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Message from Executive Director

Hello Friends,

We hope you will join us in our efforts by attending one or more of exciting events listed below. The CEDAW Women's Human Rights Awards Luncheon is on MONDAY, September 22, and there are still a few seats left! Details including how to purchase a ticket are below.

Emily M. Murase, PhD
Executive Director

2014 Healthy Mothers Workplace Award



From left to right: Rear Admiral Nadine Simons, GEP Challenge Coordinator Iris Wong, and Executive Director Emily Murase

Winners of the 2014 Healthy Mothers Workplace Award were recognized on September 15. Speakers included Barbara Garcia, Director of Health at Department of Public Health, Judy Young, Assistant Director at UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women's Health, and Rear Admiral Nadine Simons, Assistant Surgeon General at U.S. Department of Health. The ceremony was conducted by Julia Parish, Director of Healthy Mothers Workplace Coalition and Project Attorney at Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center, and Iris Wong, Gender Equality Challenge Coordinator at the Department.

Congratulations to the 2014 Winners!

***Arab Cultural and Community Center
Bi-Rite Family of Businesses
Boys & Girls Club of San Francisco
California Child Care Resource & Referral Network
Child Care Law Center
Children's Council of San Francisco
US Department of Labor, San Francisco Region
San Francisco Department on the Status of Women
Folger Levin LLP
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher
Huckleberry Youth Programs
Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center
Morrison and Foerster LLP
Next Steps Marketing
Premier Staffing Inc.
Payroll Resource Group, Inc.
San Francisco Adult Probation Department
SRT Consultants
Twitter, Inc.
UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women's Health
VLP Law Group LLP
W.O.M.A.N., Inc.
The Women's Foundation of California
Zelle Hofmann Voelbel & Mason LLP***

More pictures from the event can be found on the [Healthy Mothers Workplace Facebook page](#).



San Francisco Featured in Report on Human Rights



The Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute recently published [*Using Human Rights Assessments in Local Governance: A Toolkit for State and Local Human Rights and Human Relations Commissions*](#), which prominently features San Francisco's CEDAW Ordinance. The Institute will share this resource with the membership of International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA).

2014 CEDAW Women's Human Rights Awards *Inspiring an Equal Future*



Join **CEDAW Awards Honorary Chair and San Francisco First Lady Anita Lee**, the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, and the Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women for the 2014 CEDAW Women's Human Rights Award Luncheon "Inspiring an Equal Future."

Monday, September 22
11:30 am - 2 pm
Julia Morgan Ballroom
Merchant Exchange Building
465 California Street (at Montgomery Street)

We will be celebrating the following honorees:
Alecia A. DeCoudreaux, President, Mills College - Education
AT&T represented by Ken McNeely, President of AT&T California -

Corporate

Becca Prowda, Senior Manager, Community Affairs, Levi Strauss & Co. – Global/Sustainability

Catherine Dodd, Ph.D., Director, San Francisco Health Service System - Government

Elizabeth “Liz” Aguilar-Tarchi, Assistant District Attorney, City and County of San Francisco – Claire Joyce Tempongko Memorial Award

Nancy Milliken, M.D., Director, UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health - Health

Regina K. Scully, Founder, Artemis Rising – Arts & Media

Rita R. Semel, Founder, Interfaith Council – Community Building

Soon-Young Yoon, Chair, NGO Committee on the Status of Women – International Comity

Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California - Law

Purchase your tickets [here](#). This event is likely to sell out!

Cities for CEDAW Campaign Update



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We are continuing the campaign by contacting Mayors who supported the Cities for CEDAW resolution at the U.S. Conference of Mayor in June. Our civil society peer leadership team is organizing another webinar next Tuesday, September 23, 10 am PST! For more information, please email CitiesforCEDAW@gmail.com.

More information about the campaign is available at cities4cedaw.org.

September Commission Meeting



The Commission on the Status of Women had a productive joint meeting with the Health Commission. Both Commissions recognized Roma Guy

(pictured above with Executive Director Emily Murase), a past Health Commissioner whose vision was instrumental to creating Healthy San Francisco, the first universal healthcare access program in the nation, which was started in 2007. She has been an essential leader for the Women's Foundation and the Women's Building and is widely recognized as an inspirational women's rights activist. The meeting discussed top health issues for women in San Francisco. Commissioners look forward to future collaborations as a result of this meeting.

2014 Combined Charities Campaign



Earlier this week, Mayor Edwin M. Lee kicked off the 2014 Combined Charities Campaign, providing all City & County employees to make charitable donations to non-profit organizations in San Francisco, the Bay Area, and beyond. Last year, city employees donated a total of \$1.2 million to the campaign. This year, the goal is to reach \$1.5 million. Department staff and Commissioners are excited to participate in this important and positive charity campaign.

Save the Date!



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

The annual kickoff event is on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, 6 – 7 pm at **the Van Ness Street steps of City Hall (between Grove and McAllister)**. Come and support us as we light up City Hall purple (pictured left from last year)!

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.

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www.friendscosw.org/events

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Kickoff Event

Wednesday, October 1

Time TBD

City Hall

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

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!

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



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