



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: 11/10/2020
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 30 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
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 Board of Supervisors Report

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and file the 2019-2020 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.

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 (CFW) promotes the well-being and equal status of women and girls in Santa Barbara County. Their members develop, facilitate, recognize and recommend programs, collaborate with other agencies, gather and disseminate information, conduct public meetings; and advise the County Board of Supervisors.

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:
 - i. Outreach: Public face of Commission work
 - ii. Policy: Tracks local, state, and national legislation affecting women; attend conferences
 - iii. Leadership Development: Encourage women's participation in community, business and political leadership involving women and girls
 - iv. Listening Sessions: Be eyes and ears of BOS and constituents; conduct public meetings
 - v. Advocacy: Discover, support and promote key causes beneficial to women and girls
 - vi. Veterans' Stand Down: Annual Collaboration with Veteran's Stand Down Program
2. Women in Government Forum - Feb 2020
 - i. Local government leaders highlight women's challenges and aspirations
3. Women's History Month
 - i. Honored women in Leadership and community organizations for their outstanding work
 - ii. Co-sponsored 2020 Leadership Summit "Leading With Love" Conference for empowering women
 - iii. Women's March of Silence honored suffragists and encouraged women to vote
 - iv. HER Festival celebrated the women in our community and empowering the next generation of female leaders
4. Covid-19 Response
 - i. Mask creation and distribution
 - ii. Commissioner keynote speaker presentations at National Association of California Commissions for Women (NACW)
 - iii. Donated female products to community organizations for distribution
5. Annual Service Awards Honoring Women in Leadership

6. 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.
7. Community Outreach and Achievements
 - i. Celebrated the 100th Anniversary Suffrage in parades, marches and events
 - ii. Led the efforts that resulted in all eight cities within the County adopting CEDAW Resolutions
 - iii. Mobilized “Get Out The Vote” to schools, colleges, and community organizations
8. 2019-2020 Collaborative Partnerships
 - i. The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara and Santa Maria Valley
 - ii. North County Women’s March Planning Committee
 - iii. Touchstone – A Central Coast Women’s Collective
 - iv. Women’s Economic Ventures
 - v. Standing Together to End Sexual Assault
 - vi. American Association of University Women
 - vii. United Nations Women
 - viii. Domestic Violence Solutions
 - ix. Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara
 - x. Santa Barbara County Office of Education
 - xi. The County of Santa Barbara Unified School Districts
 - xii. The Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee

Future Activities:

1. Support the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Gender Equity Guidelines, and request County CEDAW Ordinance.
2. Zoom Meetings to share educational films/books and facilitate Award Winning “Women Speak Up” Town Hall discussions.
3. Historicize and archive Commission for Women’s relationship to Veteran Stand Down.
4. Develop March 2021 District Award Nominees and ceremonial process.
5. Convert Commission for Women Facebook page from private to public.
6. Maintain regular presence on social media.
7. Collaborate with County of Santa Barbara partners for effective distribution of “Pass the Mic.”
8. Nominate groups and individuals to address the Commission.
9. Seek collaborative opportunities for co-sponsorship.
10. Advocate to fill 1 Commissioner position for District 3, and 3 for District 4.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: \$6,000.00 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions:

N/A

Attachments:

Commission for Women Annual Report: FY 2019/2020 PowerPoint Presentation

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