



# Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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## Special Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, July 30, 2020  
TIME: 6:00 to 7:00 PM  
LOCATION: Remote meeting  
PRESENT: Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> District), Theresa Cariño (Co-Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> District), Carrie Beaton (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Maryanne Campbell (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Maria Boutell (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Luci Basor (4<sup>th</sup> District), Jenny Sarmiento (4<sup>th</sup> District), Sheila De Lany (5<sup>th</sup> District), Rachel Bickert (5<sup>th</sup> District)  
EXCUSED: None  
ABSENT: Laurel Schonfield (2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*), Sarah Husin (*Research Intern*)  
GUESTS: Juan Hidalgo (*Agricultural Commissioner*), Irene O'Connell and Maria Ramos Bracamonte (*Campesinx Womb Care*), Rosemary Brogan (*Cabrillo College Women's History Professor*), Janet Allinger (*Artist*), Emily Aranda (*Artist*) Jan Carter (*Artist*), Ria Devine (*Artist*), Priscilla Martinez (*Artist*), Jasmine Simone (*Artist*), Jenni Veich-Olson (*Planned Parenthood*)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:03 PM.

**Motion to approve meeting agenda**

Motion/Second: De Lany/Cariño

**Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Review and Approve June 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: De Lany/Beaton

**Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Correspondence

None.

4. Public Comment:

Veich-Olson summarized Planned Parenthood service delivery in pandemic conditions. Seventy percent of services are now being delivered via telehealth, with the remaining being either curbside pickup or office visits with social distancing protocols.

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. Commission COVID-19 Response

5.1.1. County Agricultural Commissioner Report

Hidalgo reported that his office has been working with community partners since April on a coordinated COVID-19 response to support the farm-working community. A surplus of constantly changing information available, often conflicting or vague, is contributing to apathy or confusion in the

community's response to disease prevention protocols. Support efforts include PPE distribution, wage replacement, rental assistance, and food distribution. Next steps will include providing additional testing, isolation housing, and further financial support. Commission is asked to share information with their community.

5.1.2. *The Campesinx Womb Care Project*

O'Connell and Bracamonte summarized the *Capesinx Womb Care Project's* COVID-19 response efforts. The project is partnering with the *Center for Farmworker Families* to distribute more than 150 care packages per month containing feminine hygiene supplies, masks, and soap. Many of the recipients are undocumented. Financial support and donations of sustainable, washable feminine hygiene supplies, nursing bras, baby clothes, cloth diapers, and hand sanitizer are all needed.

5.2. 2020 Women's Suffrage Art Wall

5.2.1. Brogan is working with staff to develop a local women's suffrage timeline emphasizing how diverse cultural influences contributed to the success of the movement in California and Santa Cruz specifically. Santa Cruz actually voted in favor of women's suffrage in 1896, but the State of California overrode that decision.

5.2.2. Allinger, Aranda, Carter, Devine, Martinez and Simone presented their re-imagined women's suffrage posters which have been updated to reflect the diversity of our community and the importance of votes from marginalized groups. Commission offered feedback and suggested that the Commission on Disabilities also review the poster representing women with disabilities for their feedback as well.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*