



# **VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Room 416, San Francisco City Hall

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL / CONFIRM QUORUM**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **SET AGENDA [Action]**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Introduction to BayFC  
Bay FC CEO Brady Stewart and EVP of Communications & Government Relations Lisa Goodwin-Scharff will provide an overview of Bay Football Club, the newest professional women's soccer team representing the Bay Area. BayFC suggests that commissioners attend a home game to offer feedback on improvements or further suggestions on veteran-related outreach as the Club heads into its second season.

Presenters: Brady Stewart and Lisa Goodwin-Scharff

[Presentation – 10 minutes / Q&A with Commissioners – 10 minutes]



- Open Doors to Future Possibilities - Veterans Program  
This presentation will give an overview of the services Open Doors offer to veterans and their family members, including mental health counseling, job training, educational resources, financial and digital literacy workshops, and help accessing benefits.

Presenters: Chris Hughes - Managing Director, Katherine Hastings - Training Director  
[Presentation – 10 minutes / Q&A with Commissioners – 10 minutes]

## **COMMUNICATION**

### **CVSO Report**

SF CVSO Maurice Delmer  
[Discussion / Q&A with Commissioners – 10 minutes]

### **Executive Team Updates**

Secretary  
Vice President  
President

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

October 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes Draft  
[ACTION / VOTE]

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Nominations for 2025 Commission President and Vice-President. Following procedure written in VAC Bylaws (Article V, Section 4., “Election of Officers”), the President will call for nominations. Vote held during December meeting. [ACTION]

## **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 about San Francisco veterans events 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**

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### Veterans Affairs Commission Meetings:

General meetings of the SFVAC are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, except for 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.

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