public policy non-profit service provider. He has served in management consulting, and also spend five years as a legislative assistant in Washington D.C., working on health care, economic and community development issues for three Congressmen.