



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Community Services  
**Department No.:** 057  
**For Agenda Of:** November 16, 2021  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimated Time:** 30 Minutes  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director, 805-568-2467  
Director:  
Contact Info: Eva Camarena, Executive Assistant, 805-568-2467  
**SUBJECT: Commission for Women Annual Report**

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**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 2020-2021 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. Women's March January 2021
    - Local leaders highlight women's challenges and aspirations
  3. CFW Town Halls & Covid-19 Response
    - PPE and distribution
    - Speak Up Town Hall - Women: Family and Work in the Time of Covid-19
    - Speak Up Town Hall - Discussion regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Month and our community.
    - Speak Up Town Hall – Sponsored a panel discussion on how to be an ally for LGBTQ+ community.
  4. Annual Service Awards Honoring Women in Leadership
  5. Represented County of Santa Barbara at The Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) and at the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) in their work to promote equality and justice for all women and girls. PASS THE MIC received the NACW 2021 Achievement Award.
    - Commissioners were recognized and elected to positions on the National, state and Local level.
  6. Community Outreach and Achievements
    - Worked on the planning committee and spoke at the March for Reproductive Rights
    - 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
  7. 2020-2021 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:**

- 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 2022 District Award Nominees and ceremonial process.
- Maintain regular presence on social media.
- Collaborate with County of Santa Barbara partners for effective distribution of “Pass the Mic.”
- Nominate groups and individuals to address the Commission.
- Seek collaborative opportunities for co-sponsorship.
- Advocate to fill 3 Commissioner position for District 4.

**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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**cc:**