



**SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN**

February 2015 Monthly Newsletter

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Message from Executive Director

Hello Friends,

February marks Valentine's Day and, on February 12, Mayor Edwin M. Lee opened City Hall to **One Billion Rising**, a global dance action to end violence against women. Hundreds of community advocates, city department heads, and elected officials gathered with the Mayor at the City Hall Rotunda to share messages of support and hope for survivors of violence. Look for video clips of the event at www.onebillionrisingsf.org.

This month, we released the **2012 and 2013 Comprehensive Report on Family Violence**, an important resource for data on child abuse, domestic violence, and elder abuse. We also funded **2 new domestic violence counselors** to work directly with survivors at the Housing Authority, thanks to the leadership of the Mayor and Supervisor Malia Cohen.

In terms of staff changes, we bid adieu to **Program Fellow Lynn Lee Murphy**, who worked tirelessly on the Gender Equality Challenge conference held at the end of last month, and wish her well.

Finally, Happy Lunar New Year to all!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily M. Murase".

Emily M. Murase, PhD
Executive Director

February Commission Meeting Time Changes

The February Commission meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at City Hall Room 408, 5 - 6 pm.

Please note new starting time

Cities for CEDAW Campaign Update

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women



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Thank you to everyone who attended the San Francisco Regional Conference on January 20, 2015! Cities around the country held similar gatherings to learn about the Cities for CEDAW Campaign.



From left: **Marilyn Fowler**, President and Founder of Women's Intercultural Network; **Councilmember David Canepa**, City of Daly City; **Executive Director Emily Murase, PhD**, Department on the Status of Women, **Mandy Benson**, Co-President of US National Committee for UN Women, San Francisco Chapter (USNC), **Herb Behrstock**, President of East Bay Chapter of United Nations Association - USA.

[Click here to read about the local reception at Cooper-Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum in New York.](#) (New York Amsterdam News)

[Click here to learn more about Beijing 20+ from NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York.](#)

Tell us why you need **#CEDAW** in your city **@Cities4CEDAW!**

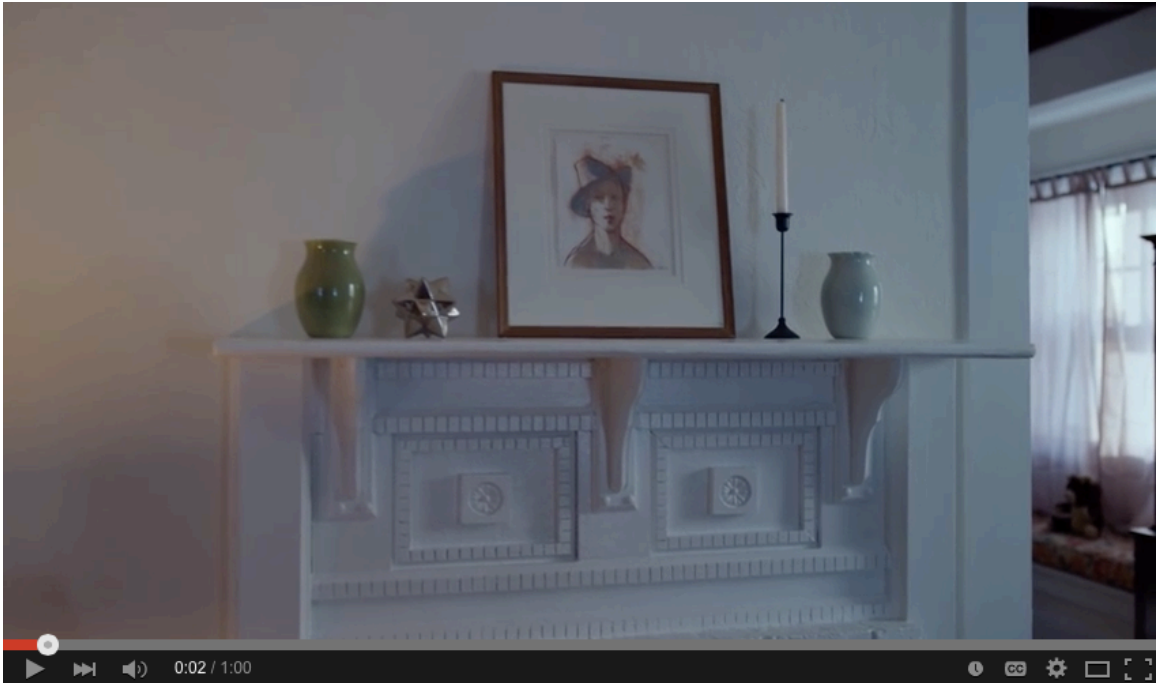
Facebook.com/Cities4CEDAW

Youtube.com/Cities4CEDAW

Cities4CEDAW.org

"No More" Campaign Ad in Superbowl

During Super Bowl XLIX, the NFL sponsored a campaign ad against domestic violence.



[Click here to view the video](#)

One Billion Rising: Revolution

On February 12, 2015, community advocates danced in City Hall to demand the violence against women.



Mayor addressing community advocates on February 12, 2015

Women History Month Award Ceremony *"Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives"*

Join the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, Board of Supervisors and District Attorney George Gascón to recognize the 2015 Women Making History Honorees!

Tuesday, March 2, 2015

3:30 - 5 pm

City Hall, Room 250

Reception

5:30 - 7 pm

City Hall, 201

NGO CSW 59

The Department is excited to once again participate in the [NGO Committee on the Status of Women Forum](#) in New York!

A Toolkit to Advance Women in the Workplace: New Research, Online Tools & Innovative Policies from San Francisco

Wednesday, March 11

10:30 am - 12 pm

Armenian Convention Center, Ballroom 1

How to Join the Cities for CEDAW Campaign: Practical Strategies from San Francisco, Louisville, Salt Lake City, North Carolina + a Social Media Maven!

Wednesday, March 11

12:30 - 2 pm

Armenian Convention Center, Ballroom 1

Combining Government, Civil Society, and the Tech Industry to Fight the Hidden Epidemic of Human Trafficking in San Francisco and Beyond

Wednesday, March 11

2:30 - 4 pm

Chapel, Church Center of the UN

All parallel events are free and open to the public, [click here to register](#).

In the News

Congratulations to Executive Management Assistant Iris Wong on her appointment as District IV Commissioner for the Contra Costa Commission on the Status of Women! [Click here to read the full article.](#)

New Report Provides Insight Into Family Violence in San Francisco - San Francisco Chronicle (Feb. 17, 2015). [Click here to read the full article.](#)

One Billion Rising Event Held to Raise Awareness About Fight Against Domestic Violence - San Francisco Examiner (Feb. 13, 2015). [Click here to read the full article.](#)

Upcoming Events

February Commission Meeting

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

5 - 6 pm ***Please note new start time***

City Hall, Room 408

Board of Supervisors' and District Attorney's Women Making History Month Award Ceremony

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

3:30 - 5 pm

City Hall Room 250

Reception

5:30 - 7 pm

City Hall, Room 201

It's Time Network Conference

May 1 - 3, 2015

Baltimore, MD

Questions? Contact Iris Wong at dosw@sfgov.org