



Alameda County

Commission on the Status of Women

Meeting Minutes



Wednesday, November 13, 2024 @ 6:30-8:30 PM

The mission of the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women (COSW) is to represent the women of Alameda County in maximizing social equality and parity for women of all ages in such areas as housing, employment, health services, child care, elder care, education, transportation, credit, legal rights, and community services.

COMMISSION MEMBERS	
Nina Senn, Chair – PRESENT	Conference of Mayors
Susan Burgess-Lent, Vice Chair - PRESENT	District 5
Guadalupe Angulo, Treasurer – ABSENT	District 2
Orly Amey, Secretary – PRESENT	District 1
Khilynn Fowler – ABSENT	District 3
Patricia M. Castro - PRESENT	District 3
Carlotta Brown - ABSENT	District 4
Kathryn Lybarger - PRESENT	District 5
Shewee Yohannes - ABSENT	District 3
Shannon Holbrook – PRESENT (VIRTUAL)	District 5
Ilham S. Malik - PRESENT (VIRTUAL)	District 2
Vacant	District 1
Vacant	District 2
Vacant	District 1
Vacant	District 4
Vacant	District 4
Vacant	Human Relations Commission

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Item No.	Topics
1.	Call to Order & Welcome Community Agreements Review Chair Senn called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m, took roll call, and acknowledged the existence of the COSW's Community Agreements.
2.	Approval of Minutes Vice Chair Burgess-Lent motioned to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2024 Regular Meeting . Commissioner Castro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously minus an abstention vote from Chair Senn.
3.	Commissioner Announcements – Updates Commissioners provided brief personal introductions. Calendar: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Commission meeting recess during December 2024 – no meeting will take place. Housekeeping: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Commissioners were reminded that the commissioner orientation document is available online for review.
4.	Planned Parenthood Mar Monte: Update and Q&A The Commission received a presentation from Planned Parenthood Mar Monte Key Policy Issues: Comstock Act: Efforts to prevent mailing of abortion medication and criminalizing providers who prescribe them. Mifepristone Ban: Potential ban through FDA regulation. EMTALA Act: Restricting emergency abortion care. Administrative Actions: Dissolving reproductive rights-related government agencies and task forces. Hyde/Section 115 Restrictions: Limiting state travel for abortion services. Global Gag Rule Reinstatement: Restricting U.S. funding for organizations providing reproductive healthcare abroad, including humanitarian assistance. Threats to Global Sexual & Reproductive Rights: Using global diplomats to push restrictive policies. Blocking UN Population Fund: Cutting funding for international reproductive health programs. And More: Additional anti-reproductive rights measures being considered.

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	<p>Discussion: How Can the Commission on the Status of Women (COSW) Support the Work of Planned Parenthood?</p> <p>Storytelling & Awareness: Use QR codes to share personal stories and shape public narratives around sexual and reproductive health.</p> <p>Coalition Building: Strengthen partnerships with advocacy groups.</p> <p>Advocacy & Funding Support: Advocate for county funding to support reproductive healthcare services.</p> <p>Women's March & National Action Day: Support and participate in advocacy events, especially the Saturday before Inauguration Day.</p> <p>Increased Collaboration: Work with local and national organizations to amplify efforts.</p>
5.	<p>Treasurer Report and Budget Request to BOS for funding to start Alameda County Office of Women's Policy</p> <p>Commissioners previously voted to allocate \$10,000 for various commission activities. The breakdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$5,000 for the Women's Hall of Fame, with \$4,000 for scholarships and \$1,000 to cover Commissioners' attendance.• \$3,500 for an engagement luncheon, which includes community leaders and elected officials.• \$1,000 for a retreat and hospitality for meetings.• \$500 for outreach, particularly social media and engagement materials.
6.	<p>Updates from Policy and Advocacy Subcommittee</p> <p>In collaboration with Supervisor Tam's office, the Commission made progress on drafting a CEDAW ordinance for Alameda County, which is seen as a significant milestone. The associated memo was reviewed; however, progress has been delayed due to the Board of Supervisors being on recess. The Commission is awaiting further steps, including collaboration with County Counsel, to present the ordinance for a hearing.</p>
7.	<p>Agenda Building and Follow-up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Overview and Assignments• WHOF• Vacancies (COSW) & Recruitment Plan• Collaboration on SSA legislative breakfast
8.	<p>Public Comment</p>

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	There were no comments from the public.
9.	Appreciations, Closing & Adjournment Chair Senn adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.