



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: January 10, 2023
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 30 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director, 805-568-2467
Director:
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SUBJECT: Commission for Women Annual Report

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:
N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and file the 2021-2022 County of Santa Barbara Commission for Women Annual Report (presentation); and
- b) Determine that the above recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), finding that the action involves government organizational or administrative activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text: The County of Santa Barbara Commission for Women provides the Board of Supervisors with an annual report (presentation), highlighting the Commission's goals and accomplishments in advocating for the well-being and equal status of women and girls Countywide.

The Commission for Women will report on the activities and accomplishments of the past fiscal year. The accomplishments of the Commission for Women include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The formation of subcommittees as follows:
 - Outreach: Public face of Commission work
 - Policy: Tracks local, state, and national legislation affecting women; attend conferences

- Leadership Development: Encourage women's participation in community, business and political leadership involving women and girls
 - Listening Sessions: Be eyes and ears of BOS and constituents; conduct public meetings
 - Advocacy: Discover, support and promote key causes beneficial to women and girls
 - Veterans' Stand Down: Annual Collaboration with Veteran's Stand Down Program
2. CFW Town Halls
 - Speak Up Town Hall – Pass the Mic screening and discussion
 - Speak Up Town Hall – Roe V. Wade discussion on the local impact the Supreme Court decision may have on local resources.
 - Speak Up Town Hall – Discussion on Assembly Bill 367 – The Menstrual Equity for All Act.
 3. Community Outreach and Achievements
 - Worked on the planning committee and spoke at the March on International Women's Day
 - Worked on the planning committee for Reproductive Rights
 - Worked on the planning committee for Roe the Vote
 - Worked on the committee and attended the Veterans Stand Down – Providing PPE and resources
 - Sponsored, advertised, and attended multiple events in the county promoting equity and inclusion women and girls
 4. Collaboration and Outreach
 - Sponsored, advertised, and attended multiple events in the county promoting equity, diversity and inclusion.
 - Coffee with a Black Guy – Zoom event with 135 attendees
 - Sponsored and tabled the Harvest Fair – Buellton
 - Attended the Hispanic Heritage event in Solvang
 - Attended the SYV Pride day in Solvang. We were able to table during the day and participate in the parade.
 - Attended Juneteenth celebrations in Lompoc and Santa Ynez
 5. Applied and received a \$25,000 capacity building grant from the CCWG.
 - Commissioners were recognized and elected to positions on the National, State and Local level.
 - Represented County of Santa Barbara at The Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) and at the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW).
 6. Veterans Stand Down
 7. Annual Service Awards Honoring Women in Leadership
 - 1st District, Terresa Alvarez
 - 2nd District Ali Cortez
 - 3rd District Raiza Giorgi
 - 4th District Mary Maranville
 - 5th District, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt

8. 2021-2022 Collaborative Partnerships

- The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara and Santa Maria Valley
- North County Women’s March Planning Committee
- Women’s Economic Ventures
- Standing Together to End Sexual Assault
- North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center
- American Association of University Women
- Domestic Violence Solutions
- Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara
- Santa Barbara County Office of Education
- The County of Santa Barbara Unified School Districts
- The Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee

Future Activities:

- Work on the implementation of the CCWG grant regarding Women Veteran’s outreach, support of and outreach for women on Boards, Commissions and Elected Office, and development of outreach materials and videos regarding the Commission.
- Support the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Gender Equity Guidelines, and request County CEDAW Ordinance.
- Hold quarterly “Women Speak Up” Town Hall discussions.
- Historicize and archive Commission for Women’s relationship to Veteran Stand Down.
- Develop March 2023 District Award Nominees and ceremonial process.
- Maintain regular presence on social media.
- Nominate groups and individuals to address the Commission.
- Seek collaborative opportunities for co-sponsorship.

Background:

Appointed by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, the Commission for Women is an advisory group that promotes the well-being and equal status of women. Formed in 1973, the Commission has been actively working to better the community for more than 40 years. The Commission is comprised of a diverse group of energetic and committed women who are active community members representing the five supervisorial districts.

The Commission for Women promotes the equitable and equal status, and well-being of women in Santa Barbara County. The Commission will advise the Board in critical areas affecting women, especially women who have the greatest need. To accomplish this purpose, the Commission may collaborate with other commissions and community groups; facilitate, recognize, and recommend programs; gather and disseminate information, hold public hearings, advise the board, and take other action to accomplish its purpose.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal Analysis: Budgeted: \$6,000.00

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: N/A

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions:

N/A

Attachments:

Attachment 1: CFW Power Point Presentation

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