



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2020
Time: 6:00 to 7:30 PM

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and pursuant to the provisions of the governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued March 17, 2020, this will be a remote meeting. No physical location will be available, but access to the meeting and an opportunity to comment will be provided. Please dial-in to the teleconference using the information listed below:

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

United States: 1 (646) 749-3129

United States (Toll Free): 1 (877) 309-2073

Access Code: 677-741-221

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approve *September 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes*
3. Correspondence
4. Public Comment:
Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed five minutes on matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission.
5. Continuing Business/Action Items:
 - 5.1. *Status of Women and Girls Report: 2020 Health Care Update*
 - 5.2. Support for Women Farmworkers
6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees
 - 6.1. Co-Chairs Report
 - 6.2. 2020 Suffrage Art Wall Update
 - 6.3. Public Awareness Subcommittee Update
7. Staff Report
8. Adjournment

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, September 17, 2020
TIME: 6:00 to 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote meeting
PRESENT: Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1st District), Theresa Cariño (Co-Chair, 1st District), Maryanne Campbell (3rd District), Maria Boutell (3rd District), Jenny Sarmiento (4th District), Rachel Bickert (5th District)
EXCUSED: Laurel Schonfield (2nd District), Sheila De Lany (5th District),
ABSENT: Carrie Beaton (2nd District), Luci Basor (4th District),
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*), Sarah Husin (Research Intern)
GUESTS: Irene de Barraicua (*Lideras Campesina*),

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:05 PM.

Status of Women and Girls Report pended until the October meeting.

Motion to approve meeting agenda as amended

Motion/Second: Ritter/Sarmiento

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Review and Approve July 30, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Campbell/Bickert

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence

Commission reviewed two position descriptions from Monterey County.

4. Public Comment: None

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. Commission COVID-19 Response

5.1.1. Lideras Campesinas: Women Farmworker Leadership Network

De Barraicua reported on Lideras Campesinas activities to address barriers to farmworker health and safety during the pandemic. More than 54% of farmworkers interviewed during the pandemic stated that they did not have access to adequate health care. Inadequate access to PPE and culturally and linguistically appropriate health education further complicate the matter. Agricultural workers are considered essential workers and therefore are required to continue working in order to keep their employment. Safety precautions to prevent the spread of disease are not being implemented consistently. Financial and food insecurity, lack of access to health care, and concerns related to lack of documentation all add further complexity. Children

are home more often, and stress, depression and domestic violence are on the rise.

Lideras is pursuing 10K in grant funding for services to Santa Cruz County farmworkers. Additionally, they are distributing bags of supplies in the field, accompanying a physician. Donations are always welcome.

5.2. Black Lives Matter Movement Letter of Support

Commission reviewed a letter to the Board of Supervisors acknowledging their efforts to eradicate institutionalized violence against Black residents and other people of color in Santa Cruz County and expressing their support. Cariño appointed to the Subcommittee. Subcommittee will incorporate community feedback into the letter before submission to the Board of Supervisors.

5.3. Status of Women and Girls: 2020 Health Care Update: Item pended

6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

6.1. Co-Chairs Report

Ritter reported on her service as EOC Liaison and Recovery Resource Center Manager. The wildfires have been 95% contained with more than 86K acres burned and 911 residential structures destroyed. Over 4K FEMA enrollments have been processed, and the Board is working to expedite the rebuilding process and prevent or mitigate the impact of anticipated winter storm debris flows through preparation.

6.2. 2020 Suffrage Art Wall Subcommittee Update

6.2.1. Commission reviewed final artwork. County Staff is working with Rosemary Brogan to develop a *California Women's Suffrage Timeline* emphasizing the diverse cultural influences that contributed to success of the movement in California and Santa Cruz. A local photographer will donate her time and resources to create a virtual tour of our final exhibit.

6.3. Public Awareness Subcommittee: No report

7. Staff Report

Staff reported that the Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plan will be postponed until year-end employment data can be incorporated.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*



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Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified below, regularly scheduled Women's Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Third (3rd) Thursday*
MONTH: Every month except July and December
TIME: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
LOCATION: **Santa Cruz County Government Building (unless held remotely)****
5th Floor Board Chambers or Redwood Conference Room (see below)
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

****Unless noted otherwise below**

Locations may vary for outreach, town hall meetings, special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations. Changes to the schedule will be listed on the website at www.sccwc.org as soon as information becomes available.

2021 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 21, 2021	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Remote Meeting
February 18, 2021	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Remote Meeting
March 18, 2021	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Remote Meeting
April 15, 2021	6:00 – 7:00 PM	To Be Determined
May 20, 2021	6:00 – 7:00 PM	To Be Determined
June 17, 2021	6:00 – 7:00 PM	To Be Determined
August 19, 2021	6:00 – 8:00 PM	To Be Determined
September 16, 2021	6:00 – 8:00 PM	To Be Determined
October 21, 2021	6:00 – 8:00 PM	To Be Determined
November 18, 2021	6:00 – 8:00 PM	To Be Determined