



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### AGENDA

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 6:00-8:00pm**

**IN-PERSON:** Room 101, 455 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063

Members of the Public option: <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/86483621428> Audio: +1 699 900 6833; enter Meeting ID 864 8362 1428

ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TIME
<b>1. Call to Order &amp; Land Acknowledgement</b>	Vice-President	6:00pm
<b>2. Roll Call</b>	Vice-President	6:04pm
<b>3. Public Comment</b> <i>is an opportunity for members of the public to address the commission on any topic that is not on the agenda. If your subject is not on the agenda, we will recognize you at this time.</i>	Vice-President	6:05pm
<b>4. Action to Set Agenda and approve Consent Agenda (action)</b>	President	6:08pm
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>		
<b>5. Approval of December 2025 Minutes</b>		
<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>		
<b>6. Welcome Back &amp; Traditions for the New Year</b> <i>(Supervisor Lisa Gauthier joining and learning)</i>	All	6:10pm
<b>7. President's Report</b>	Ann Girard	6:50pm
<b>8. Listen &amp; Learn Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Logistics: where, when, how</li><li>Program Agenda</li><li>Sign Ups</li></ul>	Larisa Ocañada with Communications & Engagement Cmte	7:00pm
<b>9. Director's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recognition Event – January 28</li><li>2026 Calendar of Meetings</li><li>Women's Hall of Fame</li><li>Women's Art Exhibit – Judges &amp; Reception – March 15</li><li>Brown Act Changes (BOS approval needed)</li></ul>	Tanya Beat	7:20pm
<b>10. Spotlight – Larisa Ocañada</b>		7:45pm
<b>11. Announcements</b>	All	7:50pm
<b>12. Adjournment</b>	All	8:00pm

**\*\*\*MEETING IN-PERSON\*\*\***

This meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will be held in rm 101 at 455 County Center, Redwood City, 94063. Members of the public only will be able to participate in the meeting in person. For information regarding how to participate in the meeting, either in person or remotely, please refer to the instructions at the end of the agenda.

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\*Spoken public comments will be accepted during the meeting in person.

**\*Please see instructions for written and spoken public comments at the end of this agenda.**

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2. Your email should include the specific agenda item on which you are commenting or note that your comment concerns an item that is not on the agenda or is on the consent agenda.
3. Members of the public are limited to one comment per agenda item.
4. The length of the emailed comment should be commensurate with the one minute customarily allowed for verbal comments, which is approximately 150-200 words.
5. If your emailed comment is received by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, it will be provided to the CSW. If emailed comments are received after 12:00p.m. on the day of the meeting, the staff will make every effort to either (i) provide such emailed comments to the CSW, or (ii) read such emails or a summary thereof during the meeting.

**\*Spoken Comments:** In person Participation:

If you wish to speak to the CSW, please fill out a speaker's slip located on the materials table. If you have anything that you wish distributed to the CSW, please hand it to staff who will distribute the information to the members and staff.



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 6:00-8:00pm

1. **Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement**

2. **Roll Call**

a. **Commissioners Present:**

b. Julissa Acosta, Nirmala Bandrapalli, Dayna Chung, Meghan Crowell, Ana Avendaño, Aileen Cassinetto, Trish Erwin, Aysha Pamukcu (arrived after votes), Amani Shroff, Ann Girard, LaSaundra Gutter, Siyona Jain, Susan Kokores, Amy McHugh, Larisa Ocañada, Susan Takalo, Rosie Tejada, Irma Zoepf; Staff: Jacki Rigoni, Natasha Ram

c. Absent: Michelle Stewart

3. **Public Comment**

4. **Action to set Agenda**

- Motion to approve by Nirmala Bandrapalli, seconded by La Saundra Gutter. Approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

5. **Approval of September Minutes and October Minutes**

- Motion to amend September Minutes to correct spelling of member of the public (Dow Jane Pei) and approve October Minutes by Susan Takalo, seconded by Nirmala Bandrapalli. Abstention from Trish Erwin. Approved.

