



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022
Time: 6:00 to 7:30 PM

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 AND CAL. GOV. CODE 54953, 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:

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approve *November 18, 2021 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. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
 - 5.1. Consider *Women in Leadership for Diverse Representation (WILDR) Partnership*
 - 5.2. Consider *2020-2021 Biennial Report*
 - 5.3. Consider Commission Subcommittee Membership
 - 5.4. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees
 - 6.1. Co-Chairs Report
 - 6.2. 2021 Trailblazers Ad Hoc Subcommittee Update
 - 6.3. Political Participation and Civic Engagement Ad Hoc Subcommittee Update
 - 6.3.1. Political Participation SOWAG Report Update
 - 6.4. Social Media Subcommittee Update
7. Staff Report
8. Adjournment

The next scheduled regular meeting will be on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2021
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote meeting
PRESENT: Jillian Ritter (*Co-Chair, 1st District*), Jennifer Murray (*2nd District*), Maryanne Campbell (*3rd District*), Maria Boutell (*3rd District*), Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (*Co-Chair, 4th District*), Jenny Sarmiento (*4th District*), Sheila De Lany (*5th District*), Rachel Bickert (*5th District*)
EXCUSED: Laurel Schonfield (*2nd District*)
ABSENT: Theresa Cariño (*1st District*)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: Melissa Hartman (Santa Cruz Sentinel) and 2 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:03 PM.

Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion/Second: De Lany/Quiroz-Carter

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Review and Approve October 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: De Lany/Campbell

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence:

Commission reviewed Santa Cruz County position descriptions.

4. Public Comment: None

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. Consider Advocating for Menstrual Equity

Commission discussed recent legislation (AB 367) mandating the provision of menstrual products in California public schools and discussed advocating for similar provisions in County facilities. Hartman, author of a recent Sentinel article on menstrual equity in Santa Cruz County, advised the Commission that Santa Clara County collaborated with community agencies to fund implementation of menstrual equity in their county. Murray will research the specifics that would be involved to be included in an initial advocacy letter to the Board of Supervisors as correspondence at the January 11, 2022 with a long term view to advocating for Supervisor sponsorship elevating the topic to the consent agenda eventually.

Motion authorizing Chairs to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors advocating for menstrual equity in County facilities.

Motion/Second: Boutell/De Lany

Motion passed unanimously.

- 5.2. Consider Women in Leadership for Diverse Representation (WILDR) Partnership Commission reviewed elements of a proposed partnership between the Commission and WILDR. The Political Participation and Civic Engagement Subcommittee would primarily be involved with implementing such a partnership. It was determined that subcommittee membership should be considered during this discussion.

Motion to continue item to the January 2022 meeting and invite representation from WILDR to speak.

Motion/Second: Ritter/Quiroz-Carter

Motion passed unanimously

- 5.3. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings

Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361

Motion/Second: Campbell/Boutell

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

6.1. Co-Chairs Report:

Ritter reported that the County is anticipating a mask mandate in response to a recent upswing in COVID-19 cases.

6.2. *2021 Trailblazers Subcommittee* Update: No Report

6.3. *Political Participation and Civic Engagement Subcommittee* Update: No Report

6.3.1. *Political Participation SOWAG Report* Update: No Report

6.4. *Public Awareness Subcommittee* Update:

Staff reported that Instagram has 460 followers and Facebook has 453 followers.

7. Staff Report

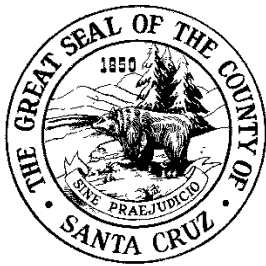
Staff reported that the Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plan is being updated with current data and now includes gender-specific data across all race/ethnicity groups as recommended by the Commission during review.

