

Background: Sandie Arnott is the first woman elected to the position of Treasurer-Tax Collector of San Mateo County. She was first elected in November, 2010 and re-elected in June, 2014 & 2018. She is responsible for oversight of 40 staff members. She was initially employed by the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office in 1989 and served as Deputy Treasurer-Tax Collector since 2002.

Since her election, Ms. Arnott's priorities have been focused on improving payment processes, making them more efficient and Green. She opened remote tax collection locations in South San Francisco and Half Moon Bay and provides mailbox drop-off service during peak tax collection periods (for which she received a County STARS award in 2019). Live chat website assistance (for which she received a County STARS award for customer service in 2013) and online property auctions were introduced in 2011. E-billing of property tax bills went live in fiscal year 2015-16 and a new IVR (interactive voice response) telephone answering service went live in August, 2018. She is a staunch supporter of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Property Tax Postponement Program which was reinstated in 2014 and went live in 2016. Ms. Arnott authored AB2738 which was adopted by Assemblywoman Kristen Olsen and signed into law by the Governor on 9/22/16. This new law, effective 1/1/17, dis-allows school districts and community college districts from claiming bond proceeds as surplus funds and withdrawing them from the County treasury for investing by a school or community college district. This law protects taxpayer dollars by ensuring they remain in the treasury and are withdrawn solely for the projects stated within the bond measure presented to voters. Ms. Arnott is currently in the process of implementing a new property tax system (TaxSys) by the Grant Street Group and is the first county in California to implement their system. The go-live date is set for July, 2019.

Ms. Arnott currently serves as a member of the San Mateo County Treasury Oversight Committee; Ex-Officio Trustee and President of the San Mateo County Employees Retirement Association (SamCERA) and Immediate Past President of the California Association of County Treasurers & Tax Collectors (CACTTC). She was selected by State Treasurer Betty Yee to serve on a special Property Tax Procedures Manual Committee and was selected by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) to serve on a California Debt Investment Advisory Committee (CDIAC) steering committee. Ms. Arnott was recently selected to serve on the Legislative Committee of the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers and Finance Officers (NACCTFO) and also serves as the California Liaison. She is a Director on the board of the North Peninsula Food Pantry & Dining Center of Daly City. She was appointed by State Treasurer, Fiona Ma, to CDIAC in April, 2019. She served as President of Women in County Government in 1997-98. She resides in Broadmoor with her husband, Rex, and has three grown children and two grandchildren.