



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 12, 2024  
**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 Jesús Armas, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467  
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**SUBJECT:** Commission for Women; 2024 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 2024 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:**

This item is before the Board to honor one individual from each Supervisorial District for the 2024 Women's History Month Service Awards. The following are the honorees:

- 1<sup>st</sup> District: Julia Mayer (Dune Coffee)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> District: Kavya Suresh
- 3<sup>rd</sup> District: Yasmin Dawson (C4 Cultures Creating Change)
- 4<sup>th</sup> District: Kathy Simas
- 5<sup>th</sup> District: Lourdes Ramirez

**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.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** N/A

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Resolution copies of the 2024 Women’s History Month Service Awards

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**cc:**

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