



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

**June 15, 2020**

## San Francisco Commission & Department on the Status of Women Newsletter

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### 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. Please see an important statement on racial equity from our Commission President, Breanna Zwart here:

[Commission statement on racial justice.](#)

Domestic violence, child abuse, and elder abuse are continuing to happen, and we want survivors to know that help is available. With that in mind, we want to offer some resources for survivors of violence. 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](http://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](http://www.lacasa.org)

#### **San Francisco Women Against Rape**

TEL: 415-861-2024

24-Hour Crisis Line: 415-647-7273

[www.sfwar.org](http://www.sfwar.org)



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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](mailto:dosw@sfgov.org).

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### Virtual Town Halls

Even in this time of social distancing and self-isolation, we are still a community. In order to remain connected, the Department has created a series of town halls in collaboration with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, New America CA, and other organizations. This series shines a light on how women and girls are uniquely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and what you can do to help.

Please join us at our next Virtual Town Hall, "How Can We Support Women-Owned Businesses in San Francisco?" on June 16, 5:00-6:30 pm. We'll be joined by local and statewide experts to discuss how COVID-19 has impacted women-owned businesses and how you can help. Register for this event: <https://bit.ly/3bZNFVv>

The first two panels of this three-part series

## Commission Meetings

June 24, 2020  
July 22, 2020

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

### [Commission Meeting Information](#)

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## June 2020



June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month. This year is San Francisco's [50th Pride](#) Celebration. Due to the Covid-19 health crisis, the festivities are happening online from June 27-28.

We celebrate with and honor the LGBTQ+ community.

We want to highlight some organizations that are working to support the LGBTQ+ community here in San Francisco:

**The Transgender Cultural District** was the first legally recognized transgender district in the world. The Transgender Cultural District has created a COVID emergency relief fund to support the trans community. For more information visit <https://www.transgenderdistrictsf.com/>

**SF LGBT Center** works to achieve a stronger, healthier, and more equitable world for LGBT people in San Francisco. At this time, the SF LGBT Center continues to host virtual webinars, mental health services, and support groups. For more information visit <https://www.sfcenter.org/>

**Community United Against Violence (CUAV)** was founded in 1979 to build the power of LGBTQ+ communities to transform violence and oppression. For more information visit <https://www.cuav.org/>

**LYRIC** works to inspire positive social change through education enhancement, health promotion, and leadership development with LGBTQ+ youth. For more information visit <https://lyric.org/>

have been successful with positive engagement from the public, each attracting over 100 participants and viewers. To view recorded clips from these town halls, visit (include link).

On May 7 we hosted "Understanding Trauma and Sexual Violence During COVID-19" in collaboration with the Office of Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP). This panel was moderated by Vice President of the Commission on the Status of Women Dr. Shokooh Miry and SHARP Director KellyLou Densmore. Panelist included local non-profit partners and experts who shared reflections on sexual violence and women's safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Watch recorded event.](#)

The second town hall, "Building Community and Safety for Domestic Violence Survivors During COVID-19," took place on May 19. New America CA co-hosted this panel. The panel was moderated by Autumn McDonald, Head of New America CA and featured Sonya Passi (Founder and CEO, FreeFrom), Kathy Black (Executive Director, La Casa de las Madres), Julia Arroyo (San Francisco Site Director, Young Women's Freedom Center). [Watch recorded event.](#)

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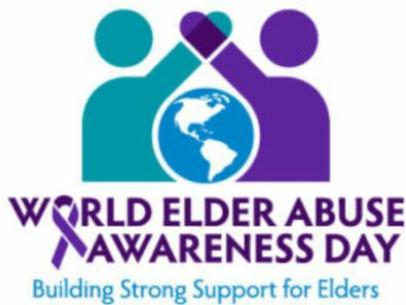
## Census

Do you care about local schools, transportation infrastructure, or job training programs? Great! These are all things that are impacted by the census, since federal funding to local communities is informed by the results of the past census. To make sure that San Francisco gets the resources it needs, we all need to participate. Go to [2020census.gov/](https://2020census.gov/) to take the Census now.

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## Supporting Our Community

The Coronavirus pandemic has had a



June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD); it aims to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect. In addition, WEAAD is held in support of the UN International Plan of Action acknowledging the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue. This observance serves as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and communities to raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Join Institute on Aging's Elder Abuse Prevention Program's webinar on June 16 from 10 -11 am to learn more about **Long Term Care Abuse in the Era of COVID19** [Register](#)

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.

To support local women-owned businesses visit:

<https://sites.google.com/lacocinasf.org/eat-la-cocina/home>.

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>.

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