



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting Commission for Women (CFW)**

**September 5, 2018 Monthly Meeting**

**I. Call to order**

**A. Roll Call:** Chair Everett called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. The meeting was held at the City of Solvang, City Hall/Council Chambers, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, and was wheelchair accessible. Roll call followed and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

**First District (no vacancies)**

Charlotte Gullap-Moore

**Second District (no vacancies)**

Sigrid Wright

Suzanne Peck

Anna Everett (Chair)

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT (EXCUSED)**

Judi Weisbart (D1)

Victoria Juarez (D1)

Marianne Partridge (D3)

Tami Rabska (D4)

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT (UN-EXCUSED)**

Jaime Marks (D5)

**Third District (no vacancies)**

Tracy Beard

Karen Steinwachs

**Fourth District (2 vacancies)**

**Fifth District (3 vacancies)**

**Public Comment** – No public comment

**Regular Business:**

**Guest Speakers Susan Horn and Vijaya Jammalamadaka, League of Women Voters (LWV), Santa Barbara** presented an historical overview on the LWV which was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920 during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. She stated that the LWV core function is going to large events and training staff on how to register people to vote. She mentioned strategies to get people to register but also to vote as only 48 percent of those registered voted in the California primary elections. She stressed that The League is nonpartisan; neither supporting, nor opposing candidates or political parties, at any level of government.



Ms. Horn said that there is a very active chapter in Ventura, and Santa Barbara, and that North County is beginning to get active and the tri-counties are doing well. Ms. Horn stated that on October 9 propositions and measures will be presented at the Faulkner Gallery Santa Barbara Library and that The League partners with Santa Barbara on National Voter Registration Day, September 25<sup>th</sup>. She suggested that this information be shared with other organizations. Ms. Horn also mentioned that registration forums are available at all meetings and that sixteen and seventeen year olds can pre-register to vote and that there is an option to make a vote by mail request. When asked by Commissioners how they could help out, Ms. Horn suggested learning how to register by filling out a mock form. She also recommended making posters to encourage voters to register at events and to sign pledges as people are more likely to vote when they do this. Ms. Horn left many forms and information brochures on common mistakes for registering to vote and the voter Bill of Rights with Commissioners in attendance.

**July 31, 2018 Minutes:** Commissioner Beard made a motion to accept the minutes with the addition of the mention that Commissioners voted to support the Veteran’s Stand Down allocating \$800 to this project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peck and approved with one abstention with the removal of the last sentence from her check-in comments.

**Voter Engagement Collaboration:** Chair Everett said that there is the possibility of collaboration and partnership with the LWV 2019-20 in preparation for the 2020 Women’s Suffrage and that thought should be given to how to register farmworkers that are eligible to vote.

**National Association of Commission for Women (NACW) Report:** Highlights were provided by Chair Everett and Commissioner Beard who attended this event. They mentioned that workshops were very dynamic on addressing diversity in the workplace, Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson’s pay equality taskforce panel discussion as a proactive approach to effective policy implementation, the Voices of America training program offered by NACW which can be replicated, the Human trafficking video that was shown which can be duplicated nationally and statewide, supporting the hiring process for LGBT through training, advocating and lobbying, the Stem/Technology program with discussions as to how to get more women involved, job placement for retired military women who wish to transition to a civilian role and advocating for women in office through campaigns. Commissioner Beard stated that the NACW 2020 meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. Commissioners Everett and Beard were happy to announce that the Santa Barbara Commission for Women received NACW’s national achievement award for the UCSB Commission for Women’s “Women Speak Up” events. The events were deemed important and could be replicated across the nation.

**2018-19 Work Plan:** Commissioner Beard mentioned that the Commission for Women should consider duplicating the screening of the human trafficking video presented at the NACW, and that partnership could possibly occur with San Luis Obispo’s Women’s Commission. Chair Everett said co-partnering for the film screening of “I am Evidence” is scheduled to take place in May and that the film “Audrey and Daisy” will not be shown as the co-sponsor the Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee decided to



go in a different direction. As a beneficial empowerment event, Commissioner Wright felt that the Commission should meet with executive leaders in the County in an informational session so that women and men leaders could become familiar with the work of the Commission for Women. As more information was required to make a decision on this project, the commission decided to revisit this topic at the October meeting. Chair Everett also recommended that Commissioners come prepared with nominations of 2018-19 service awards for district, group and individuals at the next month's meeting.

**Veteran's Stand Down:** Commissioner Beard confirmed that the Veteran's Stand Down will be held on October 20, 2018. She agreed to do voter registration at the Veteran's Stand Down and that a table will be available onsite to sign up veterans to vote. She also mentioned that TV Santa Barbara will be filming and editing videos of the veterans and that this could be submitted as a project for NACW. She stated that two camera crews will be doing interviews for 3 to 5 minutes at a time and that TVSB will produce a 45 minute documentary. Commissioner Beard said that Direct Relief kits will be handed-out to veterans at Stand Down and that everyone is required to sign a release form before being recorded on video. She asked Commissioners to submit a list of questions that should be included in the questionnaire for veterans. Also mentioned was that Founders of the Veterans Stand Down will be honored with a glass plaque at the event and with a resolution at the November BOS Hearing.

**Public screening update on "Pass the Mic" film: Sexual Health Education video project:** Commissioner Peck will meet with Kathy Sims from Santa Barbara Foundation for funding on this film during the last week of September.

**CFW Final Ad-Hoc Committees & Descriptions:** No action

**Commissioner Activity Reports:**

**Jaime Marks, D5, Commissioner Termination Letter to Supervisor Lavagnino** will be drafted by Chair Everett. **Mandy Willet, D4, Commissioner Appointment Recommendation** was made by Vice-Chair Steinwachs who provided a background on the interested candidate. It was agreed that Commissioner Steinwachs and Beard will speak with Supervisor Adam and follow up with Ms. Willet on the application process.

**District Community Service Awards:** For District One Chair Everett asked Commissioners to give thought to whom they would like to recognize for First and Second Responder awards from the Montecito debris mud slides.

**Admin items:** Ms. Fitzwilliam mentioned that it is noted on the Board of Supervisors long range calendar that the Commission for Women will give their annual review presentation on November 6<sup>th</sup> and that she will prepare the Board Letter for this. She also stated that the same day a CEDAW resolution will go before the Board of Supervisors for approval. She also said that the two event founders will be CFW community honorees to be acknowledged with resolutions recognizing their service to the Veteran's Stand Down.



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**Other Items (Questions, Comments & Announcements):** Commissioner Beard participated in a **webinar workshop titled, “Ending Violence against Indigenous Women,”** in early August. Commissioners Gullap-Moore and Beard attended ADL and The Women’s Commission and the Santa Ynez Valley Chambers of Commerce Anti-Bias training workshop on August 28th. Commissioner Gullap-Moore reported that more than \$1.2 million healthcare dollars is misspent because of implicit bias related to childbirth, Cencal and welfare recipients. Commissioners agreed to invite Jan Campbell from Domestic Violence Solutions to speak at a future meeting in December or January. Commissioner Peck mentioned that she was attending a collaborative meeting in Santa Barbara between Pacific Pride and Coalition Against Hate on September 6.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

**Special Meeting:** October 3, 2018 from 4 to 6 pm at the County of Santa Barbara, 105 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Per Commissioner’s request, George Chapjian, Director of Community Services Department and his division heads, will be in attendance at this meeting.