



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules Committee:
Supervisor Hillary Ronen
Supervisor Catherine Stefani
Supervisor Gordon Mar

FROM: Shireen McSpadden, Executive Director *SMC*

DATE: June 26, 2020

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 (now the Department of Disability and Aging 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 was managed by Sergeant Dorian J. Carr, United States Air Force, Retired until his departure on April 30, 2019. Consequently, I have asked the Office of the City Administrator, formerly known as the Administrative Services Department, to nominate-Alfred Sims to be County Veterans Service Officer. City Administrator Naomi Kelly makes the nomination as the CVSO office was formerly part of the Administrative Services Department.