

## RESOLUTION NO.

### RESOLUTION FINDING THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM, MEETING IN PERSON FOR MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES

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**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code section 8625, that a state of emergency exists with regard to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2021, the Governor clarified that the “reopening” of California on June 15, 2021 did not include any change to the proclaimed state of emergency or the powers exercised thereunder, and as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to California Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the state Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 that provides that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet without fully complying with the teleconferencing rules in the Brown Act provided the legislative

body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and further requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every thirty (30) days; and,

**WHEREAS**, California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations

(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>); and,

**WHEREAS**, the CDC has established a “Community Transmission” metric with 4 tiers designed to reflect a community’s COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo currently has a Community Transmission metric of “substantial” which is the second most serious of the tiers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on the Status of Women has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of those who participate in its meetings; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Commission on the Status of Women deems it necessary to find that meeting in person would present imminent risks

to the health or safety of attendees, and thus intends to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing;

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Supervisors strongly encourages all legislative bodies of the County of San Mateo that are subject to the Brown Act, including but not limited to, the Planning Commission, the Assessment Appeals Board, the Civil Service Commission, and all other oversight and advisory boards, committees and commissions established by the Board of Supervisors and subject to the Brown Act, to make a similar finding and avail themselves of teleconferencing until the risk of community transmission has further declined;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The Commission on the Status of Women finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. Staff is directed to return no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution with an item for the Commission on the Status of Women to consider making the findings required by AB 361 in order to continue meeting under its provisions.
4. Staff is directed to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

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**Chances Behind the Moon** by Lauren Lin

Give girls a chance  
That's what they urged

Because, Grandma, 160 millions girls were lost in Asia  
And they say it's because of you  
Your mother  
婆婆 (po po)

When your brothers died  
They say she writhed and hunched  
Into a werewolf howling at the moon  
Screaming to return her sons

In exchange for you

Her daughter

She cannot be trusted  
Wolves in the skin of mothers  
None of them can  
From that land

None of us can

But when I look into the soft brown in your eyes  
I see the stories you wrapped me in to abate the cold  
The crinkle of Vanity Fair napkins for my bleeding nose  
Thick steam from you pot of 种子 to obscure the menacing shapes by the closet

But 160 million girls lost to abortion in Asia

Because of Po Po's howls to the moon  
Her skin shredded to matted, wild fur  
To trade her daughter, you-

Who sat with me beside the piano to teach the butterfly songs of your village  
And brushed my hair before 点心 (dim sum)  
And saved the white chocolates to unwrap together

How can it be that you sprung from a werewolf?

Give girls a chance  
So Po Po cannot be trusted  
Mothers cannot be trusted  
Mothers from the land of the moon  
Mother like you

We don't use the Lunar calendar for a reason.

But Grandma, I can't hear howls from your throat  
Only hums and songs  
Wishes to the moon  
With a mooncake in your palm

You sliced half for me  
And told me to dream.

I never knew Po Po  
But I trust you, Grandma

Why don't they?

Why don't they when a man chased you for your body  
Why don't they when 736 million women flinch under violence  
Why don't they when the most common cause for abortion is caring for others

You cared for me with every butterfly song.

But our mothers cannot be trusted  
You, who speak to the moon  
You, who scheme and conspire for sons in your womb-

Yet you nursed me so tenderly until I couldn't tell the difference between clouds and your wrinkled hands

So when will they hear the songs from your breath  
The stories you wrapped around me

To give girls a chance  
To give me one  
I needed you.

To teach me  
Butterfly notes from you  
Notes to string this poem, to choose

You, who wouldn't trade me for the moon.

So when will they gaze at the stars  
And seize by the reel of their eyes  
The moon  
To not capture the werewolf behind  
But to nurse the girl to choose?