8. Announcements: None

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



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Santa Cruz County Women's Commission 2020 - 2021 Biennial Report

1. The Role of the Commission

The Women's Commission is an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors on issues affecting women and girls in Santa Cruz County. The Commission was established to:

- a. Advise the Board of Supervisors on matters affecting any current inequalities suffered by citizens of this County
- b. Make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to rectify any such inequalities;
- c. Make available to the public information and resources concerning equal rights and opportunities. The Commission shall also maintain a current file of services and resources useful to the community;
- d. Review Santa Cruz County's equal employment opportunity plan and policies and recommend to the Board of Supervisors and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission any revisions which may be necessary to eliminate employment discrimination against women;
- e. Review Santa Cruz County's rules and job descriptions and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and to the Civil Service Commission, as necessary, to assure that any unnecessary barriers to the employment of women are removed;
- f. Study the present and projected needs of women. Develop comprehensive goals to achieve present solutions and effective future planning;
- g. Review pending Federal and State legislation which would impact upon women and, where appropriate, advise the Board of Supervisors of its recommendations;
- h. Exercise any other responsibilities related to the needs and concerns of women and as set forth in the Commission's bylaws as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

2. Meetings Dates, Time, and Location

Women's Commission regular meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of every month except July and December, from 6:30 until 8:00 PM. During the reporting period, the Commission met remotely or at the County Government Building (701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060).

- During 2020, three regularly scheduled meetings were canceled for health and safety reasons during the pandemic immediately following Governor Newsom's initial Stay-at-Home order, two meetings were canceled for lack of quorum, two meetings were held in person and four meetings were held remotely, including a special meeting in July to address ongoing projects impacted by regular meeting cancellations.

- During 2021, one regularly scheduled meeting was canceled for lack of quorum, and all other meetings were held remotely.

3. Commission Structure

The Women’s Commission is composed of ten voting members; two appointed by each of the five County Supervisors. New officers are elected each year during the April regular meeting.

On December 31, 2021, the Women’s Commission membership was as follows:

District	Commissioners
1 st District	Theresa Cariño Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair)
2 nd District	Laurel Schonfield Jennifer Murray
3 rd District	Maryanne Campbell Maria Boutell
4 th District	Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (Co-Chair) Vacancy
5 th District	Sheila De Lany Rachel Bickert

The Commissioner(s) who completed their terms, resigned, or were replaced during the reporting period were Carrie Beaton, Luci Basor and Jenny Sarmiento. Commissioners who were appointed during the reporting period were Jennifer Murray, Maryanne Campbell, Maria Boutell, Vanessa Quiroz-Carter and Sage Leibenson, who was appointed on January 14, 2020 but resigned her seat before her first meeting. Commissioners Cariño, Ritter, Schonfield, Murray, De Lany and Bickert were reappointed during the reporting period.

In April 2020, Jillian Ritter and Theresa Cariño were elected Co-Chairs. In April 2021, Jillian Ritter and Vanessa Quiroz-Carter were elected Co-Chairs.

4. Commission Staff

Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*) staffed the Commission for the entirety of the reporting period.

Between Commissions meetings, County Staff was available by phone, email, or in person for information and referrals. The County EEO Commissions Office is located in the County Government Center (701 Ocean Street, Room 510, Santa Cruz, CA 95060).

5. Attendance

Please see attached *Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission 2020-2021 Attendance Report*.

6. Commission Activities and Accomplishments

The Commission’s priorities and subsequent activities are determined by the Commission’s mandate and emerging needs as expressed by the community and identified by the Commissioners.

