



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 9, 2021  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimated Time:** 30 Minutes  
**Continued Item:** N/A  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Dept. Director George Chapjian, Community Services Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Commission for Women; 2021 Women's History Month Service Awards

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**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; 2021 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:**

A special County honoree and one organization and one individual from each Supervisorial District will be honored. The following are the honorees for 2021:

County of Santa Barbara, Commission for Women Award Recipient:

Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District, California State Senate (2012-2020)

- 1<sup>st</sup> District: Meghann Torres, Program Director/Co-Founder, Freedom4Youth
- 2<sup>nd</sup> District: Simone Akila Ruskamp, Co-founder of Juneteenth Santa Barbara and Healing Justice Santa Barbara and Krystle Farmer Sieghart, Grassroots Organizer and Co-Founder, Healing Justice Santa Barbara
- 3<sup>rd</sup> District: Alejandra Mahoney, Director of Education, People's Self-Help Housing

- 4<sup>th</sup> District: Lisa Brown, Project Lexi Brown Foundation
- 5<sup>th</sup> District: Reverend Mary Moreno-Richardson, Founder and Director of The Guadalupe Art Project and the Director of the Resilience Program for Migrant Families of Tijuana

**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 2021 Women’s History Month Service Awards

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