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 6:30-8:30pm

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

- a. **Commissioners Present:** Aileen Cassinetto, Anya Drabkin, Cheryl Fama, Ann Girard, Kelly Keele, Susan Kokores, Melissa Lukin, Karen Pyles. Ellen Tafeen, Maya Tussing, Anisha Weber, Candra Williams  
Staff: Tanya Beat, Juda Tolmasoff  
Absent: Nirmala Bandrapalli, Sue Datta, Christine Padilla, Penelope Stinson, Cate Warden

**3. Public Comment – Robin Roddricks**

**4. Action to Set Agenda and Approve Consent Agenda Items**

Motion by Anisha Weber. Seconded by Anya Drabkin. Approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5. 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.**
- 6. Approval of May 2022 Minutes (action under Consent)**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**7. Discuss, prioritize, and come to consensus on issues for the County Executive Office to include in their SMC Action Plan in Supporting Women’s Reproductive Rights. (discuss & action)**

- Top Four Priorities in order of importance:
  1. Ensuring and securing capacity and resources for reproductive health services in San Mateo County.
  2. Promoting, supporting and participating in collaboration and multi-county work (and state-wide work) for data collection and reporting and collaborating on capacity and services.
  3. Abortion services information and resources on County website and sexual reproductive health information and resources on County website (referenced in AB 1142 for a state website which we could link to and then provide information on local info and services).
  4. Formation of a working group to study the causes of inequities in sexual reproductive health and longer term impact (referenced in AB 2586).
- Motion to send recommendations to CEO for advocacy action plan by Maya Tussing. Seconded by Anisha Weber. Approved.

**8. Director’s Report (discussion and action) –**

- **Action to create summer break**

- i. Have the retreat in July. Could include business at the beginning of the retreat agenda if needed. Proposal to **cancel July CSW Meeting** motioned by Susan Kokores. Seconded by Anisha Weber. Approved.
- **Women's Equality Day discussion and action (Friday, Aug 26)**
  - i. Aileen Cassinetta is working with a group of youth regarding the Nov ballet and "getting out the vote." Working with Filoli who will introduce Aileen to another group, "Register Her." Aileen is also working with Mid-Pen Media Center around marketing this and would love to collaborate with CSW.
  - ii. Previous WED events (via Juda Tolmasoff): networking and speaking events in locations in central to south County.
  - iii. Arts Commission is leading a celebration of the arts, Saturday, August 27 at Central Park in the City of San Mateo. CSW could table or host a rally earlier in the day.
  - iv. Tanya will send an email invitation for a meeting to decide what the CSW will participate in.
- **Retreat Preparation**
  - i. Recommend everyone gets a PCR test (different from the at-home antigen test) the week of the retreat.
  - ii. Highly recommend that participants wear masks.
  - iii. Tanya will email CSW: location, parking placards, agenda with Zoom

## 9. Economic Empowerment Work Plan Review & Projection

- Fellow presenters include Maya Tussing, Susan Kokores, Ann Girard and group members also include Candra Williams, Melissa Lukin and members of the public Carolina Nugent and Bharathi Chinnakotla.
- Tanya will share the EE Progress Report and Presentation to the entire CSW. Tanya is asking Mental Health group, Leadership group & RISE/WHOF group to provide the same report.
- Economic Empowerment (please see report for details).
  - i. 2 years of research on Gender Wealth Gap: different than Gender Income Gap. Difference is what a woman earns versus what a woman owns (assets like home, stocks, bonds, patents, collectibles or a business).
  - ii. Earn less but yet are still expected to care for family (time off or part-time). Less access to benefits, limited access to mortgage credit, carry higher student debt. Less confidence to invest.
- Early Learning and Childcare (please see report for details)
  - i. Learned over the last 2 years how critical this is for women's economic empowerment.
  - ii. Child care Partnership released their 1<sup>st</sup> draft of their needs assessment in SMC and there is a need for at least 3000 new spots.
- Proposed Criteria to address Economic Empowerment Issues:
  - i. How does the project improve women's lives?
  - ii. What does the issue/project look like over 5 years?
  - iii. What data shows the progress made?
  - iv. Which commissioners are supporting the project over the 5 years?
  - v. Is the work being duplicated by another organization?
- Future Project Ideas for Economic Empowerment:
  - i. Create partnerships that provide retirement savings assistance for home care business owners.
  - ii. Increase the number of new childcare businesses
  - iii. Launch Business/organizational award
  - iv. Financial incentives to have more women run for local office

- v. Partner with Leadership Council SMC and bring underserved women to their program

**10. Matters of CSW Interest** - *will pause this item for the August meeting*

**11. 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. Public records that relate to any item on the open session agenda for a regular or special meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women are available for public inspection. Those records that are distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting are available for public inspection at the same time they are distributed to members of the Commission. Those public records are available online and for public inspection at the Human Resources Department located at 455 County Center, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Redwood City, CA 94063 by appointment. The public records may also be transmitted electronically by emailing [tbeat@smcgov.org](mailto:tbeat@smcgov.org) or calling 650-363-4467. **IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**, auxiliary aids and services for this meeting will be provided upon request when given three days' notice. Please call 650-363-4467 (voice) or email [tbeat@smcgov.org](mailto:tbeat@smcgov.org) to make such a request.





# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### Commission on the Status of Women Retreat

Friday, July 15, 8:30am-1:00pm

Room 101, 455 County Center, Redwood City, CA\*

Present: Nirmala Bandrapalli (virtual), Cheryl Fama (virtual), Ann Girard (virtual), Melissa Lukin (virtual), Aileen Cassinetto, Sue Datta, Kelly Keele, Susan Kokores, Karen Pyles, Ellen Tafeen, Anisha Weber, Candra Williams, Juda Tolmasoff, Tanya Beat, Alicia Santamaria (facilitator)

Absent: Anya Drabkin, Christine Padilla, Maya Tussing

### RETREAT Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement (8:30am)
- Roll Call
- Public Comment *is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on any topic that is not on the agenda during this videoconference meeting. If your subject is not on the agenda, the Chair will recognize you at this time. Speakers are customarily limited to two minutes.*
- Approval & Adoption of Agenda  
Motion to approve and adopt the Agenda by Anisha Weber. Seconded by Sue Datta. Approved.
- Retreat Goals, Agenda Review, Group Agreements, Transition to Framing Activity
  - Building a strong and cohesive team now
  - Second retreat that focuses on goals and work plans in Winter 2023
  - Introduction of Alicia Santamaria from [Adelante Coaching](#) and Retreat facilitator
- CliftonStrengths Activity Part 1
  - Commissioners sharing out their top 5 strengths
  - Included a sharing of their photos

### **Break**

- Clifton Strengths Activity Part 2
  - Balconies and Basements
  - Working in partnership with others and on teams
  - Color coding meanings
- Break and Lunch (12:00pm)
- Next Steps and Close
  - Evaluations
  - CSW Mission & purpose of the next Retreat (focus on goals & workplans)



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

- Break down of Mission:
  - Strategic Partnerships & Collaboration
  - Identifies Women's Needs
  - Advises the Board of Supervisors
  - Educates the community (on the status of women in the County)
- Group photos
  
- Adjournment

**To: San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women**  
**From: Tanya Beat, Director**  
**Date: August 23, 2022**  
**Subject: Agenda #10 - Status of recent events/projects**

***Women's Equality Day (August 26)***

- CSW Table at [Art on the Square](#) in Redwood City, Friday August 26, 2022
- Time for this event is 5:00pm-8:30pm; however, we will only table from 4:30-8:00.
  - Thank you to Aileen Cassinetto who has taken a lead on this event.
  - Set-up & start: 4:30-6:00pm: Aileen Cassinetto, Susan Takalo, Ann Girard, Maya Tussing
  - 6:00-7:00pm: Aileen Cassinetto, Nirmala Bandrapalli
  - 7:00-8:00pm, close & pack up: Aileen Cassinetto, Anisha Weber
- Schwag: poetry notepads
- Resources: Women-owned Business Flyers; CSW vacancy descriptions

***Commission Vacancies***

- See Attached CSW Vacancy Description
- Currently 2 vacancies and 1 more to start in Jan 2023 (Christine Padilla is finishing in Dec)
- Please share and invite one to two of your network to apply!!
- New revised and equitable application online at <https://smc.gov/bnc>

***Legislative Engagement Policy***

- This process was created by the County Executive Office and the person who leads the County Legislative Program, Connie Juarez-Diroll. She also heads Commissions & Boards.
- This process is to help Commissions who want to support current policies, bills and potential legislation in the state of California.
- Example is the BOS resolution to support Women's Reproductive Rights.

# WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

# 2022

Stop by our booth at Art on the Square  
and find out how you can celebrate and  
support women in your community!



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



**AUG 26  
FRIDAY**



**5:00 PM-  
8:30 PM**



**COURTHOUSE SQUARE  
REDWOOD CITY**

Email: [tbeat@smcgov.org](mailto:tbeat@smcgov.org)

Web: <https://www.smcgov.org/csw>

# NEWS

August 2, 2022

## For Immediate Release - Notice of Vacancy

### Commission on the Status of Women

President of the Board of Supervisors Don Horsley announced that applications are being accepted for appointment to the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). There are (2) vacancies on the Commission representing any district in San Mateo County. Applicants must reside in San Mateo County.

