



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

July 2020

San Francisco Commission & Department on the Status of Women Newsletter

Dear Community,

We hope you are well and staying safe during this time. The Commission and Department on the Status of Women stands in solidarity with those who feel unsafe, targeted, unseen, and unheard. We commit ourselves to fighting all forms of discrimination, we must be anti-racist and take anti-racist action every day and in all ways. With a renewed sense of even greater urgency, we will continue to advocate for a level playing field for women and girls of color and to lift up the voices of our next generation of leaders. #BlackLivesMatter

Domestic violence, child abuse, and elder abuse are continuing to happen, and we want survivors to know that help is available. We have produced this [page](#) summarizing resources, available here and the Mayor's Office has this [page](#) 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

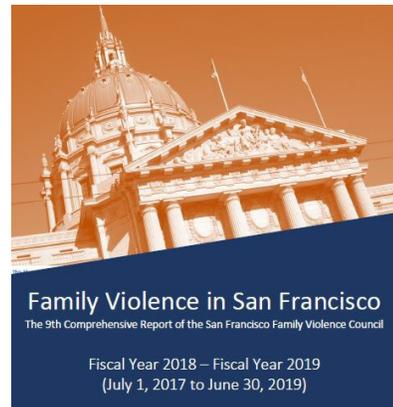
San Francisco Women Against Rape

TEL: 415-861-2024

24-Hour Crisis Line: 415-647-7273

www.sfwar.org

Family Violence Council Report



The Family Violence Council released its 9th report on Family Violence in San Francisco in June, which includes data about the prevalence of abuse, response from City agencies, demographics of victims and survivors, and access to community-based services. Based on the report's findings, the Family Violence Council developed a set of 20 recommendations aimed at ending family violence in San Francisco. Three of these recommendations address the significant challenges associated with the COVID-19 health emergency: 1) request emergency funding for agencies engaged in prevention of and response to family violence; 2) increase awareness around family violence during COVID-19; and 3) ensure that all City departments that are members of the Family Violence Council create a response plan to address and prevent family violence in disaster planning.

Learn more about the Family Violence Council [here](#) or read the [Full Report](#) or the [Executive Summary](#) for yourself.

Commission Meetings

Join us for our upcoming July commission meeting to learn about gender equity in workforce development

Virtual Town Halls

Even in this time of social distancing and

and economic empowerment programs.

July 22, 2020 [Online](#)

Watch (via WebEx): <https://bit.ly/32bQJwJ>

Public Comment Call-In: 415-655-0001

Access Code: 146 154 8714

August 26, 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 honored five inspiring women. Four of these women were youth activists, who have recently organized protests for Black Lives Matter and against police violence. Tiana Day, Simone Jaccques, Sabrina McFarland, and Zoe Yzabella Taylor, high school and college students, are speakers, organizers, and leaders. During the meeting, Ms. Day, shared that she is working to disrupt our one-sided teaching of history by working to change school curriculum in her district, that “we shouldn’t always be hearing white-Americans narrative --- we should be learning from all aspects.” Ms. McFarland explained that “the goal is to have liberation for all people and not just a few.” Ms. Taylor shared that when she felt helpless and unsure, she found hope through connections with other strong women. See a panel discussion with these young women [Here](#).

Additionally, Aria Sa’id was honored for LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Ms. Sa’id is a co-founder and the Executive Director of [Compton’s Transgender Cultural District](#), the world’s first transgender district. She also founded [Kween Culture Initiative](#), a project to promote the social and cultural empowerment of Black and Brown transgender women. Ms. Sa’id promotes community development through leadership, advocacy, and legislation.

Commission & Board Openings

Our Commission currently has one seat open.

Interested persons may obtain an application from the Board of Supervisors website at:
http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy_application

or speak to the Rules Committee Clerk,
Victor Young at 415-554-7723

Completed applications should be submitted to Rebecca Peacock, Commission Liaison to the Mayor. She can be reached by email at Rebecca.Peacock@sfgov.org

Leadership Opportunities on Boards and Commissions.

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

self-isolations, we are still a community. In order to remain connected, the Department created a series of town halls to shine a light on how women and girls are uniquely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and what you can do to help.

[View recordings of the town halls.](#)

On June 16, we hosted town hall “How Can We Support Women-Owned Business in San Francisco?” This town hall focused on how women-owned businesses, and especially businesses owned by women of color, have been impacted by shelter in place. The panel was moderated by Rachel Alexander (Deputy Director, New America CA) and Breanna Zwart (President of the Commission on the Status of Women), and the panel included Assessor Carmen Chu, Claire Lee (Head of Startup Banking, Silicon Valley Bank), Emiliana Puyana (Program Manager, La Cocina) and business-owners Jolene Linsangan and Sherri McMullen. Support the women-owned businesses featured on this panel:

- [Jolene’s Bar](#)
- [McMullen](#)
- [La Cocina](#)

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.

Support Black-owned restaurants in the Bay Area: [List](#)

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

Community News

San Francisco SafeHouse has a job opening for [Case Manager](#).

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.

1. [311 List of Boards and Commissions](#)

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

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