### REGULAR AGENDA

6. **Celebration & Acknowledgement** – Susan Kokores facilitated. She thanked everyone and provided an overview of accomplishments from her Presidency.

7. **Celebration of Susan Kokores** – Ann Girard, Tanya Beat and Jacki Rigoni presented. Acknowledged Susan Kokores' work and presented a commendation from Supervisor Corzo.

8. **Elections**

- **Nomination for Vice-President:** Self Nominations from Irma Zoepf and La Saundra Gutter
  - i. Irma Zoepf received 8 votes and La Saundra Gutter received 10 votes.
- **Nomination for President:** Self Nomination from Ann Girard
  - Motion to approve Vice-President and President from Susan Kokores, seconded by Nirmala Bandrapalli. Approved.

9. **Listen and Learn in Half Moon Bay (D3) Debrief** - Rosie Tejada

- What worked:
  - Fabulous! Julissa was awesome.
  - Commissioners were there! Impressed with the support & commitment
  - Format? Agenda was impactful. Susan K and Ann to start things off and Fund the Future presentation.

- Introductions (+); valuable to connect with each other. Set the stage for meaningful conversation.
- Liked the small tables – we could hear each other, intimacy
- Food and drink provided was good
- Uneasy about not knowing who would be there but it worked out well. Strive to smaller size
- Diverse group represented (even two men attended!). Ages, ethnicity, parents and retired folks
- Loved the diversity of the folks and the CSW mirrors that diversity. Having a Spanish only table was great.
- The flow was smooth and things moved along. Replicate the agenda momentum and flow. We felt comfortable to take care of our needs (food, restroom)
- Thank you all for your flexibility (informal child watch)
- The community partnerships is key with turnout; personal invitations also helped
- Participants were able to be vulnerable
- I felt seen and connected to the group and to the lives of the community
- Questions were great guides for conversation (holding space for them)
- Aysha was a master facilitator (having both parents there was special)
- What could be revised
  - i. Have volunteers for child watch (toys, books)
  - ii. Microphones needed
  - iii. Sharing out at the end
  - iv. Encourage RSVP list to anticipate # of tables and need for volunteers.

## **10. Spotlight – Amy McHugh**

### **11. Fund the Future Acknowledgements**

- Communications & Engagement Update – Tanya Beat
- Fund the Future Update – Dayna Chung

### **12. Announcements**

- CSW Draft Calendar of Meetings 2026:
  - i. The calendar will be voted on at the January CSW meeting.
- Recognition Event for Boards & Commissions, 1/28/2026
  - i. The invitation will be going out soon

### **13. Adjournment**

**To: San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women**  
**From: Tanya Beat, Director**  
**Date: January 27, 2026**  
**Subject: Status Update**

***Boards & Commissions Recognition Event*** - Wednesday, January 28, 5-7pm

Heavy appetizers, wine, gift bags, appreciation from President Corzo. Great opportunity to network with other commissions.

***2026 CSW Meeting Calendar***

Discussion and agreement on meeting dates. The CSW needs to decide which date in August would be best for Women's Equality Day. Other dates that the CSW are involved in are included.

***Women's Hall of Fame***

- Press Release – Jan 15; Social info sent to CSW
- Speaking Roles: Ann Girard, President; La Saundra Gutter, Emcee
- Tickets are now Available on Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/WHOF2026> \$45 per person
- Waived tickets are being provided to:
  - Honorees & their families; Nominators; Judges; Board of Supervisors; Assemblymembers, Senators, Sponsors; Speakers
- Waived tickets are available for those who want an active role at the event:
  - Check-in Table
  - Set up Décor, Legislative Resolutions, Crystal Award tables

***Women's History Month***

- March 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors Meeting: Issuing of the Women's History Month Proclamation & presentation of CSW Annual Report
- Arts Commission co-sponsoring of the Women's View Exhibit (see attached flyer).
  - Deadline to submit art: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Exhibit runs March 2-31 at Twin Pines Art Center in Belmont
  - Sunday, March 15 is a Reception from 2-4pm
  - They are asking for 2 CSW Members to be judges; **Judging takes place at 1:30pm.**