The Commission on the Status of Women consists of 17 adult and 2 youth members. The current vacancy is for two adult members.

The mission of the Commission on the Status of Women is to improve the quality of life for women of all ages in San Mateo County. Through strategic partnerships and collaboration, the commission identifies women's needs, advises the Board of Supervisors, and educates the community on matters concerning women.

The Commission encourages candidates to attend a minimum of one CSW meeting prior to applying. Attending a CSW meeting will help the candidate understand more about member roles, how meetings are conducted and meet current commissioners.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and are currently meeting virtually via Zoom, and future in-person meetings will be held in Room 101 at 455 County Center in Redwood City.

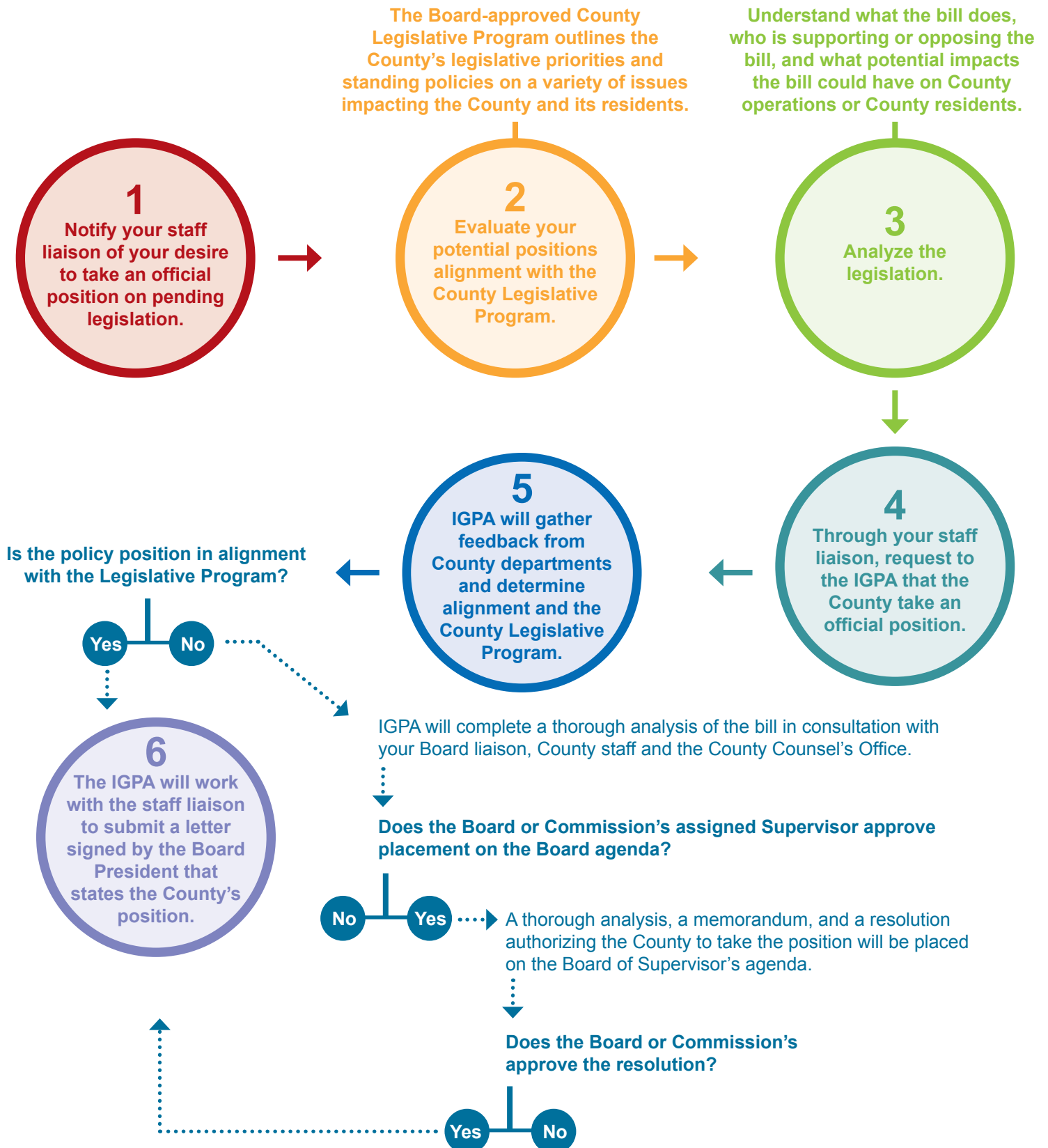
#### **Applications must be received on or before Monday, September 19, 2022 by 5:00pm.**

Applications can be obtained from Sherry Golestan, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 400 County Center, Redwood City, [sgolestan@smcgov.org](mailto:sgolestan@smcgov.org) or by calling (650) 363-4609. Applications are also available on-line at the County website: <https://www.smcgov.org/bnc/vacancies>.

For information about this commission, contact Tanya Beat, Director of the CSW, at [tbeat@smcgov.org](mailto:tbeat@smcgov.org). For information about this release contact Sherry Golestan, Deputy Clerk of the Board, at [sgolestan@smcgov.org](mailto:sgolestan@smcgov.org) (650) 363-4609.

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# How to Take a Position on Pending Legislation



# San Mateo County Boards and Commissions Legislative Engagement Policy

In order to facilitate consistent and coordinated legislative advocacy on behalf of the County of San Mateo, all County Board and Commission members are expected to follow the Legislative Coordination and Advocacy Policy.



## Key Points to Remember

Do not take any action that would imply the County's support or opposition to any pending legislation, budget proposal, or other policy unless it is consistent with Board-approved positions.

All legislative engagement must be coordinated through the Intergovernmental and Public Affairs Unit (IGPA) in the County Executive's Office. Your staff liaison can facilitate conversation with this Unit.

If you appear before a legislative body to express a personal opinion, you must state for the record that you are speaking as a private citizen, and not on behalf of the County or your Board or Commission.

## Resources

**The Intergovernmental and Public Affairs Unit**  
<https://www.smcgov.org/ceo/intergovernmental-and-public-affairs>

**California Legislative Information**  
<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

**The California State Senate**  
<https://www.senate.ca.gov/>

**The California State Assembly**  
<https://www.assembly.ca.gov/>

**The California Legislative Analyst's Office**  
<https://lao.ca.gov/>

**United States' Senate**  
<https://www.senate.gov/>

**United States' House of Representatives**  
<https://www.house.gov/>



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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND  
HEALTHCARE PRIVACY ADVOCACY AGENDA**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo supports the ability of all residents to access appropriate and affordable healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo, through its County-operated healthcare delivery system and the public health programs it administers, strives to improve the lives of everyone in San Mateo County, and to provide services and outreach to build trust with women, particularly women of color, low-income women and gender nonconforming individuals, and these programs and efforts would be impaired by government actions that criminalize abortion and deter women from seeking needed health care; and

**WHEREAS**, with the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned the long-standing precedent of *Roe v. Wade*, the ability of women to safely access reproductive and other healthcare services is now significantly threatened across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, with the continued proliferation of laws restricting, prohibiting, and



even criminalizing abortion in multiple states, women will now be forced to leave their home communities and primary health care providers to travel to other states including California to receive necessary reproductive health care services in the coming months and years; and

**WHEREAS**, California has a history of assuring safe access to abortion and contraception through structural supports, such as Medicaid and other public health programs, that assist all residents with the reproductive health care and contraceptive services they need, and these programs have resulted in a significant reduction in teen pregnancy, as well as reduced disparities in reproductive health care based on race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board affirmed its unwavering commitment to women's reproductive freedom and health care privacy in Resolution No. 078875 on May 17, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board unanimously approved the Women's Reproductive Freedom and Healthcare Privacy Action Plan in Resolution No. 078909 on June 14, 2022, and directed the County Executive or his designee to develop an advocacy agenda for this Board's consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women, an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors, at its regular meeting on June 28, 2022, discussed, prioritized, and came to consensus on issues for staff to include in the Advocacy Agenda, and that the relevant portions have been included; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff has developed a Women’s Reproductive Freedom and Healthcare Privacy Advocacy Agenda that underscores the Board’s unwavering support for women’s reproductive freedom and establishes priority issue areas for advocacy through support of appropriate Federal and State legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, these priority issue areas include, but are not limited to: access to reproductive health care services, including abortion and contraception; protection of patient privacy; the safety and security of patients, providers, and clinics; expansion of the reproductive health care workforce; and support for a California state constitutional amendment establishing the right to reproductive care and abortion services; and