During the reporting period, Commissioners conducted the following business:

- Held fourteen regular meetings and one special meeting, including thirteen remote meetings

- Increased Commission social media outreach via Facebook and Instagram
- Maintained a current, informative Commission website to support Commission outreach and advocacy efforts
- Reviewed new County position descriptions as they became available
- Received reports and reviewed correspondence from members of the public about issues of interest to women in Santa Cruz County

During the reporting period, Commissioners monitored the following emerging issues:

- 2020 Election civic engagement and voter participation particularly with women representing underrepresented groups.
- County Covid-19 Homeless response including the establishment of the Shelter & Care Task Force, emergency shelters, quarantine, testing and vaccination efforts.
- County COVID-19 rates, vaccine distribution and County and community pandemic response efforts, particularly as they related to unsheltered women and women in the farm-working community
- CZU Lightning Complex wildfire impact, aftermath and County response efforts including reports from the EOC Liaison on the development of a County Emergency Operations Center and Recovery Resource Center, permitting efforts, and potential debris flow evacuation.

During the reporting period, Commissioners participated in the following events/activities:

- 2020 Election District 5 Candidate Forum
- Association of California Commissions for Women Annual Bootcamp event
- August 2021 Monarch Femicide Informational Event
- Commission Chairs were interviewed on the KSQD radio program “Talk of the Bay” representing the Commission
- COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall Events
- October 2021 Diverse Representation Forum.
- Party with a Purpose Monarch Services Fundraiser (activity)
- Valley Women’s Club activities
- Virtual Redistricting Community Meetings
- Watsonville International Women’s Day Celebrations in 2020 and 2021

During the reporting period, the Commission heard reports on the following community agencies, County programs, and other organizations of interest to women:

- Annrae Angel (Defense Attorney and Superior Court Judicial Candidate) on the importance of civic engagement and political representation for women in Santa Cruz County
- Co-Chair Jillian Ritter (EOC Liaison and Recovery Resource Center Manager) on County CZU Wildfire status, impact, and recovery efforts
- Co-Chair Theresa Cariño on the Justice and Gender Task Force and subsequent establishment of the Santa Cruz County Justice and Gender Commission
- Commissioner Rachel Bickert on State Senators’ office assistance for women having difficulty receiving their EDD benefits
- Dr. Gail Newel (County Health Officer) as part of the Women and Homelessness speaker series
- Dr. Robert Ratner (County Director of Housing for Health) on County efforts to address homelessness

- Irene de Barraicua on *Lideres Campesinas* (Women Farmworker Leadership Network) COVID-19 response efforts for women in the farmworker community
- Irene O’Connell and Maria Ramos Bracamontes on the *Campesinx Womb Care Project’s* COVID-19 response efforts for women in the farmworker community
- James Russel (County Behavioral Health) as part of the Women and Homelessness speaker series
- Jenni Veich-Olson (Planned Parenthood) on Planned Parenthood service delivery and access to women’s reproductive health care during the pandemic.
- Juan Hidalgo, (County Agricultural Commissioner) on County COVID-19 response in the agricultural community
- Kim Walker (*Santa Clara County SART Program Manager*) as part of the Women and Homelessness speaker series
- Nancy Breneau (Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women and Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) member) reported on recent and upcoming activities of both organizations.
- Patricia Fernandez-Torres (Executive Director, Girls Inc., of the Central Coast) on Girls Inc., membership, activities and impact
- Rosemary Brogan (Cabrillo Women’s History Professor) on the important role that diversity played in California’s early adoption of women’s suffrage
- Sarah Leonard (Mental Health Client Action Network) as part of the Women and Homelessness speaker series
- Sven Stafford, County Administrative Analyst, on the status of the County’s Operational Plan development including specific information on equity principles and the County’s commitment to embedding equity into objectives and strategic goals.
- Sylvia Nieto (*County Victims Services Program Manager*) as part of the Women and Homelessness speaker series
- Tory Del Favero (US Census Bureau) on 2020 Census data collection and community outreach efforts

7. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

During the reporting period, Commissioners served on or were affiliated with the following commissions or organizations:

- 100 Women Who Care
- Bonny Doon Neighbors
- Boulder Creek Business Association
- Coalition Against Human Trafficking
- Democratic Women’s Club of Santa Cruz County
- Highlands Park Senior Center
- Model United Nations of the Far West, Inc.
- Salud y Cariño
- San Lorenzo Rotary Club
- Santa Cruz County Community Coalition to Overcome Racism (SCCCOR)
- Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center
- Santa Cruz Women’s March

