

Gordon again chosen as president of Board of Supervisors

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For the third time in his three terms on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, Rich Gordon will serve as president of the five-member body.

Supervisors on Tuesday named Gordon to the post for 2010 and selected Carole Groom, who was appointed to the board in late 2008, as vice president.

Gordon, who previously served as

president in 2000 and 2005, said he hopes to get the public involved and increase the transparency of the board as the county faces "huge decisions" on issues like the budget and potential changes to the county charter.

"We're going to hear from many different constituent groups who want us to protect their programs, their service," Gordon said Tuesday after the board meeting. "We're going to have to make some decisions as we decide what's cut, what's

changed, what's streamlined. We won't be able to please everybody."

The president of the board facilitates meetings and acts as a spokesperson for the board but does not have any extra voting power. Mark Church was president in 2009. Gordon will be termed out of his supervisor seat this year and is one of three candidates running for the state Assembly seat held by Ira Ruskin, D-Redwood City. Groom will be up for election for the first time in June.