



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 AND CAL. GOV. CODE 54953, 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:

VIDEOCONFERENCE INFORMATION

Join Meeting: <https://zoom.us/join>

OR

Attend by Phone: +1 (669) 219-2599 (*6 to mute/unmute, *9 to raise hand)

Meeting ID: 495-687-4858 Passcode: 192244

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approve *August 18, 2022 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. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
 - 5.1. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees
 - 6.1. Co-Chairs Report
 - 6.2. Policy/Legislation Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report
 - 6.3. Political Participation and Civic Engagement Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report
 - 6.3.1. WILDR Partnership Update
 - 6.4. Social Media Subcommittee Report
7. Staff Report
8. Adjournment

The next scheduled regular meeting will be on Thursday October 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, August 18, 2022
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote meeting
PRESENT: Amanda Crowder (1st District), Samantha Hart Farren (2nd District), Jennifer Smith (3rd District), Conra Frazier (3rd District), Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (Co-Chair, 4th District), Karina Moreno (4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District),
EXCUSED: Theresa Cariño (1st District), Rachel Bickert (5th District)
ABSENT: Jennifer Murray (2nd District)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)
GUESTS: 2 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:03 PM.

Commission welcomed new District 1 Commissioner Amanda Crowder.

2. Approve May 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve May 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Hart Farren/Moreno

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence:

Commission reviewed correspondence from the public and position descriptions from Monterey County.

4. Public Comment

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. Consider Access to Reproductive Health Care Advocacy Opportunities

Commission will invite subject matter experts from community health care partners to speak on the local impact of the recent overturning of Roe v. Wade.

5.2. 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: Hart Farren/Smith

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

6.1. Co-Chairs Report: No Report

6.2. Policy/Legislation Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report

Staff reported that advocacy letters in support of both California Legislative Women's Caucus funding requests were sent to both the State Senate Budget Committee and the State Assembly Budget Committee. Updates on other legislative priorities are as follows:

- **AB-1287** ("Pink Tax" legislation) passed the State Assembly and is active on the Senate floor awaiting a third reading.
- **AB-925** (availability of sexual assault forensic exams) passed the Assembly and is in the Senate Appropriations Committee but the hearing has been postponed.
- **SB-914** (related to homeless equity for survivors of domestic violence) passed the Senate and is on the third reading in the Assembly.
- **HR-6781** (bill to permit video or telephone certification for WIC benefits) is stalled in the House Committee on Education and Labor since February.
- **HR-6764** (bill to secure the safety of incarcerated women) is stalled in the House Committee on Judiciary since February.

6.3. Political Participation and Civic Engagement Subcommittee Update:

6.3.1. WILDR Partnership Update

Staff reported that WILDR May Forum video and materials will be posted on the Commission website when available.

6.4. Social Media Subcommittee Update: No Report

7. Staff Report

Staff Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Survey presentation is almost ready. The EEO/CC Plan is almost complete except for two department plans. Smith reported that a member of the public expressed concerns about crimes against women in the benchlands encampment. Members of the public are encouraged to report crimes to law enforcement.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION'S FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHEREAS, The Santa Cruz County Women's Commission is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2022, The Santa Cruz County Women's Commission held a teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

WHEREAS, this Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission makes the following findings by a majority vote:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission.

Section 2. Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Section 3. No later than thirty (30) days from making today’s findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 15th day of September 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Vanessa Quiroz-Carter
Co-Chair, Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission

Rachel Bickert
Co-Chair, Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission

