

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Commission for Women

**SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 12, 2016**

SUBJECT: 2015-16 Annual Report for the Commission for Women [District - All] [Total Cost - \$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the 2015-16 Commission for Women Annual Report

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The mission of the Commission for Women is to facilitate and advocate for support and change on behalf of all women in the County of Riverside. The Commission for Women constantly works to identify topics, concerns, and the needs of women in Riverside County including; preparing reports and recommendations to the County Board Supervisors, creating partnerships for timely actions on important issues, and providing education and information on policies and legislative actions addressing women's needs. They promote use of community contacts and other women's commissions to increase visibility of women's issues and to maximize the Commission's impact. As required by Board Policy A-21, Adopting Rules and Procedures for Advisory Committees, Boards, and Commissions, attached is the 2015-16 Annual Report for the Commission for Women.

Departmental Concurrence

Michael T. Stock, Assistant CEO /
HR Director/ Secretary to the
Commission for Women

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	Budget Adjustment: No
	For Fiscal Year: N/A

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:
Lani Sioson

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Positions Added
- Change Order
- A-30
- 4/5 Vote

Prev. Agn. Ref.: _____ **District:** All **Agenda Number:** _____

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Impact on Residents and Businesses

The annual report has no financial impact on the residents and businesses. Through their advocacy, the Commission has a positive impact on the residents of Riverside County.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A: 2015-16 Commission for Women Annual Report



County of Riverside Commission for Women

Annual Report 2015/16



2015/16 Commission Members:

Jennifer Fuller, District I

Gina L. Magee, District I

Karen Spiegel, District II

Yolanda Carrillo, District II (appt. 1/5/16)

DeniAntionette Mazingo, Esq., District III

Lenore De Jesus, District III (appt. 11/1/2015)

Sonja Martin, District IV, Vice Chair

Gayle Moore, District IV

Keri A. Then, D.B.A., District V

Fonda McGensy, District V, Chair

Commission Liaison: Rebecca Chavez

Accomplishments for 2015/16

- July 19-23, 2015, Commissioner Martin attended the National Association of Commissions for Women conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- July 29, 2015, The annual planning meeting was held to discuss future topics and goals for the new fiscal year. Meeting dates and conference participated were approved.
- Commissioners Then, McGensy, and Spiegel participated in the planning for the Women's Leadership Program Annual Conference set for September 24, 2015. And on September 24, 2015 the Commission participated in the Women's Leadership Conference held in Riverside, California.
- November 1, 2015, Lenore DeJesus joined the Commission for Women.
- January 28, 2016, Yolanda Carrillo joined the Commission for Women, making it a full commission.
- Chair McGensy, Commissioners Then, Spiegel, Magee, and Fuller attended the State of the County presentation on April 6, 2016.
- Women of the Year – May 17, 2016: Five amazing women were honored for working to bring about social and economic change, promote women's equality, serve as an outstanding role model to women and girls, work on behalf of women's issues or provide outstanding performance within a profession to further advocate for women's rights and improve the status of women in Riverside County. Each woman selflessly dedicates her time to improving our County. Honorees were Michelle Paradise, Tracy Mauser, Kelly Bell, Sharron Stroud, and Meghan Kennedy.
- Young Lady of the Year – May 17, 2016: For the third time, the Commission honored young ladies, representing each of the five districts, who serve as role models to girls and worked to improve the status of girls in the County. Honorees were Paola Aguiree, Jada Claiborne, Avika Patel, Sophia Felix, and Gabriella Bulacan.
- May 26, 2016, Fonda McGensy accepted the nomination of Chair and Sonja Martin accepted the nomination of Vice Chair. Both were re-elected to serve a second term. Sonja Martin submitted her resignation dated June 23, 2016 and Gina Magee accepted the nomination as Vice Chair.
- Commissioners Fuller, Spiegel, and Chair McGensy attending the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) General Assembly Business Session on June 23, 2016.
- Parliamentary Practice to include the Brown Act and Bylaws were reviewed and discussed. It was determined that the Bylaws were in need of a revision to act in accordance to County Policy A-21. A visit from Anita Willis, Assistant County Counsel, educated the Commission on County Policy A-21.

- The Commission for Women website added the following new links/resources; *QuitDay, Healthy Women, and AAUW (American Association of University Women)*
- The Commission renewed its membership with the National Association of Commissions for Women.
- Commissioner Martin shared information on senior issues to include aging, increased cost of healthcare, general health concerns, finances, necessities and personal safety. Additional topics included grandparents raising grandkids.

List of Guest Speakers and Topics

- October 22, 2015, DA Mike Hesterin spoke before the Commission addressing the concerns of the backlog of rape kits in Riverside County.
- December 17, 2015, Kristen Dolan, Anti-Human Trafficking Director, Operation SafeHouse, spoke on Anti-Human Trafficking program in the County of Riverside.
- January 28, 2016, Anita Willis, Assistant County Counsel for Riverside County, addressed Commission Bylaws, Brown Act, and County Policy A-21.
- March 24, 2016, Donyielle Holley, Department of Social Services, gave a presentation on homeless in the County of Riverside.
- May 26, 2016, Nancy Aguirre, Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force, Riverside County Sheriff's, addressed the Commission on human trafficking and how it is being conducted in Riverside County and what is being done to address the needs of the victims.
- June 23, 2016, Lt Dan Anne, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, updated the Commission on the rape kit backlog and status changes since January 1, 2016 and presented information on Cal-ID, the division within the County which process fingerprinting.

Highlights from Annual Planning Meeting

- Focus on goals.
- Revision of Bylaws and updating the website.
- Review and revision of the Commission for Women marketing materials.
- Discussions on how to conduct and communicate business within the group in a respectful, professional manner.

Goals

- Plans include coordinating a symposium and workshops on a variety of topics to include; the growing health concerns in Riverside County, the increasing numbers of the senior population, homelessness, the rising cost of healthcare, personal safety, and grandparents raising grandkids.
- Another area of focus is to highlight the need for additional in-home care options and affordable assisted living facilities as the population of seniors grow.
- Educate and create a better awareness for health with regards to diets and exercise.
- Collaborate and participate in the Riverside County Women's Leadership Conference set for September 2016.


 Fonda McGensy, Chair


 Michael T. Stock, Assistant CEO/HR Director
 Secretary to the Commission for Women