- Valley Women’s Club
- Women in Leadership for Diverse Representation (WILDR)

8. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEES

During the reporting period, the Commission authorized the following subcommittees to conduct business within their subject matter jurisdiction:

Executive Committee

Consists of Commission Co-Chairs and two executive members and is convened as needed to strategize on issues related to overall Commission development (e.g., Commission Retreat planning, etc.). As of December 31, 2021 subcommittee members included Co-Chairs Ritter and Quiroz-Carter and Executive Member Schonfield.

Ad Hoc Community Outreach Subcommittees

Subcommittees tasked with raising the Commission’s public profile in the Community and sharing information to advance the interests of women in Santa Cruz County

Social Media Subcommittee

Authorized to maintain the Commission’s social media accounts. As of December 31, 2021, subcommittee members included Commissioners Bickert, Cariño, Boutell and Campbell

Art Wall Subcommittee

Authorized to design and install an annual community art wall in the County Building. As of December 31, 2021, subcommittee members included Commissioners Campbell, Ritter, Cariño, and Boutell.

Trailblazer Awards Subcommittee

Authorized to plan and implement the Commission’s semi-annual Trailblazer Awards Ceremony, including recommending awardees to the Commission and planning the presentation of awards, and coordinating with the Art Wall Subcommittee as needed to celebrate awardees with an exhibit whenever possible. As of December 31, 2021, subcommittee members included Commissioners Campbell, Ritter, Cariño and Boutell.

Community Resource and Partner Database Subcommittee

Authorized to collect, vet, curate and share resources with the community and to establish and maintain a community partner database for collaborative purposes. As of December 31, 2021, Co-Chair Ritter was the only subcommittee member.

Ad Hoc Advocacy Subcommittees

Subcommittees tasked with advocating for the advancement of women’s interests in Santa Cruz County

Political Participation and Civic Engagement Subcommittee

Authorized to advocate for and promote the political participation and civic engagement of women in Santa Cruz County, to stimulate women’s interest in candidacy, identify barriers to women running for office, educate young women on the political process and identify partner organizations. As of December 31, 2021, subcommittee members included Commissioners Bickert, Schonfield, De Lany and Quiroz-Carter.

Policy and Legislation Subcommittee

Authorized to review policies and legislation and bring advocacy opportunities to the Commission for consideration. As of December 31, 2021, subcommittee members included Commissioners De Lany, Schonfield, and Ritter.

COVID-19 Response Subcommittee

Authorized to monitor County and community pandemic response efforts in support of disproportionately impacted women and families and to bring advocacy and impact opportunities to the Commission for consideration. As of December 31, 2021 subcommittee members included Commissioners Cariño and Bickert.

Black Lives Matter/Anti-Racism Subcommittee

Authorized to monitor County anti-racism efforts and bring opportunities for advocacy related to race/ethnicity to the Commission for consideration. As of December 31, 2021, subcommittee members included Commissioners Schonfield, Boutell and Campbell.

Ad Hoc Status of Women and Girls Subcommittees (SOWAG)

Subcommittees tasked with monitoring issues related to the broad categories established by the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls

Homelessness Subcommittee

Authorized to monitor the status of women experiencing homelessness in Santa Cruz County and bring opportunities for education, advocacy and impact to the Commission for consideration. As of December 31, 2021, subcommittee members included Commissioners Cariño, Ritter, Schonfield, and De Lany.

