



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
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SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 5/14/2024

To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): County Administrator's Office

Staff Name and Phone Number: Michelle Norman, 707-565-2241

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Recommended Action:

Approve the Appointment of Ross Liscum as a General Member to the Assessment Appeals Board for a term beginning September 5, 2022 and ending on September 1, 2025.

Executive Summary:

The Board of Supervisors are responsible for appointments to over 75 Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces. Vacancies and upcoming expiring appointments are posted on the County's list of Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces website:

<https://sonoma-county.granicus.com/boards/w/808bd6e42edf8e0f>.

Rule 50 of the Board Rules of Procedures states that the Clerk of the Board shall convene staff to review prospective countywide appointments and make appointment recommendations to the Board. The current item recommends appointment of Ross Liscum as a general member to the Assessment Appeals Board.

Discussion:

The Assessment Appeals Board constitutes the Board of Equalization for Sonoma County and has the power to equalize the valuation of taxable property within the county for the purpose of taxation, as provided by applicable law. The Board consists of three members and three alternates. Appointees must have a minimum of five years professional experience in this state as one of the following: certified public accountant or public accountant, licensed real estate broker, attorney, property appraiser accredited by a nationally recognized professional organization, or a property appraiser certified by the Office of Real Estate Appraisers, or a property appraiser certified by the State Board of Equalization. Appointment terms are for three years, beginning the first Monday in September of term year start.

The Assessment Appeals Board supports a critical role in resolving valuation disputes between property owners and the Assessors' Office. When an appeals Board is not appointed, or does not have quorum, the Board of Supervisors shall serve as the County Board of Equalization. The Assessment Appeals Board has a general member vacancy for the term starting September 5, 2022 and ending September 1, 2025.

Ross Liscum has been serving as an alternate member of the Sonoma County Assessment Appeals Board since June 2009. This item seeks appointment of Ross Liscum as a general member, changing his position from the prior role of alternate member.

Strategic Plan:

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N/A

Prior Board Actions:

June 23, 2009; July 28, 2015; July 31, 2012; July 28, 2015; September 11, 2018; September 21, 2021

FISCAL SUMMARY

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

N/A

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

N/A