**WHEREAS**, this Advocacy Agenda will be added to the San Mateo County Legislative Agenda, will be updated regularly, and will include input from the San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women, County Attorney’s Office, County staff and the Board subcommittee, and quarterly reports will be provided to the Board; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors accepts the San Mateo County Women’s Reproductive Freedom and Healthcare Privacy Advocacy Agenda.

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# **Proposed Women's Reproductive Freedom and Healthcare Privacy Advocacy Agenda**

The following policies are proposed to be added to San Mateo County's Legislative Program.

## **Reproductive Rights**

### **State:**

1. The County supports amending the California Constitution to establish a right to reproductive freedom, including a right to an abortion and to choose or refuse contraceptives, as proposed in Proposition 1 on the November 2022 ballot.
2. The County supports the establishment of civil and criminal protections for patients seeking or receiving reproductive healthcare services, as well as reproductive healthcare service providers, in California.
3. The County supports the establishment of privacy protections for medical records related to abortion care against disclosures to law enforcement and out-of-state third parties seeking to enforce abortion bans in other states.
4. The County supports state funding of providers who provide uncompensated care to patients, regardless of state residency, with low incomes and those who face financial barriers to accessing abortion and contraception.
5. The County supports the establishment of a state fund to provide financial support for practical and logistical assistance to patients accessing abortion care, including but not limited to childcare, travel costs, food, and lodging.
6. The County supports the creation of a state-supported website with comprehensive information regarding abortion care, services, and resources available in California.
7. The County supports state funding to conduct medically accurate and culturally competent outreach and education on sexual health and reproductive health issues.
8. The County supports state funding and policies to assist reproductive healthcare facilities in securing their physical and information technology infrastructure and to enhance facility security.
9. The County supports state funding and policies to increase the reproductive healthcare workforce.
10. The County supports state funding to research the unmet needs for access to reproductive healthcare services.

## **Federal:**

Reproductive rights: On June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed 50 years of precedent by overturning *Roe v. Wade* in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The decision was deeply troubling as many states have passed, or are set to enact, laws that restrict, prohibit, and even criminalize abortion. The immediate impact of these new laws leaves women in those states, particularly women of color and low-income women, unable to access abortion and other healthcare services safely.

The County supports federal actions to protect the right to reproductive freedom, including:

- Codifying the legal protections embedded in the *Roe v Wade* decision, including support for the Women's Health Protection Act
- Protecting and expanding access to abortion care, including FDA-approved medications.
- Protecting and expanding access to contraception.
- Ensuring all patients have access to the full rights and protections of emergency medical care.
- Protecting consumer privacy when seeking information about and provision of reproductive healthcare services.
- Opposing bans on interstate travel to block a patient from seeking abortion care.
- Ensuring the safety of patients, providers, and third parties that are providing, receiving, dispensing, or delivering reproductive healthcare services.
- Conducting outreach and public education efforts.
- Funding reproductive healthcare providers and clinics.

# Proposed San Mateo County Women's Reproductive Freedom and Healthcare Privacy Advocacy Agenda

Connie Juarez-Diroll  
Chief Legislative Officer  
County Executive's Office



# State Advocacy Agenda

The County supports:

- Enshrining a **right to reproductive freedom** in the California Constitution and establishing civil and criminal protections for reproductive health care service providers and their patients, including support for Proposition 1 on the November 2022 ballot.
- **Protecting the privacy** of medical records related to abortion care and funding to help reproductive healthcare facilities secure their physical and digital infrastructure.
- **Funding** for providers of abortion care, for logistical and practical assistance for patients, and for medically accurate outreach and education on reproductive healthcare issues.



# Federal Advocacy Agenda

The County supports:

- **Codifying the legal protections** embedded in the *Roe v Wade* decision.
- **Ensuring the safety** of patients, providers, and third parties that are providing or delivering reproductive healthcare services, including contraception and emergency medical care.
- **Protecting consumer privacy** when seeking information about and provision of reproductive healthcare services.
- **Funding** for reproductive healthcare providers and clinics.

