



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Board of Supervisors

DATE: November 1, 2007
BOARD MEETING DATE: December 4, 2007
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: No
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Richard Gordon *RM*
SUBJECT: Appointment Christopher Ranken to the San Mateo County Planning Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

Affirm the appointment of Christopher Ranken to the San Mateo County Planning Commission representing District 3 effective January 1st, 2008 and expiring on December 31st, 2010.

VISION ALIGNMENT:

Commitment: 2

Goal(s): Civic engagement -- including voting, public service, charitable giving, volunteerism, and participation in public discussions of important issues -- is uniformly high among the diverse population of San Mateo County.

BACKGROUND:

There is currently a vacancy on the Planning Commission for the District 3 seat. Jon Silver had occupied the seat for the past 12 years. Jon's service as a Planning Commissioner ended due to term limits. This vacancy was advertised and I conducted interviews of applicants. I have selected Christopher Ranken to be the District Three representative to the Planning Commission.

Chris Ranken currently serves as Chair of the Pacifica Planning Commission and has served on that Commission for 8 years. He has an extensive background in planning and works as a Principal at Ranken Consulting, an Environmental Planning, Design and Engineering Firm in San Francisco. Mr. Ranken received a

Masters in City Planning from U.C. Berkeley and an MBA from California State East Bay.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.