Economic Justice Subcommittee

Authorized to monitor financial disparities impacting women in Santa Cruz County and bring opportunities for education, advocacy and impact to the Commission for consideration. As of December 31, 2021, subcommittee members included Commissioners De Lany, Schonfield and Quiroz-Carter

9. COMMISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

During the reporting period, Commissioners took the following actions to address emerging issues:

- Actively recruited for Commissioners to fill vacant seats, resulting in all seats being filled for the majority of the reporting period.
- Completed and submitted the updated healthcare section of the SOWAG report to the Board of Supervisors
- Promoted participation in the 2020 Census, particularly with difficult-to-count groups
- Promoted women's civic engagement and voter participation, particularly for women in underrepresented groups during the 2020 elections
- Continued to monitor development of the County's Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plans
- Continued to expand the community partner database for outreach and collaboration efforts
- Reviewed the County's Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plan and provided detailed feedback
- Reviewed a draft of the County's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Employee Survey to provide feedback
- Advocated for Board of Supervisors support for the Equal Rights Amendment
- Advocated with the Board of Supervisors in support of 2020 Census participation
- Joined the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW)

- Voted to join the Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) when they begin accepting new memberships
- Discussed the impact that growing up in a culture that primarily recognizes men in its naming conventions (schools, hospitals, parks, etc.) has had on the aspirations of girls and women.
- Began research into the feasibility of implementing the same menstrual equity standards in County facilities as those provided for California schools in Assembly Bill 367

During the reporting period, the Commission participated in the following special projects:

- Designed a new logo for the 2021 Trailblazers project and established new award categories including Economic Justice Leadership, Crisis Response Leadership, Anti-Racism Leadership, Cultivating Youth Leadership, and the Phoenix Award recognizing women who lead despite significant challenges. Nominations were solicited, awardees and a hybrid in-person/virtual event was planned but ultimately cancelled for health and safety reasons during the pandemic. Awardees will be presented with their awards once it becomes safe to congregate again
- Hosted the *Women and Homelessness Speaker Series* although it was suspended early in 2020 for health and safety reasons during the pandemic.
- Celebrated the 2020 Centennial Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage with a multi-wall exhibit in the County Building. The “Be The Voice” art wall featured six commissions works of art from six local women artists re-creating vintage suffrage posters with modern, inclusive imagery depicting issues that continue to impact marginalized groups. The “Voices Through Time” timeline (in collaboration with Rosemary Brogan, Cabrillo Women’s History Professor) explored 100 years of California’s diverse history which proved foundational to California’s early adoption of women’s suffrage and created the momentum needed to support adoption of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. The exhibit remained open to the public for four months and a virtual tour of both the art wall and the timeline remain available on the Commission’s website.
- Completed the *Status of Women and Girls Report: Health Care Section Update*, a high-level review of the status of health care for women and girls in Santa Cruz County that draws on data from multiple national, State and local data sources including interviews with key stakeholders in the medical community, reports from 16 community partners, and articles and data from 40 additional sources. County Staff worked with Santa Clara University interns to collect and analyze data summarizing key health care issues for women and girls in Santa Cruz County.

10. FUTURE GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In the coming year, the Women’s Commission will endeavor to accomplish the following:

- Update and submit the Political Participation section of the SOWAG report to the Board of Supervisors
- Present Trailblazers Awards to community members who advance the interests of Santa Cruz County women and girls
- Design and install a community art wall exhibit celebrating 2022 Trailblazers awardees
- Continue the *Women and Homelessness Speaker Series*

- Update Commission Bylaws to reflect changes in procedure and changes to Brown Act notice requirements, as well as consistency of language where appropriate
- Continue to monitor development of the County Equal Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plan
- Further develop our community partner outreach database and develop an easily accessible library of resources for women in Santa Cruz County

In the coming year, the Women’s Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

- Actively recruit to fill the Commission vacancies in District 3 and District 4
- Provide policy leadership requiring that all County data and data provided by County-funded organizations (as a condition of grant-funding) be disaggregated by gender so that gender disparities in services and outcomes can be identified and addressed
- Policy leadership and prioritize policies, programs and legislation designed to address racial/ethnic disparities and inequities impacting women in Santa Cruz County
- Address the scarcity of changing stations and restroom stall high chairs in County restrooms