***Brown Act, SB 707***



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## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### 2026 Meeting Schedule

*CSW meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:00-8:00pm*

*Dates Bolded are Regular Meeting Days & Times*

Month	Date	EVENT	Time
<b>January</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Regular meeting</b>	<b>6:00-8:00 PM</b>
January	28	SMC Recognition Event	5:00-7:00PM
<b>February</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>D5 Listen &amp; Learn – Daly City</b>	<b>6:00-8:00 PM</b>
March	6	Women’s Hall of Fame – Skyline College	4:30-6:30PM
March	15	Women’s View Art Exhibit	
<b>March</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Regular meeting</b>	<b>6:00-8:00 PM</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Regular meeting</b>	<b>6:00-8:00 PM</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Regular meeting</b>	<b>6:00-8:00 PM</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Regular meeting</b>	<b>6:00-8:00 PM</b>
August	25	Which day for WED?	6:00-8:00 PM
August	26	Which day for WED?	6:00-8:00 PM
<b>September</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Regular meeting</b>	<b>6:00-8:00 PM</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>D4 Listen &amp; Learn – East Palo Alto</b>	<b>6:00-8:00 PM</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>In Person Only</b>	<b>6:00-8:00 PM</b>

## **Five Leaders, One Honor: San Mateo County Names 2026 Women's Hall of Fame Class**

**Redwood City** – Alyson Suzuki learned early in life what happens when schools, social services and nonprofits speak a language you and your family don't.

Raised by her immigrant mother, she watched doors close not because opportunities didn't exist, but because they were buried in forms and conversations she couldn't understand. That experience shapes her work in San Mateo County, where she has focused on language access while building support systems for Asian families and other underserved communities.

Suzuki's efforts will be celebrated on March 6, when she is honored alongside four other inductees in the 2026 class of the [San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame](#).

The other honorees include leaders whose work has unfolded in city halls, community organizations and classrooms, as well as two high school students whose initiatives reflect the next generation of civic leadership.

They are Andrea Jones, whose career centers on advancing the well-being of children and families; Terry Nagel, a community leader, former mayor and tireless volunteer in Burlingame; and two high school seniors, Danika Gonzalez Johnston of Half Moon Bay High and Amani Shroff of Carlmont High.

"We are very excited to honor three extraordinary women and two youth at our Women's Hall of Fame," said Ann Girard, president of the Commission on the Status of Women. "This iconic event provides an opportunity to recognize the talents, contributions and vision of these women who improve and strengthen the community for all of us."

The Women's Hall of Fame and Young Women of Excellence ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m. on March 6 in the Farallon Room of Skyline College in San Bruno. Tickets may be purchased on Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/WHOF2026>.

### **About the Inductees:**

#### **Andrea Jones**

Andrea Jones is a Bay Area–born leader whose career has focused on advancing the well-being of children and families. She has worked across community arts, nonprofit leadership and local philanthropy, including eight years in the philanthropic sector. Jones currently serves as lead consultant for the Children's Collective and San Mateo County's Child Care Blueprint, coordinating parents, providers, employers, advocates, funders and public agencies to advance equitable, sustainable child care solutions. She is

known for translating community input into actionable strategies and for aligning diverse stakeholders to move policy from planning to implementation.

### **Terry Nagel**

Terry Nagel has been a community leader since 1985, organizing residents, volunteering in local schools and serving 12 years on the Burlingame City Council, including three terms as mayor. Her work has emphasized civic engagement, government transparency, equity and sustainability. Nagel organized residents to address chronic power outages through Burlingamers Unwilling to Live with Blackouts -- BULB, prompting \$5 million in infrastructure investments and significantly reducing outages. Since 2019, she has served as chair of Sustainable San Mateo County, where she helped develop the county's first Sustainability Dashboard and Ideas Bank and expanded the organization's capacity and partnerships.

