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TO: Family and Human Services Committee
FROM: *J. Watson*
Jari Watson, Executive Director
DATE: February 20, 2014
SUBJECT: IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee Appointments:
Barbara Ward, Consumer Seat of Any Age – Seat 4
Joe Juarez, Jr., Consumer under 60 – Seat 2

Current Status/Request:

Consumer Seat of Any Age – Seat 4

IHSS consumer Ms. Barbara Ward has been recommended by the Advisory Committee to be appointed to the Consumer of Any Age - Seat 4. Ms. Ward has been active in her community for many years and is aware of the challenges faced by IHSS recipients. If appointed, Ms. Ward's term would expire in March 2018. Her application is attached to this memo.

Consumer under 60 – Seat 2

IHSS consumer Mr. Joe Juarez, Jr. has been recommended by the Advisory Committee to be appointed to the Consumer under 60 – Seat 2. Mr. Juarez has a graduate degree in Counseling Psychology and is an advocate for persons with disabilities. He is also aware of the challenges faced by IHSS recipients. If appointed, Mr. Juarez's term would expire in March 2018. His application is attached to this memo.

Outreach:

Public Authority Advisory Committee consumer vacancies have been announced to the IHSS Program units at EHSD, at consumer and provider orientations and trainings, and via the distribution of flyers located in the Public Authority lobby. Vacancies are also posted on the Contra Costa County website.

Recommendation:

I recommend that Ms. Ward and Mr. Juarez be appointed to the Advisory Committee seats as listed above. Both candidates will be excellent additions to the committee.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you regarding your committee's recommendation. I can be reached at 925-363-6671 or via email.