Approved by the Women’s Commission on January 20, 2022 at their regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Vanessa Quiroz-Carter
Co-Chair, Women’s Commission

January 20, 2022

 Date

 Jillian Ritter
Co-Chair, Women’s Commission

January 20, 2022

 Date

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION

2020 ATTENDANCE REPORT

District/ Supervisor	Commissioner	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020	Aug 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020		
1 st District Supervisor John Leopold	Theresa Cariño Co-Chair	P	P	MEETING CANCELED DUE TO PANDEMIC	MEETING CANCELED DUE TO PANDEMIC	MEETING CANCELED DUE TO PANDEMIC	P	P	MEETING CANCELED - LACK OF QUORUM	P	MEETING CANCELED - LACK OF QUORUM	P	NO MEETING SCHEDULED		
	Jillian Ritter Co-Chair	P	P				E	P		P		E			
2 nd District Supervisor Zach Friend	Carrie Beaton	P	E				P	P		P		P		A	P
	Laurel Schonfield	P	E				P	A		E		A			
3 rd District Supervisor Ryan Coonerty	Maryanne Campbell	-	P				P	P		P		P		P	P
	Maria Boutell	-	P				P	P		P		P			
4 th District Supervisor Greg Caput	Luci Basor	P	P				E	P		A		-			
	Jenny Sarmiento	E	P				E	P		P		P			
5 th District Supervisor Bruce McPherson	Sheila De Lany	P	P				P	P		P		P		E	P
	Rachel Bickert	-	E				P	P		P		P		P	

Attendance: P=Present A=Absent E=Excused (-) = Not Seated

2021 ATTENDANCE REPORT

District/ Supervisor	Commissioner	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	Aug 2021	Sept 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021		
1 st District Supervisor Manu Koenig	Theresa Cariño	P	P	P	P	MEETING CANCELED - LACK OF QUORUM	P	NO MEETING SCHEDULED	P	E	P	A	NO MEETING SCHEDULED		
	Jillian Ritter Co-Chair	P	P	P	P		p		P	P	E	P			
2 nd District Supervisor Zach Friend	Carrie Beaton	A	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-		-	-
	Laurel Schonfield	P	P	E	P		A		E	P	A	E			
	Jennifer Murray	-	-	-	P		E		P	P	E	P			
3 rd District Supervisor Ryan Coonerty	Maryanne Campbell	P	P	P	E		E		P	P	P	P		P	
	Maria Boutell	E	P	P	P		P		P	E	P	P			
4 th District Supervisor Greg Caput	Jenny Sarmiento	P	P	E	P		P		P	P	P	P		-	
	Vanessa Quiroz-Carter - Co-Chair	P	P	P	P		P		P	P	P	P		P	
5 th District Supervisor Bruce McPherson	Sheila De Lany	P	P	P	P		P		P	E	P	P		P	
	Rachel Bickert	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P				

Submitted by:



