



August 2020

San Francisco Commission & Department on the Status of Women Newsletter

Dear Community,

We hope you are well and staying safe during this time. Please continue to support our community and reduce the spread of COVID-19 by staying home as much as possible, avoiding gatherings, wearing face coverings, and staying up-to-date on [City and County of San Francisco COVID-19 recommendations](#).

Domestic violence, child abuse, and elder abuse are continuing to happen, and we want survivors to know that help is available. With that in mind, we want to offer some resources for survivors of violence. We have produced a one pager summarizing the resources, available [here](#), and the Mayor's Office has a [webpage](#) with resources. Do not hesitate to reach out if you need help.

We also want to highlight a few hotlines and text-lines you can contact:

W.O.M.A.N., Inc.

TEL: 415-864-4777

24-Hour Crisis Line: 415-864-4722

Toll Free: 877-384-3578

www.womaninc.org

La Casa de las Madres

TEL: 415-503-0500

24-Hour Adult Crisis Line: 877-503-1850

24-Hour Teen Crisis Line: 877-923-0700

24-Hour Text Crisis Line: 415-200-3575

www.lacasa.org

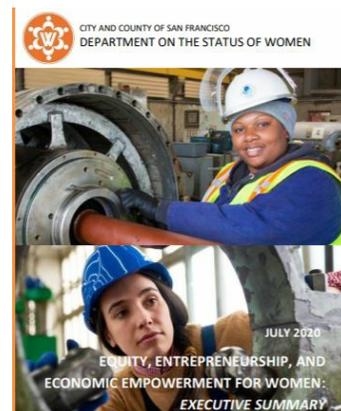
San Francisco Women Against Rape

TEL: 415-861-2024

24-Hour Crisis Line: 415-647-7273

www.sfwar.org

Equity, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Empowerment Report



In July, the Department released the Equity, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Empowerment for Women report, a landscape study of workforce development and economic empowerment programs for women in San Francisco. The objective of this analysis was to understand how well these programs serve women and other vulnerable populations. Workforce development services can be used as a tool for economic advancement, provide pathways to family sustaining wages, and will be important for re-employment and rebuilding post-COVID. The report and recommendations will be used for advocacy for economic empowerment of women of color in COVID recovery efforts, as now nearly one-quarter of Black and Latinx women in California are unemployed.

Read the [full report](#) or the [Executive Summary](#). Learn more about resources related to job loss, financial empowerment, child care, and small businesses, [here](#).

Commission Meetings

Join us for our upcoming August Commission meeting to celebrate Women's Equality Day and learn more about the upcoming [elections](#) and the [Census](#).

August 26, 2020 [Online](#)

Upcoming Events

Watch (via WebEx): <https://bit.ly/32Q0Do6>
Public Comment Call-In: 415-655-0001
Access Code: 146 819 8756

September 23, 2020 Online

Commission meetings are online public events, please check our website for instructions on how to join.

[Commission Meeting Information](#)

Last month, the Commission heard a presentation about the [Economic Recovery Task Force](#). The Task Force is charged with guiding the City's efforts through the COVID-19 recovery to sustain and revive local businesses and employment, mitigate the economic hardships already affecting the most vulnerable San Franciscans, and build a resilient and equitable future. The Task Force is co-chaired by San Francisco Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu; San Francisco Treasurer José Cisneros; Rodney Fong, President and CEO of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce; and Rudy Gonzalez, Executive Director of the San Francisco Labor Council. The Task Force is organized around four key policy issues: jobs and business, economic development, vulnerable populations, and arts and entertainment. A final report of all findings is due later this fall.

Commission & Board Openings

Our Commission currently has one seat open.

Any citizen interested in serving on our Commission or learning more about the process is encouraged to contact the Mayor's Office for more information.

Contact:
Tyra Fennell
Director of Appointments
Office of Mayor London N. Breed
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 200
San Francisco, CA 94102
mayor.appointments@sfgov.org

Leadership Opportunities on Boards and Commissions.

You can find Commission and Board openings at the following links:

1. [311 List of Boards and Commissions](#)
2. [Board of Supervisors List: Vacancies on Boards and Commissions](#)

Census

Do you care about local schools, transportation infrastructure, or job training programs? Great! These are all things that are impacted by the census, since federal funding to local communities is informed by



Women's Equality Day, August 26, 2020

The Department and Assessor Chu's Office, along with the League of Women Voters, are once again recognizing Women's Equality Day, this year with a virtual event on August 26, 2020 (Wednesday) at 12pm. Opening remarks by Commission on the Status of Women President Breanna Zwart will be followed by a conversation with Assessor Chu and Mayor Breed to discuss how their personal experiences as women of color guided their decision making and leadership styles, especially under the pandemic and in the face of racial inequity issues. The League of Women Voters will close with comments highlighting the importance of voting in 2020. [Register for this event.](#)

Celebrating Women's Suffrage

This year's Women's Equality Day in August marks the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, eliminating sex as a basis to deny the right to vote. The W Challenge will lead a social media campaign to spotlight the 100 years of women leaders before us, while continuing the important message of voting and civic participation. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as we share inspirational stories of 100 women leaders or visit wchallenge.org to find out more.

August is the 17th Annual National Black Business Month

Support and uplift Black businesses in your community throughout August and all year-round. [List of Black-owned businesses in San Francisco.](#)

WELL Webinar: Issues of Race and Gender Equity in this Moment in Time

Join the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce for their first [Women Empowering Leadership & Learning \(WELL\) Webinar](#). The Department's Policy and Projects Director Elizabeth Newman will be their guest speaker. She will be covering topics including pay equity and

the results of the past census. To make sure that San Francisco gets the resources it needs, we all need to participate. Go to 2020census.gov/ to take the Census now.

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Wednesday Sep 9, 2020
10:00 - 11:00 AM PDT
Free with Registration. [Register Here](#).

Supporting Our Community

The Coronavirus pandemic has had a huge impact on workers and businesses in our neighborhoods. We have now been given the opportunity to rethink where and how we are investing into our community. Take this opportunity to patronize local small businesses and women and/or minority owned business.

For resources for businesses and employees visit:
<https://oewd.org/resources-businesses-and-employees-impacted-covid-19>.

Have your say! VOTE your way!
November 3, 2020, Consolidated General Election

The Commission and Department on the Status of Women remain dedicated to serving the City and County of San Francisco, and we are here to support you and the community.

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