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BREAKING NEWS

San Francisco Receives Human Rights Award for our Work to Advance Women

On November 15, 2010, Executive Director Emily Murase will travel to Atlanta, GA to accept, on behalf of Mayor Gavin Newsom, the **Americas Award for Excellence in Public Service** from the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and CIFAL Atlanta. CIFAL selected San Francisco as the 2010 Laureate in the category of "Promoting Gender Equality," highlighting the Department on the Status of Women's [groundbreaking work](#) in the advancement of women and girls in San Francisco as a model for cities worldwide.

The Americas Award honors remarkable public officials from the Americas who have contributed to the economic and social development of our societies and have achieved tangible progress toward the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. The Department is excited to have San Francisco's work recognized by this prestigious body.



Commissioner Dorka Keehn Honored by the Domestic Violence Consortium

On October 5, 2010, the San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium (DVC) hosted "A La Cart," a dinner event kicking off Domestic Violence Awareness Month. At the event, the DVC honored Commissioner Dorka Keehn for her contributions to the domestic violence community.



Since her appointment to the Commission on the Status of Women, Commissioner Keehn has been a champion for the movement to end domestic violence. She helped form the Justice and Courage Oversight Panel in the wake of the tragic homicide of Claire Joyce Tempongko, and has chaired the panel for the last 8 years. Her leadership has led to a number of reforms to improve the City's criminal justice response to domestic violence. Learn more about Commissioner Keehn's work on the [Oversight Panel](#) online.

The DVC is a group of 17 community-based agencies dedicated to eliminating domestic violence and ensuring safety for survivors. Commissioner Keehn will step off the Commission in January, and this honor from the DVC is a touching tribute to her many accomplishments.

Getting the Word out about Human Trafficking

The San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking has announced and is eagerly anticipating the **2011 Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign**, launching January 11, 2011. To give everyone a chance to participate, learn, and get involved, SFCaHT and its community partners will offer **30 EVENTS IN 30 DAYS!** Learn at a panel discussion, have your eyes opened by a documentary film screening, get involved at an agency open house, honor community leaders at an awards ceremony, and so much more.

Is there an event you can plan?

- Students: host a lecture at your college.
- Community groups: read and discuss a trafficking-related book.
- Invite a speaker to share information, or organize a letter-writing campaign to urge your elected officials to fund and support local trafficking agencies.

There are so many ways you can engage your community in this work. And if you do,

SFCAHT will add your event to its calendar and advertise it throughout the Campaign!

The Department on the Status of Women and the Human Rights Commission coordinate the work of the 20+ member San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking. Learn more about SFCAHT by visiting www.sfcaht.org. You can receive a monthly e-Calendar of anti-trafficking events in the area by joining the mailing list. Simply email sfcaht@gmail.com to sign up.

Celebrating Women's Human Rights: Community Leaders Named as 2010 Honorees

The Commission and Department, together with the [Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women](#), a non-profit dedicated to supporting and building awareness of the Commission and its work, recognized 9 community leaders as 2010 recipients of the CEDAW Women's Human Rights Awards on October 18, 2010. The Friends recognized the honorees at the gala luncheon, **"Inspiring an Equal Future – the 2010 CEDAW Women's Human Rights Awards."**

With over 300 guests, including Senators Mark Leno and Leland Yee and Assemblymember Fiona Ma, the luncheon featured First Lady Jennifer Siebel Newsom and a preview of her new documentary, *Miss Representation*, about women in the media. The event also launched the Gender Equality Principles Initiative, a groundbreaking program that helps companies around the world achieve greater gender equality and build more productive workplaces.

Honorees:

- Community-Building: **Adrienne Pon**, Executive Director San Francisco Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs
- Corporate Leadership: **Barbara Krumsiek**, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chair of Calvert Group, Ltd.
- Education: **Olga Talamante**, Executive Director, Chicana/Latina Foundation
- Entrepreneurship: **Sherri Burke**, Founder/Board Member, Professional Healthcare at Home
- Environment: **David Assmann**, Deputy Director, San Francisco Department of the Environment
- Labor: **Meg Vasey**, Executive Director, Tradeswomen, Inc.
- Philanthropy: **Susie Tompkins Buell**, Founder, Susie Tompkins Buell Foundation
- Legacy: **Barbara Kaufman**, Director, San Francisco Regional Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, *and*
- **Cecily Joseph**, Director of Corporate Responsibility, Symantec Corporation



Human Rights in Action ... And at your Fingertips

We are pleased to announce the release of our latest report, *Human Rights in Action: San Francisco's Local Implementation of the United Nations Women's Treaty (CEDAW)*.

In 1998, San Francisco became the first municipality in the world to adopt a local ordinance reflecting the principles of the United Nations Women's Treaty (CEDAW). The Department on the Status of Women is responsible for overseeing implementation of this landmark ordinance.

Human Rights in Action follows the groundbreaking work San Francisco has done to implement its local CEDAW Ordinance to improve the lives of women and girls in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

Read the full report at: www.sfgov.org/dosw



Gender Equality – Open for Business

Check out the new Gender Equality Principles Initiative website! The website is a one-stop shop where companies can take a self-assessment on gender issues in the workplace, and access resources and tools, all created with input from some of the Bay Area's leading corporations and local community experts. We invite you to take the assessment and give us your feedback: www.genderprinciples.org. To join our listserve email: Anu Menon, anu.menon@sfgov.org.



Upcoming Events

Family Violence Council

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

3:00 - 4:30 pm

400 McAllister Street room 509

Commission on the Status of Women

Strategic Planning Meeting

Friday, December 10, 2010

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location TBD

Upcoming Office Closures

November 24 - 28, 2010

December 24 - January 2, 2011

Call (415) 252-2570 for more information about these mandatory office closures.