



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 6:30-7:30pm

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call & Introductions

- a. **Commissioners Present:** Becky Abens, Nirmala Bandrapalli, Aeneas Bufiy, Sue Datta, Ann Girard, Melissa Lukin, Ellen Tafeen, Marguerite Machen, Christine Padilla, Karen Pyles, Ei Ei Samai, Susan Kokores, Maya Tussing, Anisha Weber, Manufou Liaiga-Anoai
Staff: Tanya Beat, Juda Tolmasoff
- b. **Absent:** Anya Drabkin, Dana Linda, Cheryl Fama

3. Public Comment

4. Approval and Adoption of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve by Becky Abens, seconded by Anisha Weber. Unanimously approved.

5. Approval of July Meeting Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve by Anisha Weber, seconded by Susan Kokores. Unanimously approved.

6. Community Conversation

- a. Introduction
- b. Poll: What are the top three issues for women in girls in SMC?
 - i. Paying Rent or Mortgage
 - ii. Affordable Child Care
 - iii. Affordable Housing
 - iv. Living Wage
 - v. Mental Health
 - vi. Written in unique comments: voting education; transportation; needs of single mothers; housing for DV survivors
- c. Break out Rooms
- d. Sharing
 - i. Group 1: Rocio, Nirmala, Ligia
 1. Address Disability;
 2. IEP for special needs students; not enough services being provided
 3. bilingual
 - ii. Group 2: Susan, Ei Ei, Juda, Ellen
 1. Climate change – 75% of SMC is open space (fire impact)
 2. Mental wellness

- iii. Group 3: Marguerite, Karen, Tanya
 - 1. Mental Health services are in high demand
 - 2. Housing
- iv. Group 4: Aeneas, Manufou, Anisha, Melissa
 - 1. Childcare in the era of COVID – very needed and impacts families’ economics significantly. What happens if you don’t have it?
 - 2. Elder care and child care at the same time - challenging
- v. Group 5: Becky, Maya, Ann, Sue
 - 1. Mental Health – intersections & layers of trauma and stress. Finding self-care in a time of very little access to relief.
 - 2. Healthcare – affordable and accessibility. How healthcare is tied to employment provides no choices to unemployed. Important to have access to healthcare regardless of employment.

7. 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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