ATTEST: _____
Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

Office of the County Counsel

#	CA or FED	Org	Bill	Category	Lead Author	Summary	Next Steps	Status	Alignment
1	CA	CLWC	AB 1287	Gender Equity	Bauer-Kahan	Eliminates the gender-based price differences applied to identical products, commonly known as the "Pink Tax."	Get Commission authorization Determine Who to Advocate to (State reps, Fed Reps, BOS, CA Women's Commission, Committees, Author) Confirm with County Counsel that we can do all this	Active Bill - Passed both houses In Committee Process. Passed the assembly, read for the first time in the Senate and moved to the Committee on Rules for assignment as of 1/27/22 04/05/22: In Senate, not referred to any committees 8/18/22: passed the Assembly and is active on the Senate floor ordered for a third reading. 9/1/2022: Passed both houses and was sent for enrollment	gender equity
2	CA	CLWC	AB 925	Health & Safety	Dahle	Increases the availability and affordability of Acute Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Medical Forensic/Evidentiary Examinations for victims of sexual assault. The bill will allocate \$6.7 million annually from the General Fund to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the purpose of providing full reimbursement to providers that perform these exams.	Get Commission authorization Determine Who to Advocate to Confirm with County Counsel	Active Bill - In Committee Process. Passed the assembly, read for the first time in the Senate, moved through the Committee on Rules, the Committee on Public Safety, then to the Committee on Appropriations. Hearing was postponed on 7/12/21. 04/05/22: In Senate Appropriations Committee 7/12/22: Passed the Assembly and is in the Senate Appropriations Committee with hearing postponed. 9/7/2022: No change since July - may be stuck in committee	sexual assault
3	CA	CA Women's Caucus	N/A	State Budget	CA Women's Caucus	Fund \$2 billion for childcare, specifically, funds to expand the number of children served by 200,000, implement child care reimbursement rate reform, waive family fees for all families, and modernize the administration of child care programs.	Letter sent to State representatives and the BOS	04/05/22: The \$2 billion for childcare is in both the Senate and Assembly: Senate Budget Subcommittees #1 (Education) and #3 (Health and Human Services), Assembly Budget Subcommittees #1 (Education) and #2 (Health and Human Services).	economic security
4	CA	CA Women's Caucus	N/A	State Budget	CA Women's Caucus	Fund a one-time appropriation of \$310 million, over three years, for targeted job training for women, including re-training and job placement services. The funds requested include \$20 million to increase women's employment in apprenticeship programs and nontraditional occupations by providing grants to labor and community-based workforce training organizations. Another \$275 million would fund child care provider apprenticeship programs and elder care training. The final \$15 million would fund the Department of Social Services CalFresh Employment and Training Program for safety net beneficiaries, the large majority of whom are women and families.	Letter sent to State representatives and the BOS	4/5/22: The \$310 million for workforce is just in the health and human services committees - Senate #3 and Assembly #2	economic security
5	CA	CA Women's Caucus	SB 914	Homeless Equity	Rubio	This bill, called the Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations or HELP Act, requires cities, counties, and continuums of care (CoCs) receiving state funding to include within the vulnerable populations that receive homeless services and housing delivery: families, people fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, and unaccompanied women; requires cities, counties and CoCs to work with victim service providers to incorporate specified data into their homelessness plans and response and into state and local homeless data systems; and, requires the Interagency Council on Homelessness, by January 1, 2025, to establish initial goals to prevent and end homelessness among domestic violence survivors, their children and unaccompanied women, and update these goals as needed every two years thereafter.	None	Active Bill - Enrolled 04/05/22: Referred to Senate Committee on Housing 8/18/2022: Passed the Senate, is on the 3rd reading in the Assembly 9/6/2022: Enrolled and presented to the Governor	unhoused women

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6	FED	WCPI	HR 6781	Education and Labor	Andy Levin	A bill to permit video or telephone certifications under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children [WIC], and for other purposes.	Get Commission authorization Determine Who to Advocate to Confirm with County Counsel	Active Bill - Introduced 2/18/22. 04/05/22: Referred to House Committee on Education and Labor 8/15/22: No movement. 9/6/2022: No movement	food scarcity/ poverty
7	FED	WCPI	HR 6764	Judiciary	Rep. Rick Crawford	A bill to secure the dignity and safety of incarcerated women.	None	Active Bill - Introduced 2/18/22 04/05/22: Referred to House Committee on Judiciary 8/15/22: No movement. 9/6/2022: No movement	Justice and Gender



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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: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
LOCATION: **Santa Cruz County Government Building (unless held remotely)****
5th Floor Redwood Conference Room
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****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.

2022 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 20, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
February 17, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
March 17, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
April 21, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
May 19, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
June 16, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Canceled
August 18, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
September 15, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
October 20, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
November 17, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined