

Supervisor

Richard Gordon

MEMO

To: Members, Board of Supervisors
From: Richard Gordon *RAG*
Subject: Appointment to Midcoast Community Council
Date: February 29, 2000

Recommendation:

Appoint Sara Bassler to fill a vacancy on the Midcoast Community Council. The appointment would be for a term ending in November 2001.

Discussion:

Midcoast Community Council member Mary Hobbs resigned on November 20, 1999.

Following a procedure that was previously approved by the Board of Supervisors relative to vacancies on the Midcoast Community Council, the notice of vacancy was advertised. Three individuals applied by the deadline. They were: Sara Bassler, Chris Mickelsen, and Mark Smith.

Sara Bassler is a resident of El Granada. She is a psychiatric resident with San Mateo County Mental Health.

Chris Mickelsen is a life long resident of the coastside who owns a business in Princeton.

Mark Smith lives in Moss Beach and is a partner in the Three Zero Cafe, a concession at the Half Moon Bay Airport. Mark ran unsuccessfully in the last general election for the Midcoast Community Council.

The Midcoast Community Council interviewed all three candidates at a public meeting. [I have viewed the video tape of this meeting.] The Council then voted 5 to 1 to recommend the appointment of Sara Bassler.

The Midcoast Community Council has a set of by-laws which they use to govern their actions. In accordance with these by-laws there was a protest filed by the Princeton Citizens Advisory Committee against the decision to recommend Sara Bassler. The

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protest petition failed to gather enough signatures to require a re-consideration of their vote, but on February 23rd the Midcoast Community Council re-affirmed its previous decision to recommend Sara Bassler.

During this period, Mark Smith withdrew as an applicant in order to support Chris Mickelsen.

I expect that members of the Board will hear from supporters of Chris Mickelsen including the Princeton Citizens Advisory Committee that his appointment would bring diversity of viewpoint to the Midcoast Community Council. You will also hear that there is presently no representative from Princeton on the Midcoast Community Council.

Should it be required, a time can be scheduled for both applicants to make presentations before the full Board of Supervisors prior to a final vote on this matter.

My recommendation is to follow the advice of the Midcoast Community Council and appoint Sara Bassler.

APPROVED BY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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CLERK OF BOARD
BY *Dale Ellen Young* DEPUTY