



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 6:30-8:30pm

1. **Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**
2. **Swearing in of New Commissioners by Supervisor Noelia Corzo**
3. **Roll Call**
  - a. **Commissioners Present:** Julissa Acosta, Aileen Cassinetto, Anya Drabkin, Ann Girard, LaSaundra Gutter, Natalie Handel, Jess Hudson, Susan Kokores, Melissa Lukin, Aysha Pamukcu, Ellen Tafeen (left early, no vote on #10), Susan Takalo, Maya Tussing, Anisha Weber, Cate Warden, Candra Williams (late, vote only on #10)  
Staff: Tanya Beat, Jacki Rigoni  
Absent: Sue Datta, Cheryl Fama, Nirmala Bandrapalli  
Guests: Supervisor Corzo, Linda Wolin

4. **Public Comment** – none

5. **Action to Set Agenda and Approve Consent Agenda Items**  
Motion to approve by Susan Kokores. Seconded by Anisha Weber. Approved.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

6. **Adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.**
7. **Approval of January Minutes** (action under Consent)

#### REGULAR AGENDA

8. **President Pine's Priorities for 2023** - Linda Wolin, Chief of Staff
  - Process: BOS retreat; creation of sub-committees, study sessions on specific issues, formalize board rotation policy
  - Re-evaluation of Measure K funding and resources
  - Policy Objectives: sea-level rise, climate issues and assets, children and youth, childcare, mental health, reduce gun violence, homelessness, continue supporting economic recovery from COVID, equity and social justice, support of reproductive rights, LGBTQ+ visibility,
  - Update on Reproductive Rights Advocacy Plan started in 2022. Funds to Planned Parenthood in San Mateo; SMC joined Bay Area Abortion Rights Coalition
  - Priorities that came from BOS Retreat: Affordable Housing, Children and Youth, Emergency Services, and Data so that they can make data-driven decisions.
  - Top issues for study sessions: affordable housing and data, mental health, children and youth, emergency services, Fentanyl crisis, response to fire, social determinants of health, other opportunities to pursue equity or how to support the Equity Office, law enforcement oversight, universal basic income, addressing poverty, streamlining building permit processes.

- **Q&A:** What is [Measure K](#) (half cent sales tax; 10 years old)? Learn more from the [Measure K Oversight Committee report and download the report and presentation](#) from the Feb 28, 2023 BOS Meeting.
- **Q&A:** Are there any specific issues you want to address under the general topic of children and youth? What is the best way for the CSW to engage with the BOS? Supervisor Corzo shared that they have yet to get into specifics with all the issues. For engagement, Jacki Rigoni will be the staff person to attend meetings and represent Sup. Corzo (as a starting place). CSW members are welcome to contact the Supervisors at any time of course.

## 9. Supervisor Corzo - Vision

- **Personal Story:** became a mom at 20 years old and now her son is 12. She was attending SFSU at the time. She got involved with her son's schools and was on the San Mateo Foster City School Board for five years. She received her degree in Sociology and started working with foster youth. Then worked in community organizing with Faith in Action and then was a social worker for Golden Gate Regional Center.
- **Vision:** Diversity in Leadership is very important. Having safety net services helps people feel empowered and have agency which strengthens goal-setting and creating lasting change for the entire community.
- Want to be transparent, accountable and creating access for people; and do that through strong community engagement.

## 10. 2023 Meetings

- **Hybrid Meeting announcement:** The County is allowing hybrid meetings. Tanya is still checking on what that looks like for Commissioners and members of the public and if they are different. Specifically, what do commissioners have to do in order to meet virtually and not post their home address?
- **Locations and Time Change (action)** – Motion to revise CSW meeting time to 6:00-8:00pm by Ann Girard. Seconded by Maya Tussing. Approved.

**\*The Group agreed to remove the Wellness Break**

## 11. REPORTS:

- Youth Commission – they cede their time for agenda item #12

## 12. Retreat Preparation (presentation)

- Collected feedback. Had meetings with Commissioners to gather information.
- CSW Mission
- Proposed Theme of economic empowerment (see mtg materials)
  - Financial Gap
  - Childcare and Early Learning Access
  - Small Businesses
- Feedback from Commissioners:
  - All topics were clear and important;
  - Interested in universal guaranteed income; poverty, emergency services
  - Ensuring that we are supporting women in accessing retirement security
  - Financial literacy for youth and tools for parents
  - How can we elevate youth and specifically girls' needs under these areas?
  - Providing more support to child care owners so they can increase wages and adding staff which increase slots for kids. Staff need educated.

- vii. Are there best practices from other counties that we could mimic?
- viii. Where are the bright spots here in SMC that are working? Example: Universal preschool and a living wage is an example in SSF
- ix. Connect the BOS priorities to what we want to focus on.
- x. How do we provide resources that helps women-owned businesses? Info could be loans, grants, training
- xi. Prioritizing women-owned businesses in procurement – their product, service

### **13. Commissioner Announcements:**

- CORA looking for space, April event, 50 people or so. Contact Maya to share venue.
- Immigrant Youth Scholarship: \$1000 When the info is available, it will be provided.
- ReBuild Together needs team captains for the national rebuilding day in April. Please let Melissa Lukin now if you have referrals.
- Coastside Victims Funds is still open – through City of HMB. Goes directly to victims' families.

Future announcements: please provide a website and flyer so that an email can be sent out for outreach. You can email the group – just bcc everyone.

### **14. Adjournment**

The **Commission on the Status of Women Group agree** to arrive on time/start on time; take turns speaking; speak loud enough for everyone to hear; be courteous of other opinions; listen to hear a different perspective than your own; mute phones; allow the chair to guide the process; Chair will check in about remaining time at 8:15 PM.

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