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STATUS OF WOMEN**

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Black History Month

February is Black History Month, which started as a week-long celebration of Black history in 1926, encompassing the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. This celebration was then expanded to the entire month of February in 1976. Black History Month is an important tradition, to give proper recognition to key African American leaders, to disrupt Euro-centric teachings of history, and to push ourselves to take steps towards collective change.

The Department's recent [Representation of Women in City Property](#) report found that there is little diversity in street names in San Francisco. In the Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood however, 10 of 12 of the streets named after women were racially diverse activists, for example, the "Big 5," a group of local African American women advocates from the 1960s, Julia Commer, Osceola Washington, Elouise Westbrook, Bertha Freeman, and Beatrice Dunbar. We are excited to see the work of recognizing Black women in San Francisco continue. The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, in collaboration with the San Francisco Port Commission, have worked to name two unnamed streets Dr. Maya Angelou Lane, after the esteemed poet and civil rights activist, and Toni Stone Crossing, for the first woman to ever play professional baseball as a regular on an American big-league team.

Engage with Black History Month events:

Dear Community,

Just a few weeks ago, America was honored to bear witness to the poetic genius of Amanda Gorman as she grounded a seminal moment in our country's history with the awesome power of her words.

And while we listened to the artistry of this young, modern-day prophet, so many of us were reminded of our beloved Maya Angelou and her words at President Clinton's inauguration nearly 30 years ago. So many Americans then, like now, learned of – and fell in love with – the intellectual beauty and brilliance of Black, female, literary minds.

In this month dedicated to Black History, Amanda serves as a stark reminder that while our profound gratitude

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powerful souls who came before us and forged a path through enslavement, persecution and systemic racism, this month's focus should also be on looking forward.

We must honor not just Black History but our Black Future too. Amanda was just the spark of joy we needed to remind ourselves that our past does not solely define a people; it is our future, the great work not yet done, that will uplift communities long besieged by second-class status -- something all women, Trans, gender non-confirming and people of color recognize from our collective, intersectional struggle.

The Department on the Status of Women wishes all people, and especially our Black San Franciscan women, girls, Trans and gender non-confirming community members, a great Black History and Black Future Month!

All my best,



Kimberly

"There is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it." – Amanda Gorman

Stay home. Save lives.

Help slow the spread of the coronavirus during the holiday season.

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. Find online resources at: sf.gov/information/domestic-and-family-violence-resources.

Do not hesitate to reach out if you need help. To talk to someone, 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

- Follow the Department's [Twitter](#), as we will be sharing the stories of under-recognized Black women.
- The San Francisco Public Library is hosting Black History Month programming throughout February and have created reading lists for kids, teens, and adults. Find more here: <https://sfpl.org/events/special-programs/more-month-2021>
- Join the conversation with the Alliance for Girls upcoming three-part workshop series "Voices Rise: Black Women in Leaders" to develop a understanding of intersectionality, equity, and anti-racist philosophy. Register at <https://www.alliance4girls.org/events/voices-rise-black-women-in-leadership-workshop-series/>

Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

February is also Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. In 2010, February was dedicated to teen dating violence awareness and prevention. Teen dating violence affects nearly 10 percent of all teenagers throughout the United States.

- Explore Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month events and resources from California Partnership to End Domestic Violence: <https://www.cpedv.org/post/teen-dating-violence-awareness-and-prevention-month-member-events-resources-library>
- Access resources from Teen Dating Violence: <https://www.teendvmonth.org/resources/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Violence Council

February 24, 2021 3 - 5 pm [Online](#)

2021 Teen Power Summit and Closing of the Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign

February 24, 2021 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Youth from across the Bay Area will gather to share their experience in anti-trafficking advocacy and prevention. At this event, we will also honor the winners of the 2021 Teen Poster and Writing Contest. Parents, teachers, local politicians, and top government officials will speak about their work to free our communities from child

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 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

Commission Meetings

February 24 [Online](#) 5 - 7 pm
 Watch (via WebEx): <https://bit.ly/2KYpxLD>
 Public Comment Call-In: 415-655-0001
 Access Code: 146 757 1348

March 24, 2021 Online 5 - 7 pm

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

[Commission Meeting Information](#)

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](#)

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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