



STAFF REPORT

SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA TITLE:

Make appointment to the vacant seat for Sausalito representation on the Marin County Commission on Aging

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Make appointment to the vacant seat for Sausalito representation on the Marin County Commission on Aging or give staff direction.

SUMMARY

Marin County Commission on Aging

Each of the eleven incorporated cities and towns in Marin County has an appointment to the Marin County Commission on Aging, which also has ten seats appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Sausalito's previous representative, Hope McCrum, left the commission when her term expired at the end of June 2007.

State and Federal laws and regulations require that the membership composition of advisory councils to Area Agencies on Aging be as follows:

- A majority of the members must be 60 years of age or older;
- The membership should include service providers and consumers;
- Members should reflect the geographic, racial, economic and social complexion of the planning and service area they represent.

Members of the Commission on Aging serve as voluntary advisors on issues affecting the elderly of Marin County. The Commission is a federally mandated advisory council to the Board of Supervisors, which serves as the policy-making board of the Area Agency on Aging within County government. The Commission on Aging is designated by the State as the local long term care lead agency and project review body, as well as the local Adult Day health Care Planning Council.

Appointed Commissioners are expected to have an active interest in and a willingness to become knowledgeable about the needs and concerns of Marin's elderly residents, whether living in their own homes or in institutions, and those caring for them in the community in which they live.

According to the statement of purpose in the by-laws, the Commission shall:

1. Provide information about attitudes, needs and opinions of the elderly to the Board of Supervisors and the Area Agency on Aging staff.