



Annual Report To Board of Supervisors

November 6, 2018 **(Election Day!)**



Mission Statement:



The Commission for Women (CFW) promotes the well-being and equal status of women in Santa Barbara County. We work to:

- ❖ *Develop, facilitate, recognize and recommend programs*
 - ❖ *Collaborate with other agencies*
 - ❖ *Gather and disseminate information*
 - ❖ *Conduct public meetings*
- ❖ *Advise the Board of Supervisors (BOS)*





CFW's Countywide Program Development & Activities



Each year the Santa Barbara County Commission for Women (CFW) presents summaries of our important and exciting work on behalf of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and Santa Barbara County's women and girls since June 2017 to November 2018. We also indicate our ongoing work plan for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Serving our mission to promote the well-being and equality of women and girls countywide, CFW highlights our 2017-2018 projects and some key outcomes. Also, we preview, here, our 2018-19 Work Plan.

CFW Subcommittees

1. **Outreach:** Public face of Commission work
2. **Policy:** Tracks local, state, and national legislation affecting women. Attend Conferences
3. **Leadership Development:** Encourage women's participation in community, business and political leadership involving women and girls



CFW Retreat Meeting, June 2018

Subcommittees (Cont.)

4. **Listening Sessions:** Be eyes and ears of BOS and Constituents, conduct public meetings
5. **Advocacy:** Discover, support and promote key causes directly beneficial to women and girls
6. **Veteran's Stand Down:** Annual Collaboration with annual Veteran's Stand Down program



Women in Leadership: 2018 “Women Speak Up”- Outcomes



“WOMEN SPEAK UP” 7 Countywide Events: Isla Vista, Goleta, Carpinteria, Lompoc, Guadalupe, Santa Maria, 2 Weeks in March, During Women’s History Month

LOCAL IMPACTS: 1) SB Unified School District Credited CFW for Changes to Dress-Code Policy; 2) Commissioner Suzanne Peck Producing Educational Video with Schools



Chronic Absenteeism Up in Santa Barbara School District; Board Reviewing Dress-Code Policy

By Brooke Holland, Noozhawk Staff Writer | @NoozhawkNews | April 3, 2018 | 10:49 p.m.



An attendance report and possible changes to dress code policy were topics discussed Tuesday night at the Santa Barbara Unified School District board of trustees regular meeting.

The district’s schools saw an uptick in chronic absenteeism for the first semester of the 2017-18 school year.

Chronic absenteeism rose to 16.5 percent, compared to 13.6 percent among its nearly 15,200 students for the first semester of the 2016-2017 academic year.



Missing 18 or more days of school qualifies as chronic absenteeism. Absenteeism increased in elementary, middle and high schools across the district.



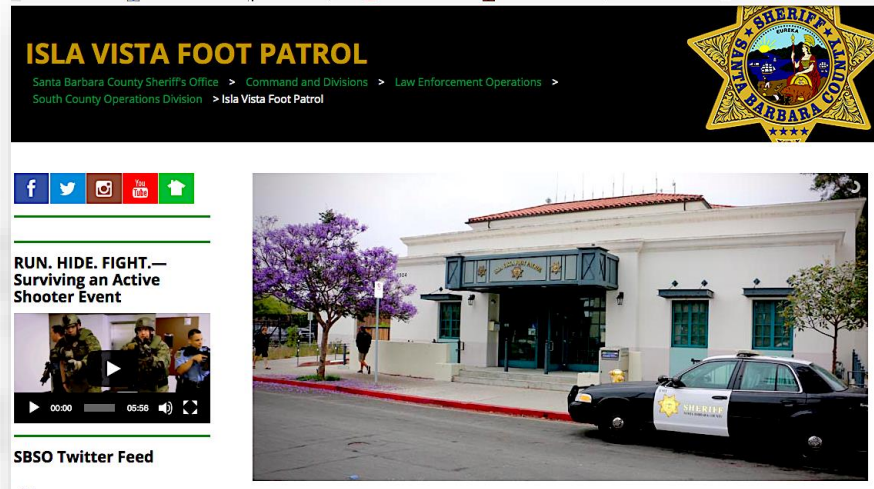
INDEPENDENT.COM
The S.B. Questionnaire: Suzanne Peck
Talking social justice with the educator, author, and force behind “Pass...



