Dear Community,

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, it is an opportunity to raise awareness about domestic violence and a chance for anyone and everyone to unite in the work to end domestic violence! On Tuesday, October 6, 2020, the Department held a successful launch event with Mayor London Breed and the San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium. City Hall was lit up purple to highlight October as domestic violence awareness month, and it will be lit purple again on October 13.

Learn more about domestic violence and find resources:

- [We All Have a Role in Ending Domestic Violence](#)
- [Resources on Family and Relationship Stress](#)
- [Resources on Gender-Based Violence](#)

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](http://www.womaninc.org)

Vote November 3

All registered San Francisco voters will receive a mail in ballot for the upcoming election in October. If you have yet to receive your ballot, track it at [WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov). The deadline to register to vote is October 19, to register go to [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov) or contact the Department of Elections for paper registration applications.

In addition to voting by mail, voters will also be able to vote in-person. In-person voting is now available at City Hall. Each polling place requires face covering and has hand sanitizer, gloves, and will enforce social distancing guidelines. Curb side voting will also be available at all voting places and all polling places will be ADA compliant.

Find additional voting resources from [League of Women Voters San Francisco](https://www.lwv.org) and in-depth information about what's on the ballot at [Voter's Edge California](https://votedge.com).
Celebrating Women’s Suffrage
This year we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which eliminated sex as a basis to deny the right to vote. The W Challenge launched a social media campaign to spotlight the 100 years of women leaders on Women’s Equality Day in August. The W Challenge social media campaign will continue to share important messages of voting and civic participation up to the November election. Use #WChallenge to engage in our social media campaign and follow us on Facebook and Twitter as we share inspirational stories of 100 women leaders. To learn more visit wchallenge.org.

Commission Meetings
Join us for our upcoming October Commission meeting.

October 28 Online 5 - 7 pm
Watch (via WebEx):
Public Comment Call-In: 415-655-0001
Access Code: 146 264 1911

November 13 Online 12 Noon - 3 pm
Special Meeting
Focused on Strategic Plan

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

Commission Meeting Information

Commission 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

2020 Census
The 2020 Census is still happening! San Francisco’s response rate to the 2020 Census is below the State and national level. If California is undercounted, we will lose important federal funding, and potentially two congressional seats. The final day to complete the Census is October 31, 2020. Anyone can complete the Census online at my2020census.gov or by calling 844-330-2020.

Upcoming Domestic Violence Awareness Month Events:

October 14, 2-3pm
SHARP Virtual Open House
Register: https://bit.ly/SHARPopenhouse

Subscribe to our email list.

https://t.e2ma.net/webview/cu495d/70db615ba87133e296f6daff0c396c23
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

October 17, 9-7pm
Gum Moon Virtual Gala
Register: https://e.givesmart.com/events/hTf/

October 21, 10am-1pm
DA’s Office REDZONE 2020 Event
Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/redzone-2020-tickets-122314609289

October 22, 12-1pm
La Casa de Las Madres’ Lunch Break
Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-casas-lunch-break-tickets-12054613731

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.

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook @statusofwomensf or connect directly through dosw@sfgov.org.

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