



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, April 21, 2022
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote meeting
PRESENT: Theresa Cariño (1st District), Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1st District), Jennifer Smith (3rd District), Conra Frazier (3rd District), Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (Co-Chair, 4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District), Rachel Bickert (5th District)
EXCUSED: Jennifer Murray (2nd District), Laurel Schonfield (2nd District), Karina Moreno (4th District)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager), Mitsuno Baurmeister (EEO Officer)
GUESTS: 31 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:04 PM.

Commission welcomed new District 3 Commissioner Conra Frazier.

2. Presentation of the 2021-2022 Trailblazers Awards

Commission presented the following Trailblazers Awards:

- Lifetime Achievement Award: Allison Endert
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Alicia Nájera
- Economic Justice Leadership Award: Carmen Herrera
- Cultivating Youth Leadership Award: Vanessa Magdalino Morga
- Anti-Racism Leadership Award: Joy Flynn
- Crisis Response Leadership Award: Ruby Vasquez
- Phoenix Award (Leadership Despite Significant Challenges): Yadira Flores Martinez

3. Approve March 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve March 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Bickert/Cariño

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence:

Commission reviewed position descriptions from Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.

5. Public Comment: None

6. New Business/Action Items:

6.1. Election of Officers

Motion to elect Quiroz-Carter and Bickert as Commission Co-Chairs.

Motion: De Lany/Smith

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2. Consider Legislative Advocacy Priorities

Commission considered the following legislative advocacy priorities:

- **AB-1287** – Eliminates gender-based price differences
- **AB-925** – Increases availability/affordability of sexual assault exams
- **SB-914** – Requires establishment of goals to end homelessness among survivors of domestic violence as members of vulnerable populations.
- **HR-6781** – Permits video or telephone certifications under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- **HR – 6764** – Secures the dignity and safety of incarcerated women
- **CA Women’s Caucus State Budget Request re: Childcare:** Requests \$2 billion in childcare funding to expand the number of children served by 200,000, implement reimbursement rate reform, waive family fees, and modernize administration of programs.
- **CA Women’s Caucus State Budget Request re: Job Training for Women:** Requests a one-time appropriation of \$310 million, over three years, for targeted job training for women, including re-training and job placement services.

Motion authorizing the subcommittee to advocate in support of the abovementioned legislative priorities on behalf of the Commission.

Motion/Second: Bickert/Smith

Motion passed unanimously.

6.3. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings

Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361

Motion/Second: De Lany/Bickert

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

7.1. Co-Chairs Report: No Report

7.2. Political Participation and Civic Engagement Subcommittee Update:

7.2.1. *Political Participation SOWAG Report* Update: No Report

7.2.2. WILDR Partnership Update

Quiroz-Carter confirmed that WILDR would like Commission to feature event recordings and materials on the resource page. Commission will promote the upcoming forum in May.

7.3. Social Media Subcommittee Update:

Bickert commended Murray for her social media strategy and implementation.

8. Staff Report

Staff reported that the County implemented a menstrual equity program, providing free menstrual products in all County restrooms and information to all employees on the issue, raising awareness. Twenty-eight percent of County staff (including Extra-Help employees) completed the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Survey. The EEO/CC Plan is being updated with 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) data. The ACCW raised their annual rate from \$75 to \$200. Continued ACCW membership will be brought to the Commission for consideration in May.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*