

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA



Commission for Women

Fiscal Year 2007-2008



Mission Statement

The Commission for Women promotes the well-being and equal status of women in Santa Barbara County.

- Helps women in need;
- Collaborates with other agencies;
- Facilitates, recognizes, and recommends programs;
- Gathers and disseminates information;
- Conducts public hearing;
- Advises the Board of Supervisors.



2006-2009 Goals

Efficient Government

Will create a strategic relationship with the Board of Supervisors and act in a meaningful advisory capacity to the Board, encouraging and supporting them in developing and implementing programs that enhance the status and well-being of women in our county.

Organizational Effectiveness

Will promote the visibility of the commission and its goals and priorities.



2006-2009 Goals

Quality of Life

Will actively advocate for issues impacting women in our community by recruiting, educating, and mobilizing community supporters including leveraging alliances and coalitions with the public and disenfranchised communities and empowering women to advocate for themselves.

Community Health & Safety

Will form effective, on-going collaborations with other community organizations that impact the societal issues that affect the health, well-being, safety, and security of women in our community.



2006-2009 Goals

Citizen Involvement

Will reflect and give voice to the diversity of women in our local community through our activities and Commission membership.

Families and Children

Will be a resource for women to express community concerns about issues affecting children and families.



CFW Public Policy Priorities

2006-2007:

Family Planning
Health Care
Hot Topics

2007-2008:

Violence Against
Women
Women Veterans
Women in Prison

2008-2009:

Violence Against Women
Economic Justice &
Pay Parity
Women & Aging



2007-2008 Accomplishments

Women's Service Award Recognition Program

Recognized one organization from each district that works to help women in the community.



2007-2008 Accomplishments

2008 Service Award Recipients

First District

*New Beginnings
Counseling Center*

Second District

*St. Vincent's
Of Santa Barbara*

Third District

*Support Our Troops
Project*

Fourth District

*Young Educated
Latina Leaders (YELL)
Conference*

Fifth District

*Girl Scouts of
California's Central
Coast*



2007-2008 Accomplishments

Collaboration with other Agencies

Co-Sponsorship Smart Money Conference

-An educational conference on equity and justice for women

Co-Sponsorship Women's Economic Justice Project

-Provided bus transportation to women of the Santa Barbara area to attend the conference

Co-Sponsorship of the Santa Barbara Women's Literary Festival

-A celebration of women writers promoting literacy, diversity, and social justice

-Awarded four scholarships to attend the Literary Festival



2007-2008 Accomplishments

CFW Memberships

- **Association of California Commissions for Women
(ACCW)**
- **California Commission on the Status of Women**
- **National Association of Commission for Women
(NACW)**

2007-2008 Accomplishments

CFW Participation

- **Quarterly & Annual Conferences**
 - California Commission on the Status of Women
 - National Association of Commission for Women
- **California Governor's & First Lady's Conference**
- **Keynote Speakers at the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Santa Barbara Inter-Branch Luncheon**



CFW Community Visibility

CFW Website

www.countyofsb.org/cfw

CFW Resource Guides

KEYT News

Media Coverage of the Friends of the CFW
Welcome Home Luncheon

Community Guest Speakers

at Regular Monthly Meetings including: Rotary Club,
Support Our Troops, Drug Court Program, MUJER
Program



2007-2008 CFW Sponsored Activities

Women's Equality Day Resolution, 2008

- *Presented to the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara and Santa Maria Valley*

Friends of the Commission 'Welcome Home: Honoring Women Veterans Luncheon'

- *Featured Guest Speaker: Barbara Ward, California Office of Women and Minority Veterans*
- *Other Guest Speakers Included: Lois Capps, Congresswoman and Salud Carbajal, Board of Supervisors Chair*

Updated & Reformatted CFW Community Resource Guide

- *Published 5,000 copies since 2005*
- *Distributed to local agencies that service women in need*



2008 Future Opportunities

- Forums on Women's Issues
- Guest Speakers & Collaborations with groups involved with CFW priority issues
- Complete the final year of the CFW Three Year Action Plan



2008 County of Santa Barbara Commission for Women



**Santa Barbara County Commission for
Women
Thanks and Appreciates**

**The County of Santa Barbara
Board of Supervisors
&
EEO Staff**