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LOCAL IMPACTS CONTINUED: MEETINGS WITH SB CHIEF OF POLICE LORI LUHNOW AND POLICE LIEUTENANT JUAN CAMARENA, DIRECTOR, ISLA VISTA FOOT PATROL (6/26/18)



- **Commissioners Marianne Partridge, Suzanne Peck and Judi Weisbart met with Chief Luhnnow and Lt. Camarena to discuss concerns about Sexual Assault, Date Rape and Rape Kits in Santa Barbara County.**
- **CFW Commissioners established these important connections, and will be developing further ways to assist with initiatives to improve safety and education for SB County women, girls and families in these crucial matters. High school and college-going young women informed CFW that there is a “rape culture” problem in Santa Barbara that needs to be addressed. We appreciate Chief Luhnnow and Lt. Camarena’s willingness to work with us on these urgent matters.**



“Women Speak Up”– Outcomes (Continued)



**The 2018 “WOMEN SPEAK UP” 7 Countywide Events
Garner the National Association of Commissions for Women
(NACW) 2018 Achievement Award**



**Commissioner Beard & Admin Staff
Fitzwilliam
Accept NACW Achievement Award (8-3-18)**



Close-Up Photo of Award



**Commissioners Peck, Steinwachs, Gullap-Moore,
Beard, Everett, Wright Pose w/Award**



Collaborations with Other Agencies (Continued)



Veterans' Stand Down Event, Santa Maria Fairgrounds, October 2017

EVENT FOUNDER: Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, 5th District

- CFW Lead, Commissioner Tracy Beard, with
- Commissioners Suzanne Peck, and Anna Everett



Thanking Veterans for Their Service:

For the past seven (7) years, the Veterans' Stand Down has been supported by the CFW to acknowledge and thank Santa Barbara County Vets for their sacrifices for and service to our state and national military. Commissioners: Secured needed products and services from companies and organizations; and donated gently used goods



CFW 2017-18 Community Service Awards COORDINATORS OF VETS' STAND DOWN

Ms. Monica Diaz, Convention Center
Coordinator

Ms. Sandy Agalos, Event Coordinator



Representing Santa Barbara County in CA & Nationally



**National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) & Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) Joint Annual Conference
August 1- 4, 2018, Los Angeles, CA**



**CONGRATULATIONS AACW
President-Elect
Commissioner Tracy Beard!**

ACCW and NACW

**The aim of these allied associations
“is to sustain, strengthen and
advocate for women’s commissions in
their work to promote equality and
justice for all women and girls . . .”**

**Representing
Santa Barbara County Commission
for Women:**

- **Commissioner Tracy Beard**
- **Commissioner Anna Everett**
- **Staff Administrator Margs Fitzwilliam**



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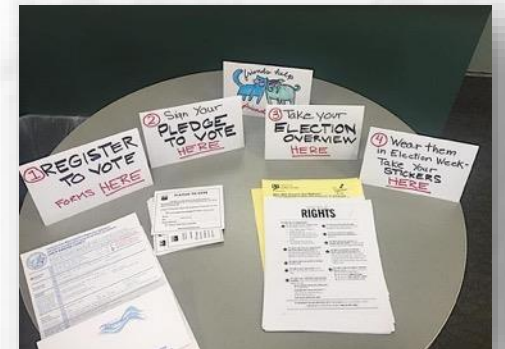
2018 Election Year Partnerships:



**“I’m In the Running, What Now?”
Training Women for Elective & Appointed
Offices (Aug. 18, 2018)**



**The League of Women Voters:
Mobilizing to Get Out the Vote
(Sept. 5, 2018)**





Community Outreach and Achievements



**We Are Gearing Up To Commemorate the Centenary of Women's Suffrage;
&
We Celebrate Dedicated Members of Our Communities Who Serve Women and Girls**



(1920 - 2020)



Suffragists demonstrating in Chicago, 1916.



1st District

Charlotte Gullap-Moore



Victoria Juarez



Judi Weisbart



Anna Everett, Chair



Suzanne Peck



Sgrit Wright



2nd District

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3rd District

Tracy Beard



Marianne Partridge



Karen Steinwachs, Vice Chair



Tami Rabska



Future Activities

1. Add Women in Leadership Public Events in Spring, Countywide, Including Public Film Screening
2. Commemorate Centenary of Women's Suffrage
3. Support CEDAW Gender Equity Guidelines
4. Follow Up: School Districts and California "Healthy Youth Act" & "Women Speak Up
5. STILL Need 4 additional Commissioners*

4th District



DOLORES IVETTE PERALTA
NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER



5th District