

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION FINDING THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM, MEETING IN PERSON FOR MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code section 8625, that a state of emergency exists with regard to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, the Governor clarified that the “reopening” of California on June 15, 2021 did not include any change to the proclaimed state of emergency or the powers exercised thereunder, and as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to California Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the state Legislature; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 that provides that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet without fully complying with the teleconferencing rules in the Brown Act provided the legislative

body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and further requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every thirty (30) days; and,

WHEREAS, California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations

(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>); and,

WHEREAS, the CDC has established a “Community Transmission” metric with 4 tiers designed to reflect a community’s COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity; and,

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo currently has a Community Transmission metric of “substantial” which is the second most serious of the tiers; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission on the Status of Women has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of those who participate in its meetings; and,

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Commission on the Status of Women deems it necessary to find that meeting in person would present imminent risks

to the health or safety of attendees, and thus intends to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing;

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors strongly encourages all legislative bodies of the County of San Mateo that are subject to the Brown Act, including but not limited to, the Planning Commission, the Assessment Appeals Board, the Civil Service Commission, and all other oversight and advisory boards, committees and commissions established by the Board of Supervisors and subject to the Brown Act, to make a similar finding and avail themselves of teleconferencing until the risk of community transmission has further declined;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The Commission on the Status of Women finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. Staff is directed to return no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution with an item for the Commission on the Status of Women to consider making the findings required by AB 361 in order to continue meeting under its provisions.
4. Staff is directed to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 6:30-8:30pm

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

- a. **Commissioners Present:** Nirmala Bandrapalli, Aileen Cassinetta, Sue Datta, Anya Drabkin, Cheryl Fama, Ann Girard, Kelly Keele, Susan Kokores, Dana Linda, Melissa Lukin, Ellen Tafteen, Anisha Weber, Candra Williams
Staff: Tanya Beat, Caiti Busch (Deputy County Attorney)
Absent: Christine Padilla, Karen Pyles (on leave), Maya Tussing, Penelope Stinson, Cate Warden

3. **Public Comment –**

4. **Action to Set Agenda and Approve Consent Agenda Items**

Motion by Anisha Weber. Seconded by Nirmala Bandrapalli. Approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. **Adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.**
6. **Approval of March 2022 Minutes (action under Consent)**

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **RISE 2022 Evaluation & Debrief (discussion) –** Small break out rooms for feedback then share out.

- **Whova Platform:**
 - i. Good:
 - 1. No issues with Whova but because it was new, some participants had challenges getting used to it.
 - 2. People new to Whova, once they got used it, really loved it.
 - ii. Challenges:
 - 1. Whova was a challenge for people & had too many nudges pre-conference.
 - 2. Do not provide choice of Whova OR Zoom. Only do Whova.
 - 3. Start using Whova a couple months in advance – specific to the Commission so that we are easily able to help participants.
- **Conference Content**
 - i. Good
 - 1. Conference site & materials looked professional, organized. Variety & quality of speakers was excellent. Final keynote was amazing. Wed Networking was fun, just needed more people to attend.
 - 2. Moving meditation; poetry session during lunch – both were wonderful. Great variety of sessions with different tracks.
 - ii. Challenges
 - 1. too many sessions – perhaps repeat sessions next time.

2. Have sessions recorded. Have variety of time for people who work and want to participate – have something in the evening.
 3. Session leads need to understand what they are responsible for, such as knowing well in advance they are to record their session and there are community tools on the platform. It's unacceptable to have a session lead give their session and Zoom info to the Conference organizer one day before the start of the conference.
- Audience:
 - i. Some People who attended wanted to network or connect for jobs or meet business owners.
 - ii. Some people did not want to go back to view recordings. They want to participate live but there were too many sessions to do that.
 - iii. Some people did want access to recordings.
 - Whova Evaluation Report – review of report
 - i. Connection touch points
 - ii. Look at top sessions – what does that tell us about what people want? Perhaps having stand-alone sessions is better than concurrent. (and repeating Sessions)
 - iii. Look at top interactive participants – who are they and what does that tell us about our audience?

8. Ideas for 2024 Conference (discussion) – Small break out rooms for feedback then share out. Will need to add this again to a future CSW meeting Agenda.

- Return on Investment
 - i. Is this the best use of Commission time? Specific to redistributing the labor of the conference. Involve other Commissions (intersectional).
- Session Content
 - i. Board of Supervisor Session on what they do (invite them in for a panel)
 - ii. 2024 is an Election year – helps determine sessions
- Engagement
 - i. Sub Committees create Community Survey to get the pulse on hot button issues – ones that they are working on now and ones that we are missing.
 - ii. Is this the best format for connection? Or are there other ways to provide the connection that people want?

9. Reports

- **Youth Commission Report** - Youth Commissioners not able to attend.
- **Director's Report:** Tanya Beat

10. Women's Hall of Fame

- Commission attendance; registration help; logistics & volunteering; need help with décor; \$500 award to Eva Chen (we are accepting donations for future awards); dress for the weather, bring a mask (for indoors).

