



**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: March 21, 2023
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 30 Minutes
Continued Item: N/A
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Dept. Director George Chapjian, Community Services Director
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SUBJECT: Commission for Women; 2023 Women’s History Month Service Awards

County Counsel Concurrence

N/A

Other Concurrence:

N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Receive and file the Commission for Women; 2023 Women’s History Month Service Awards Presentation.
- b. Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(2) and (5) of the CEQA guidelines because they consist of general policy and procedure making and administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

One organization and one individual from each Supervisorial District will be honored. The following are the honorees for 2023:

- 1st District: Women’s Fund of Santa Barbara County
- 2nd District: Lori Goodman and LEAP (formerly Isla Vista Youth Projects)
- 3rd District: Rona Barrett
- 4th District: Ellen Torres, Casa of Hope
- 5th District: House of Pride and Equality

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.

Performance Measure: N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: N/A

Key Contract Risks: N/A

Staffing Impacts: N/A

Special Instructions: N/A

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution copies of the 2023 Women’s History Month Service Awards

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