



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: April 10, 2018
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 30 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: No Vote Required

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Order
Director
Contact Info: Terri Nisich, Assistant County Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Commission for Women – Report on March 2018 Countywide Women Speak Up Events

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Select_Other

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Recommended Actions:

- a) Receive a report from Commission Chair Anna Everett about the outcome of the Commission's March 2018 "Women Speak Up" Events held in Carpinteria, Isla Vista, Goleta, Lompoc, Santa Maria & Guadalupe, and
- b) Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 1478(b) (5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they are governmental fiscal, organizational, or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order for the Board of Supervisors to receive a report from the Commission for Women (CFW) about their March 2018 "Women Speak Up" events where the Commission listened to issues important to women, girls and families countywide. The goal of "Women Speak Up" events is to bring together women and girls throughout the county to share their thoughts, concerns, needs and ideas with their appointed district Commissioners currently serving on the Commission for Women. The forum is also an opportunity to hear from local social service agencies about resources that benefit and assist female residents in our County. Over 150 people participated in the events-- mostly women and girls, representing all ages and many different ethnic groups.

Though many topics were brought to the forefront, the critical areas of concern that arose continue to be related to DACA, immigration/deportation, human trafficking, sexual assault/abuse (#metoo movement), domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, issues affecting the LGBTQ community and persons with HIV/AIDS, hate crimes, and gender and race discrimination. Other topics included lack of sufficient mental health services (especially psychiatric services), gender wage gap, elder abuse (and lack of support for grandparents raising grandchildren without sufficient resources), teen dating/abuse, the need for increased multi-cultural sensitivity on campus and in general, improved campus security (all schools elementary – college), more mentors and counselors.

New issues this year included: 1) the lack of affordable housing, 2) limited affordable child care services, 3) lack of well-paying jobs, 4) fear of gun violence in schools and 5) the new Cannabis legislation, (licensing and permitting). The Commission looks forward to providing information to the County Board of Supervisors.

Background:

The CFW has advised the Board on issues concerning women and girls since 1973. CFW holds leadership events annually in North and South County to engage the public into important dialogue about leadership opportunities or to conduct fact-finding about issues of particular concern to women, girls, and families. CFW shares information with the Board about their activities.

Performance Measure:

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Select_Budgeted

Fiscal Analysis:

<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	N/A	\$ -	N/A

Key Contract Risks:

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions: Please email an electronic copy of the minute order to Susan Foley at foley@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

- A) Santa Barbara Commission for Women – Executive Summary, March 2018 Women Speak Up Events
- B) County Commission for Women – Women Speak Up April 10, 2018, BOS Presentation

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cc: Commission for Women