### **Alyson Suzuki**

Alyson Suzuki is a first-generation Chinese American nonprofit leader whose work has advanced language access, early childhood education and family support systems across San Mateo County and the Bay Area. With more than 30 years of experience in education, social services and nonprofit leadership, she is the founder and chief executive of Unitedly. Under her leadership, Unitedly created San Mateo County's first Child Development Associate credential pathway for Chinese-speaking educators and launched the Game Changers Youth Leadership Program for Asian American, Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander student athletes. Suzuki also serves as co-chair of the Chinese Health Initiative of San Mateo County.

### **Danika Gonzalez Johnston**

Danika Gonzalez Johnston is a senior at Half Moon Bay High School from Pescadero. Following recovery from severe anorexia, she became an advocate for eating disorder awareness, health and wellness and rural youth. She volunteers with the Eating Recovery Center and has helped plan San Mateo County's Eating Disorder Awareness Week. As the 2024–25 San Mateo County Youth Arts Fellow for District 3, Johnston created a bilingual theater curriculum and guided elementary students in writing and performing a multilingual original play.

### **Amani Shroff**

Amani Shroff is a senior at Carlmont High School and chair of the San Mateo County Youth Commission, where she has represented more than 90,000 youth for the past three years. Her work has focused on civic engagement, youth leadership and voter education. Shroff serves as a youth liaison to the San Mateo County Commission on the

Status of Women and has led school-based initiatives promoting empathy and mental health awareness. She is a published poet focused on social justice and plans to attend Stanford University.

For more information about the Women's Hall of Fame induction ceremony, please visit the [Commission on the Status of Women](#). All honorees and their biographies are at [Explore the Women who Made History](#).

### **About the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame**

In 1984, the Commission on the Status of Women established a permanent Women's Hall of Fame to recognize outstanding women for their contributions to the well-being of San Mateo County. Impartial judges selected from outside the county read the numerous nominations with names redacted to ensure a fair and unbiased process, before selecting the finalists. The women are honored for their outstanding contributions to their profession, their generous work as volunteers or both.

In 1993, a second category, "Young Women of Excellence," was added to the Women's Hall of Fame. Nominees must be high school juniors or seniors or the equivalent. The award aims to give visibility to young women's accomplishments in community service, academic achievement and acts of courage in their daily lives.

### **About the Commission on the Status of Women**

The Commission on the Status of Women is a non-partisan advisory body to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors that seeks to improve the quality of life for women of all ages in San Mateo County. Through strategic partnerships and collaboration, the commission identifies women's needs, advises the board of supervisors, and educates the community on matters concerning women. More information is available at <https://smcgov.org/csw>

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# WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

**MARCH 6 | 4:30-6:30PM**

Together We Celebrate Greatness.



Alyson Suzuki



Andrea Jones



Terry Nagel

## YOUNG WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE



Danika Gonzalez Johnston



Amani Shroff

**Register Now**



<https://bit.ly/WHOF2026>



Farallon Room, Skyline College



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San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women

# Listen & Learn

District 5: Women's Economic Health & Access to Childcare  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
JEFFERSON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE IN DALY CITY

[Click Here to Register](#)

[ or Scan the QR Code ]



The [Commission on the Status of Women](#) wants to hear from you! You are invited to share your perspective on women's economic health and access to childcare at our second [Listen & Learn](#) meeting in San Mateo County!

Interpretation services are available and dinner is provided. A kids' corner will be provided for youth 2 years old and up.

In Collaboration with:



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Scan to Register



[bit.ly/CSWListenAndLearn2026](https://bit.ly/CSWListenAndLearn2026)

To learn more about the *Commission on the Status of Women*, please visit: [smcgov.org/csw](https://smcgov.org/csw)



# Civic Café!

Tools for youth to participate in local government!

**January 31st**  
11:00AM - 2:00PM

**Regional Operations Center**  
501 Winslow St, Redwood City, CA 94063

## Menu

- **Keynote Speakers**  
Assemblymember **Marc Berman**  
Congressman **Sam Liccardo**
- **Workshops**
  - Legislation Pathways
  - Getting Involved In Government
  - And more!
- **Networking with youth organizations in SMC**

## Sign-Up



<https://bit.ly/CivicCafe26>

Refreshments and snacks provided.

Presented by the San Mateo County Youth Commission.