



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Board of Supervisors



**DATE:** July 27, 2011  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** August 9, 2011  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Supervisor Don Horsley  
**SUBJECT:** Domestic Violence Council's Membership

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution modifying the membership of the Domestic Violence Council to:

- A.) Include, as a Categorical Member, the Coroner or his/her representative
- B.) Increase the membership for non-profit agencies providing legal services to battered women from one member to two members

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 19, 2011, the Domestic Violence Council voted to modify its membership to include the Coroner as a Categorical Member and to increase Appointed Members representing non-profit agencies that provide legal services to battered women from one member to two members.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Domestic Violence Council's recommendation to amend its membership to include the Coroner as a Categorical Member is due to the Coroner's role as the Chair of the Domestic Violence Death Review Team. The Coroner is responsible for reviewing all Domestic Violence deaths in San Mateo County and his/her insight is critical to the Domestic Violence Council's mission.

The Domestic Violence Council's recommendation to add, as an Appointed Member, a representative from a non-profit agency providing legal services to battered women was proposed because of the role Bay Area Legal Aid has in assisting victims of Domestic Violence. Currently, Bay Area Legal Aid is the only agency that provides protection order clinics to victims. The clinic assists victims of Domestic Violence in obtaining restraining orders. Due to the array of services provided, it was determined that a

second voting member from a non-profit providing legal service to battered women was essential.

Approval of this Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision of 2025 outcome of Healthy Community by providing accurate information on Domestic Violence to the Board of Supervisors.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE MEMBERSHIP  
OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, on November 17, 1998, this Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 62407, which created Domestic Violence Council, and on June 18, 2002 adopted Resolution No. 65335 and on March 27, 2007 adopted Resolution 068609, which resolutions further specified the responsibilities and membership of the Domestic Violence Council and standing rules for its governance; and

**WHEREAS**, this board now wishes to further modify the membership of the Domestic Violence Council.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** as follows:

1. The membership of the Domestic Violence Council shall be composed as follows:

*Categorical Members*

- a. A member of the Board of Supervisors.
- b. The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, or his/her representative.
- c. The Sheriff or his/her representative.
- d. The District Attorney or his/her representative.
- e. The County Superintendent of Schools or his/her representative.
- f. The Chief Probation Officer or his/her representative.
- g. Chief Executive Officer of the San Mateo Medical Center or his/her representative.
- h. The Director of Health Services or his/her representative.
- i. The Director of Human Services or his/her representative.

j. The Coroner or his/her representative.

Appointed Members

k. A member of the Council of Cities, to be designated by the Council of Cities and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.

l. A member of the Police Chiefs' Association to be designated by the Police Chiefs' Association and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.

m. A member of the Commission on the Status of Women to be designated by the Commission on the Status of Women and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.

n. Two individuals who represent non-profit agencies serving battered women.

o. One individual representing agencies or individuals who provide treatment services to batterers.

p. Two individuals representing non-profit agencies providing legal services to battered women.

q. Four individuals representing the community at large.

r. A representative of the San Mateo County Bar Association, who shall be a member of the Private Defender Program.