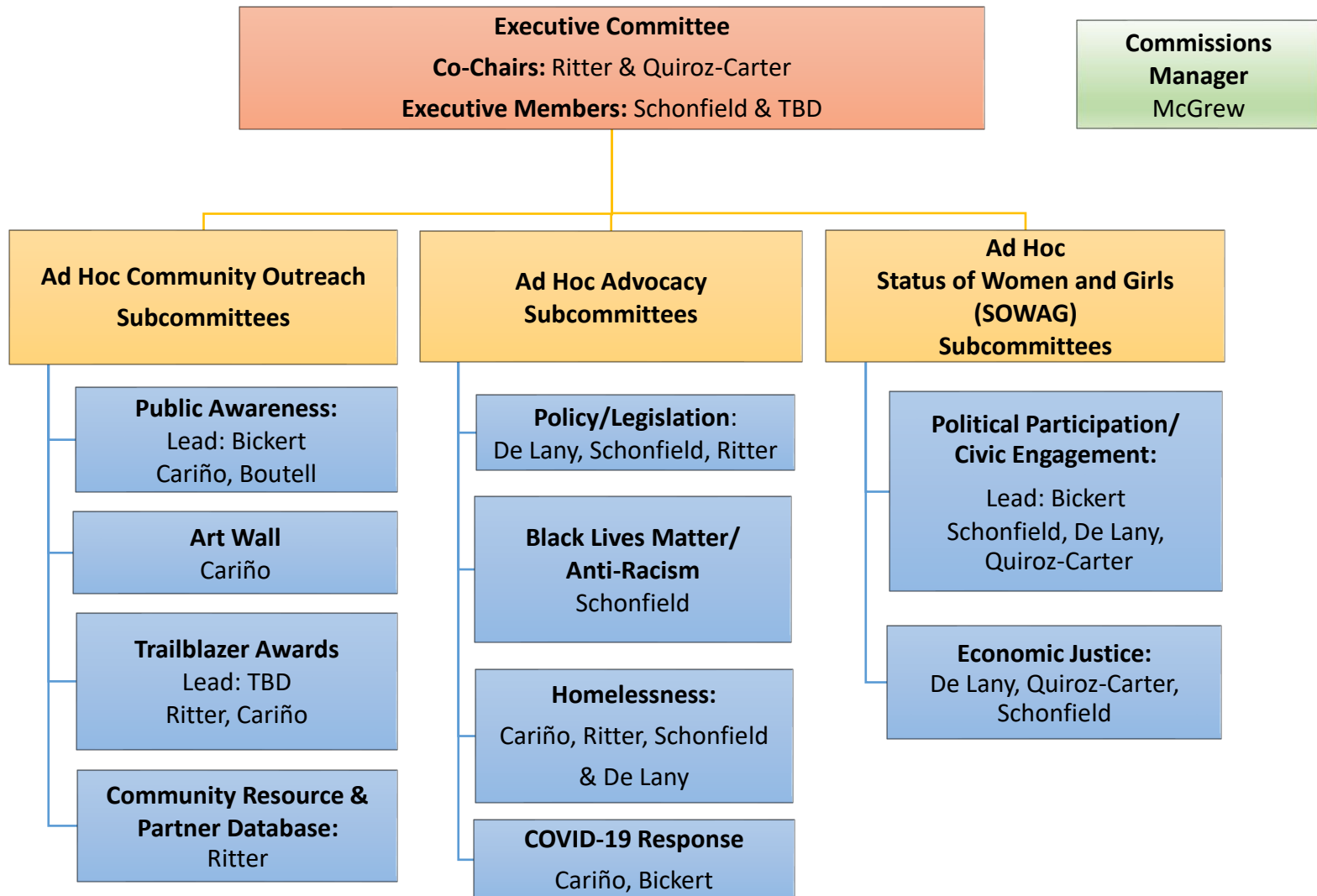
Kaite McGrew
Commissions Manager

December 31, 2021

Date

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

January 13, 2022





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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION'S FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHEREAS, The Santa Cruz County Women's Commission is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2022, The Santa Cruz County Women's Commission held a teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

WHEREAS, this Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission makes the following findings by a majority vote:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission.

Section 2. Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Section 3. No later than thirty (30) days from making today’s findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 20th day of January, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jillian Ritter
Co-Chair, Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission

Vanessa Quiroz-Carter
Co-Chair, Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission

ATTEST: _____
Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

Office of the County Counsel



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Scheduled Meetings

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

DAY: Third (3rd) Thursday*
MONTH: Every month except July and December
TIME: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
LOCATION: **Santa Cruz County Government Building (unless held remotely)****
5th Floor Redwood Conference Room
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 as soon as information becomes available.

2022 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 20, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
February 17, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
March 17, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
April 21, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
May 19, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
June 16, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
August 18, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
September 15, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
October 20, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
November 17, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined