



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules Committee:
Supervisor Katy Tang, Chair
Supervisor Eric Mar, Vice Chair
Supervisor Malia Cohen

FROM: Shireen McSpadden, Executive Director

DATE: December 1, 2016

RE: **Appointment of County Veterans Service Officer**

Background:

The California Military and Veteran's Code allows (but does not require) counties to appoint a County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO). San Francisco established its CVSO in 1993, as a result of the Veterans' Administration's decision to move its regional office to Oakland. The CVSO assists veterans and eligible spouses and dependents with navigating the VA bureaucracy. It has a staff of five and serves some 1,000 veterans annually.

Subsequent to the CVSO's creation the Mayor and Board of Supervisors created the Department of Aging and Adult Services, combining Public Administrator-Public Guardian, including the CVSO, the Commission on the Aging, Mental Health Conservator, Adult Protective Services and In-Home Supportive Services.

§970 of the California Military and Veteran's Code requires that a CVSO to be a veteran.

The CVSO office is has been managed by Wallace Levin until Mr. Levin's retirement November 30, 2016. Consequently I have asked the Director of Administrative Services, Naomi Kelly, to nominate Dorian Jay Carr, TSgt (Ret.), to be County Veterans Service Officer. The City Administrator makes the nomination as the CVSO office was formerly part of the Administrative Services Department. Sergeant Carr is a current Accredited Veterans Claim Representative in the CVSO and has indicated his desire to advocate for veteran causes within the City as CVSO.