Veterans Affairs Commission



City and County of San Francisco

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – 6:00 pm Room 416, San Francisco City Hall

#### IKRAM MANSORI, PRESIDENT JASON CHITTAVONG, VICE-PRESIDENT JOSEPH BABA, WILLIAM BARNICKEL, DOUGLAS BULLARD, HANLEY CHAN, DEBORAH DACUMOS, COURTNEY ELLINGTON, CHRISTOPHER MCDONALD, STEPHEN MARTIN-PINTO, COURTNEY MILLER, NICHOLAS RUSANOFF, JORDAN SUN

City Hall Hearing Rooms are wheelchair accessible. Remote public participation is available upon request for members of the public who cannot attend in person due to disability. Making a request to participate remotely no later than five (5) hours prior to the start of the meeting helps ensure availability of the meeting link. To request a meeting link due to disability, please call (415) 509-9691.

# CALL TO ORDER

## ROLL CALL

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### AGENDA CHANGES

### PRESENTATIONS

- o 2023 Memorial Day Ceremony [Discussion]
  - Event update provided by Ronnie Campbell, Administrative Officer, Golden Gate National Cemetery
- Rod Kearny, Administrator of the Metropolitan Fresh Start House in San Francisco. [Presentation – 10 minutes / Discussion – 10 minutes]

Veterans Affairs Commission



City and County of San Francisco

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### **Officers' Reports**

President Vice President Staff Secretary

#### **CVSO Report**

Elena Kim, CVSO

#### **Supervisor Liaison Reports**

District 1: Sup. Chan – Commissioner Bullard District 2: Sup. Stefani – Commissioner Chan District 3: Sup. Peskin – Commissioner McDonald District 4: Sup. Engardio – Commissioner Barnickel District 5: Sup. Preston – Commissioner Chittavong District 6: Sup. Dorsey – Commissioner Rusanoff District 7: Sup. Melgar – Commissioner Chan District 8: Sup. Mandelman – Commissioner Dacumos District 9: Sup. Ronen – Commissioner Miller District 10: Sup. Walton – Commissioner Ellington District 11: Sup. Safai – Commissioner Bullard

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

• April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes [Action /Vote]

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

o Revisions to VAC Bylaws [Discussion / Possible Action]

### **NEW BUSINESS**

• AB 684 proposed legislation to provide a stipend for county veterans service officers in counties with active military bases. Commissioner Chan and Mitchell Weller to lead discussion. [Discussion]



 AB 718 proposed legislation to conduct a study of mental health among female veterans in California. Commissioner Chan and Mitchell Weller to lead discussion. [Discussion]

## **GOOD WELFARE**

This is the opportunity for members of the Veterans Affairs Commission to share special thanks and congratulatory remarks for the good welfare taking place in the veteran community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

An opportunity for commission members to share information on veterans affairs activities or briefly comment on San Francisco veterans related news.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

An opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject of veteran affairs. Members of the public should address the commission as a whole and not direct comments to a specific commissioner. Speakers are allowed up to two minutes for comments. Each member of the public will be allotted the same number of minutes to speak. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Members of the public who want a document placed on the overhead, please notify the commission secretary in advance for assistance.

### HONORS REPORT AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

In memory of American service members in all wars and conflicts who made the ultimate sacrifice. We also remember the passing of homeless veterans, veterans who died while awaiting approval of benefits, and suicides within the veteran and armed service communities.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

This document is Official Business of the Veterans Affairs Commission, City and County of San Francisco. It is part of the official Public Record of the City and County of San Francisco.

#### Public Access:

Public Records are covered under the State of California Brown Act, as well as the Sunshine Ordinance of the City and County of San Francisco. These acts ensure that deliberations of City Business are conducted "before the People," and that City and County operations are open to the People's review.



For information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code), or to report a violation of the ordinance, please contact the Administrator of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

#### Veterans Affairs Commission Meetings:

General meetings of the SFVAC are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, with the exception for the month of July, when there is no scheduled SF VAC meeting, and are held in Room 416 in City Hall.

Meeting confirmation, and specific announcement of general meetings are made via public posting of the Meeting Agenda as required by law, at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meetings. Agendas for SFVAC meetings (and archived meeting minutes) are available on the SFVAC Pages of the City of San Francisco website.

#### **Disability Access:**

City Hall of San Francisco is wheelchair accessible via all entrances. There is wheelchair accessible public parking nearby, including the underground garage at the north side of City Hall. The nearby BART/MUNI station (Civic Center) is wheelchair accessible as are nearby city bus lines and stops. For more public transit information services, call (415) 923-6142 or dial 311.



If you or a Veteran, you know is in immediate danger to themselves or others, please call 911 or visit your local emergency room.

The Veterans Crisis Line is also available by texting 838255 or by going to their website and chatting with a mental health professional.



24/7 Confidential Support

Text MYLIFE to 741741

Veterans Affairs Commission



City and County of San Francisco

Crisis Line: (415) 781-0500