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DEPARTMENT ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN

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San Francisco Commission & Department on the Status of Women Newsletter



Commission Meetings

The mission of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women is to foster the equitable treatment and advancement of all women and girls throughout San Francisco through policies, legislation, and programs.

All Commission meetings are open to the public and you are welcome and invited to attend.

Special July 2018 Commission Meeting

The Commission on the Status of Women will meet on **Tuesday, July 17, 2018 for a special strategic planning session from 2 - 5 pm** [Sunnyside Conservatory](#), [236 Monterey Blvd.](#), [San Francisco, CA 94131.](#)

Regular July 2018 Commission Meeting Canceled

The Commission on the Status of Women meeting that was scheduled for **Wednesday, July 25, 2018 has been CANCELED.**

August 2018 Commission Meeting

The Commission on the Status of Women will meet on **Wednesday, August 22, 2018 from 4 - 6 pm** [City Hall, Room 408.](#)

[2018 Commission Meeting Schedule](#)

Calendar

Tuesday, Jul 17

[Special Commission](#) Meeting
(Strategic Planning)
2 – 5 pm, [Sunnyside Conservatory](#),
236 Monterey Blvd.

Wed, Jul 25

Commission Meeting Canceled

Wed, Aug 22

[Mayor's Task Force on](#)
[Anti-Human Trafficking](#)
1:30 – 3:30 pm
City Hall, Room 305

Wed, Aug 22

[Commission Meeting](#)
4 – 6 pm
City Hall, Room 408

Sun, Aug 26

Women's Equality Day
Details TBD

Wed, Aug 29

[Family Violence Council meeting](#)
3 – 5 pm
400 McAllister Street, Room 617

Agendas, Minutes, and Supplemental meeting materials can be found [here](#).

Commission & Board Openings

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](#)

Events



On April 18, more than 100 leaders gathered to share innovative policies and programs to advance gender equity in the workplace at the 4th Gender Equity Challenge Forum. Thank you to everyone who made the 2018 Gender Equity Challenge such a success! Learn more at [Gender Equity Principles](#).



Department staff are participating in the City's Wellness Program and have committed to walking more by joining in a group photo scavenger hunt and in the Colorful Choices program to eat a varied and colorful assortment of vegetables.



At the April 25 meeting, the Commission recognized [Christine Pelosi](#) for her work in protecting women from

Tue, Sep 20

[CEDAW Women's Human Rights Awards Luncheon](#)

10:30 am – 1 pm

Marriott Marquis Hotel, 780 Mission Street

Wed, Sep 26

[Commission Meeting](#)

4 – 6 pm

City Hall, Room 408



In May, the family violence prevention community came together at City Hall in honor of Mother's Day to proclaim that family violence harms our community.



At the May 23 meeting, the Commission honored [Leslie Simon](#) for her work in protecting women from sexual assault, the Commission also honored [Joyce Hicks](#) for her groundbreaking career in law and policy spanning 40 years.



On the occasion of LGBT Pride Month, the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women honored three exceptional women at its June 27 Commission meeting at San Francisco City Hall. Deputy Chief of Police Denise Schmitt, who oversees the Airport

harassment and sexual assault.



On April 26, community members and Department staff attended the Perla Louis domestic violence homicide sentencing at the Hall of Justice.

Bureau, Commander Teresa Ewins who oversees the Police Department's Municipal Transportation Task Force, and Dixie Horning, Executive Director of the University of California at San Francisco National Center of Excellence in Women's Health. Read the whole story [here](#).



California Enacts State Law Inspired by Local Prioritizing Safety for Sex Worker Policies

On June 13, Governor Brown signed AB 2243 authored by Assembly Member Laura Friedman (43rd District), which would create historic protections for sex workers who report witnessing or experiencing violence. The law was inspired by San Francisco's "Prioritizing Safety for Sex Worker" policies, which emerged from the Sex Work and Trafficking Policy Impact Committee of the Mayor's Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking, which is staffed by the Department. AB 2243 amends the Evidence Code to prevent evidence that a person engaged in prostitution be used against them in a prostitution case if they were a victim of or witness to a violent crime at the time. A 2009 study from the University of California, San Francisco and St. James Infirmary, found that over 60% of sex workers face some form of assault while engaged in sex work. Laws like AB 2243 create a safe path for sex workers to report violence against them.

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