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Message from Executive Director

Hello Friends,

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month! On October 1, the Department held a press conference at City Hall with Mayor Edwin M. Lee, other government officials, family members of domestic violence homicide victims, and community advocates to kick-off this important month. The *Final Evaluation of Justice and Courage Oversight Panel* was also released at the press conference. Please see below for more details.

If you are a witness or victim of domestic violence, there are resources available. No one deserves to be in an abusive relationship. Visit our website www.sfgov.org/dosw/service-directory for our Partner Agencies contact information.

Have a safe Halloween!

Emily M. Murase, PhD
Executive Director

Cities for CEDAW Campaign Update



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Dr. Soon Young Yoon (pictured in center), Chair of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York (NGO CSW/NY), and 2014 CEDAW Human Rights Awardee, visited the Department on September 23 and spoke at the second Cities for CEDAW webinar. The webinar also showcased a video produced by Executive Management Assistant Iris Wong, featuring women of all ages

and ethnicities across the country explaining why they need local CEDAW ordinance. The video can be found on [YouTube.com/StatusofWomenSF](https://www.youtube.com/StatusofWomenSF). To connect with communities across the country working on this campaign, and get information about the next webinar, please contact CitiesforCEDAW@gmail.com.

Dr. Yoon and Krishanti Dharmaraj, CEO of Dignity Index Group, are planning a **Cities for CEDAW National Conference** on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. A virtual Planning Committee meeting will take place on Friday October 31, 11:30 am - 1 pm PST. Register at tinyurl.com/PlanningCommitteeMeeting. The meeting is limited to 250 people on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline to sign up is Saturday, October 25, so register today!

Final Evaluation of Justice and Courage Oversight Panel Now Available!



We are excited to issue the *Final Evaluation of the Justice and Courage Oversight Panel on Domestic Violence Policy Reform in San Francisco, 2002-2014*, which can be found on our website at: <http://sfgov.org/dosw/justice-and-courage-oversight-panel>.

Over the past 12 years, the Justice & Courage Oversight Panel implemented **121 reforms** improving San Francisco's response to domestic violence. Most impressively, from June 2010 – January 2014, San Francisco went **44 months without a domestic violence homicide**, an

unprecedented achievement for a city the size of San Francisco.

Many thanks to the members of the Justice and Courage Oversight Panel and its committees who worked so hard to achieve these reforms.

Violence Against Women Prevention & Intervention Grant Program Funding Now Available

The San Francisco Department on the Status of Women is soliciting proposals from qualified service providers to provide comprehensive gender based violence services, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking services as part of the Department's Violence Against Women Prevention and Intervention Grants Program, and ongoing commitment to provide a full range of violence against women and girls prevention and intervention services in the City and County of San Francisco.

The Request for Proposals is available now, and all proposals must be submitted by 12Noon on Friday, October 24. Please visit our website: www.sfgov.org/dosw for more details and application materials.

Faith Community Respond to Domestic Violence

A Safe Place, in association with the University of Minnesota's **Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community** and its national project, **African American Domestic Violence Peace Project**, will be conducting a one-day planning and community engagement session on how faith communities can respond to domestic violence.

October 31, 2014
9 am - 4:30 pm
Waterfront Hotel
10 Washington Street
Oakland, CA 94607

For more information and register for the event, please contact A Safe Place at (510) 986-8600 or asafeplace@pacbell.net.

Upcoming Events

Violence Against Women Prevention & Intervention Grant Program Funding Applications Due

Friday, October 24

12 Noon

Department on the Status of Women, 25 Van Ness (near Market), Suite 240

October Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 22

4 - 6 pm

City Hall, Room 408

Cities for CEDAW National Conference Planning Committee Meeting

Friday, October 31

11:30 am - 1 pm PST

To register, please visit: tinyurl.com/PlanningCommitteeMeeting

Limited to 250 people on first-come, first-served basis

Deadline to register: Friday, October 25

Commission Strategic Planning Session

Friday, November 21

9 - 3 pm

1 Market Plaza, Suite 2200

SFCAHT Labor Trafficking Conference

Wednesday, December 3

9 am – 5 pm

State Building, Milton Marks Conference Center

455 Golden Gate Avenue (between Polk & Larkin)

Registration information coming soon!

December Commission Meeting

Wednesday, December 10

4 - 6 pm

City Hall, Room 263

Cities for CEDAW National Conference

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Questions? Contact Iris Wong at 415-252-2572, iris.wong@sfgov.org



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