



# Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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## Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020  
Time: 6:00 to 7:30 PM

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and pursuant to the provisions of the governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued March 17, 2020, 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:

### TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

**United States: 1 (571) 317-3116**

United States (Toll Free): 1 (866) 899-4679

**Access Code: 934-969-061**

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## AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approve *July 30, 2020 Special 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. Continuing Business/Action Items:
  - 5.1. Commission COVID-19 Response
    - 5.1.1. *Lideres Campesinas - Women Farmworker Leadership Network*  
Irene de Barraicua, *Public Relations Manager*
  - 5.2. Black Lives Matter Movement Letter of Support
6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees
  - 6.1. Co-Chairs Report
  - 6.2. Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG) Report
  - 6.3. 2020 Suffrage Art Wall Subcommittee Update
  - 6.4. Public Awareness Subcommittee Update
7. Staff Report
8. Adjournment

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM

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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*



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August 20, 2020  
Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors  
701 Ocean Street, Room 500  
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Re: Support for the *Black Lives Matter Movement*

Dear Members of the Board:

The purpose of this letter is to express our formal support for the *Black Lives Matter Movement* and to applaud your continued commitment to anti-racism efforts in Santa Cruz County.

The *Santa Cruz County Women's Commission* is tasked with representing the interests of Santa Cruz County women. To that end, we recognize that not all Santa Cruz County women have equal voices and opportunities yet. As progressive as this County may be, there remain women who continue to be marginalized because of their race or ethnicity. Recent *Black Lives Matter Movement* efforts, including those of local activist Esabella Bonner, have galvanized our own commitment to addressing remaining racial or ethnic disparities impacting the experience of women and their children in Santa Cruz County.

The killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, Ahmaud Arbery, Elijah McClain and countless others highlight the pervasive racism and deeply-rooted social injustice that plague this nation. The institutionalized violence that continues to impact the collective experience of all people of color demands an urgent response. To that end, we join in solidarity with millions of other Americans to take a stand against racism, injustice and hate, particularly as they affect women of color and their children.

Your Board has always demonstrated a commitment to providing equal opportunity, respect and advancement for people of color in Santa Cruz County, including your recent *Resolution declaring Racism as a Public Health Crisis*. Today, we acknowledge your commitment to anti-racism and request your continued support for any local, State or national legislation that also seeks to eliminate and protect against systemic racism and institutionalized violence against people of color.

On behalf of the *Santa Cruz County Women's Commission*, we thank you for your continued support for women of color and their children in Santa Cruz County.

Respectfully,

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Jillian Ritter, *Commission Co-Chair*

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Theresa M. Cariño, *Commission Co-Chair*



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### Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified below, regularly scheduled Women's Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Thursday\*  
MONTH: Every month except July and December  
TIME: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
LOCATION: **Santa Cruz County Government Building\*\***  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Chambers or Redwood Conference Room (see below)  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**\*\*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](http://www.sccwc.org) as soon as information becomes available.

2020 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 16, 2020	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Board Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor
February 20, 2020	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Board Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor
March 19, 2020	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Canceled
April 16, 2020	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Canceled
May 21, 2020	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Canceled
June 18, 2020	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Remote
August 20, 2020	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Remote
September 17, 2020	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Remote
October 15, 2020	6:30 – 8:00 PM	To Be Determined
November 19, 2020	6:30 – 8:00 PM	To Be Determined