



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
Agenda Date: March 10, 2026
Placement: Departmental Agenda
Estimated Time: 30 MINUTES
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Jesús Armas, Director, Community Services Department
Contact: Teralyn Evans-Gutiérrez, CSD Executive Assistant
SUBJECT: Commission for Women 2026 Women’s History Month District Awards

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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and file the Commission for Women 2026 Women’s History Month District Awards Presentation;

- b) Adopt the following Resolutions (Attachment A):
 - i. Honoring Diana Ornelas as the First District Commission for Women 2026 Woman of the Year;
 - ii. Honoring Primitiva Hernandez as the Second District Commission for Women 2026 Woman of the Year;
 - iii. Honoring Voces Sin Fronteras-Lompoc as the Third District Commission for Women 2026 Service Award Recipient;
 - iv. Honoring Dr. Suzanne Levy as the Fourth District Commission for Women 2026 Woman of the Year;
 - v. Honoring Suzette Lopez as the Fifth District Commission for Women 2026 Woman of the Year; and

- c) Determine that the above-recommended actions are not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) finding that the actions consist of administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is before the Board to honor one individual or group from each Supervisorial District for the 2026 Women’s History Month District Awards. The following are the honorees:

District 1 – Diana Ornelas;

District 2 – Primitiva Hernandez;

District 3 – Voces Sin Fronteras-Lompoc;

District 4 – Dr. Suzanne Levy;

District 5 – Suzette Lopez

Background:

The celebration of women and their historical contributions to society first began in 1911, with numerous European Nations formally recognizing March as “International Women’s Day.” In 1978, California’s Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women first pioneered a celebratory week of Women in History to coincide with the established international recognition. Three years later, in 1981, the United States Congress went a step further by passing a resolution establishing a “National Women’s History Week,” where schools and various other organizations would feature special projects, exhibitions, sponsored talks, and the distribution of materials honoring Women’s History. Participation quickly spread and in 1987, Congress expanded the designated week to a month-long commemoration.

In honor of National Women’s History Month, and to recognize, honor, and celebrate the achievements of countless women who strive to serve throughout the community and advocate for other women, the County of Santa Barbara, Commission for Women, established the annual Women’s History Month Service Awards, which have grown into the current District Awards honoring women and groups that positively impact their communities within Santa Barbara County.

Special Instructions:

N/A

Attachments:

Attachment A – Commission for Women 2026 District Award Resolutions

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