November 2020
San Francisco Commission & Department on the Status of Women Newsletter

Dear Community,

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, our November Commission meeting will be next Friday, November 13, 2020 starting at 12 noon. Information on how to join is in the Commission meeting section below.

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

Celebrating Women’s Suffrage

Thank you all for supporting the #WChallenge this year as we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which eliminated sex as a basis to deny the right to vote. This year’s W Challenge included a social media campaign that honored 100 years of women leaders from Women’s Equality Day in August to Election Day in November to encourage women to use their voices and vote. To learn more about the inspirational stories of the 100 women leaders visit wchallenge.org. Please enjoy and share this video collage featuring all 100 women.

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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

The Commission

We are excited to welcome Dr. Raveena Rihal as the newest member of the Commission. Dr. Rihal is a Sikh American physician trained in internal medicine. In 2017, Dr. Rihal co-founded the women's social-political activist group Post March Salon, which gives women a space to connect, converse, organize, and take action. She has also worked on initiatives to engage communities around homelessness and poverty in San Francisco in an effort to educate and build empathy. Dr. Rihal is also a mother of two and loves to cook, host, and create community.

Commission Meetings

Due to the upcoming holidays our November and December Commission meetings have been moved to an earlier day.

Please join us for our upcoming November Commission meeting to learn more about the Department’s strategic and racial equity plans.

November 13 **Online** 12 Noon - 3 pm  
Special Meeting  
Public Comment Call-In: 415-655-0001  
Access Code: 146 615 4099

December 16 Online 5 - 7 pm  
Special Meeting

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

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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