11. Commissioner Announcements

- SMC Leadership Council – apply!
- May is Mental Health Month
- Rebuilding Together Peninsula – National Rebuilding Day!

12. Adjournment

The **Commission on the Status of Women Group** agree to arrive on time/start on time; take turns speaking; speak loud enough for everyone to hear; be courteous of other opinions; listen to hear a different perspective than your own; mute phones; allow the chair to guide the process; Chair will check in about remaining time at 8:15 PM.

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Agenda Item #11

Support of CA 2022 Legislation recommended by the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls

Background on Support for Reproductive Health in California

Information from the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC): [Where Do Californians Stand on Abortion](#), an article written in October 2021. The most current article (May 3, 2022) from PPIC is [A Broad Range of Californians Oppose Overturning Roe v. Wade](#). Because of the support to keep Roe v Wade, there has been several California Assembly Bills introduced into this most current session (2021-2022).

If San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women (SMC CSW) discusses and decides to take action by supporting current Assembly Bills, it is recommended for the SMC CSW to review what the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls is supporting on their website:

<https://women.ca.gov/policy/>

“The California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls is proud to support several legislative efforts this session focused on reproductive justice as part of our larger efforts. Learn more about these critical legislative efforts below:”

AB 1666 (Bauer-Kahan) Abortion: Civil Actions (Support);

[Abstract](#) on openstates

AB 2134 (Weber) California Abortion and Reproductive Equity (CARE) Act (Support)

[Abstract](#) on openstates

AB 2586 (C. Garcia) Reproductive and Sexual Health Working Group (Support)

[Abstract](#) on openstates

AB 2626 (Calderon) Abortion Provider Protections (Support)

[Abstract](#) on openstates

SB 1142 (Caballero) Abortion services (Sponsor)

[Abstract](#) on openstates

Proposal: The SMC CSW could recommend for staff to work with San Mateo County’s Chief Legislative Office to do analysis of one or more of these bills in order to include them in the County’s Action Plan – Agenda Item #10.

To: San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women
From: Tanya Beat, Director
Date: May 24, 2022
Subject: Status of recent events/projects

General Commission Updates

Thank you Youth Commissioners

- We extend an invitation for both Penelope Stinson and Cate Warden to return to the Commission on the Status of Women with the start of the 2022 school year.
- They are both welcome to attend CSW meetings in June, July, & August.

CSW Retreat: July 15, 2022

- Location: Training Rooms 1 & 2, Regional Operations Center (ROC), County Center, Redwood City, 94063.
- Commissioner Connection: Email Tanya photos of yourself from 1997 and 2012 and share how you are the same now and how you are different.

California Commission on the Status of Women & Girls Women Recovery Response Grant

- Quarter 1 Progress Report submitted May 13, 2022. Progress Report included the March 23-24 RISE 2022 Women's Leadership Conference and the May 10 Women's Hall of Fame.

San Mateo County's Resolution Affirming San Mateo County's Unwavering Support for Women's Reproductive Freedom and Health Care Privacy; Board of Supervisor's Meeting, May 17, 2022

- [Summary](#) of Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization via American Bar Association.
- [Amicus Brief](#)

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SAN MATEO COUNTY'S UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR
WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND HEALTH CARE PRIVACY**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo supports the ability of all residents to access appropriate and affordable healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo, through its County-operated healthcare delivery system and the public health programs it administers, strives to improve the lives of everyone in San Mateo County, and to provide services and outreach to build trust with women, particularly women of color, low-income women and gender nonconforming individuals, and these programs and efforts would be impaired by government actions that criminalize abortion and deter women from seeking needed health care; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo is a signatory to an amicus brief in the pending U.S. Supreme Court case, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, and is thereby on record in support of abortion rights as critical to, among other things, achieving racial and economic equality; and

WHEREAS, the ability of women to safely access reproductive and other healthcare services is increasingly threatened across the United States, especially with the anticipated U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade; and

WHEREAS, California has a history of assuring safe access to abortion and contraception through structural supports, such as Medicaid and other public health programs, that assist all residents with the reproductive health care and contraceptive services they need, and these programs have resulted in a significant reduction in teen pregnancy, as well as reduced disparities in reproductive health care based on race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, with the continued proliferation of laws restricting, prohibiting, and even criminalizing abortion in multiple states, women will be forced to leave their primary care providers and communities to travel to California to receive necessary reproductive health care services in the coming months and years; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo and other municipalities must act urgently to demonstrate a strong commitment to women’s reproductive freedom and healthcare rights and to support the preservation and expansion of reproductive healthcare access for all women;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo affirms its unwavering commitment to women’s reproductive freedom and health care privacy, and hereby directs the County Executive or his designee to develop for this Board’s consideration and approval an action plan to implement this commitment and to return to the Board on June 14, 2022 to present the plan.

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