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KATHRIN SEARS APPOINTED TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT 3

Kathrin Sears, a Sausalito resident active in city affairs, was officially appointed yesterday, May 22, by Governor Jerry Brown to fill the District 3 seat on the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

"I think the Governor made an excellent choice. I look forward to working with Dr. Sears as we tackle our county's issues together," said Susan Adams, President of the Board of Supervisors.

Sears currently is a supervising deputy attorney general in the consumer law section of the state Attorney General's Office. She will fulfill the term of the late Supervisor Charles McGlashan, who died March 27, 2011.

"The Governor made a thoughtful appointment," said Supervisor Steve Kinsey. "Our Board should benefit from both Ms. Sears' professional experience as well as her unique perspective, gained from a lifetime of living in southern Marin."

"I am keenly aware of what makes Marin County special – extensive open space, an agricultural heritage in West Marin, a shared commitment to environmental and economic sustainability, to protecting the Bay and to enhancing educational and cultural opportunities," said Sears, whose family moved to Mill Valley in 1955, and has been a Sausalito resident since 1965. "Transit, housing, health services, and public safety are all important issues in Marin as elsewhere."

Sears has worked in city and community affairs for the last 18 years. She served on the Sausalito Planning Commission from 1993 to 1997. In 2002, she was appointed by the Sausalito City Council to chair the Public Safety Facilities Steering Committee, as well as the Sausalito Parking Policy Task Force in 1999. She has also served on the board of the Marin Conservation Corps from 2003 to 2007, deeply involved in countywide recycling, park service and youth-at-risk issues, and provided pro bono legal advice to the Corps from 1995 to 2005. She has been a Sierra Club member since 1991 and a long-time supporter of the Natural Resource Defense Council and Defenders of Wildlife.

Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office in 2005, Sears worked for several private law firms including Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from Carlton College in Asian Studies, a master's degree in China Regional Studies from the University of Washington, a doctorate in political science from the University of Michigan, and a law degree from Harvard University.

She is currently working with County staff to determine when she will be sworn into office.

To view the Governor's announcement, go to: <http://gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=17045>

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