



Contra Costa County  
**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

Family Justice Center Community Room  
2151 Salvio Street, #201, Concord, CA 94520  
Tuesday, August 18, 2016  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Officers

Iris Wong  
Tracy Ward  
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**Absent:**

Argentina Davila-Luevano  
Natalie Oleas  
Kirsten Upshaw  
Deborah Woods-Campbell  
Tracy Ward  
Rebecca Loboschefskey

**Guest:**

Lanita L. Mims  
Karen Rarey  
Enid Mendoza  
Beth W. Mora

Iris Wong called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Motion to start by Jennifer Cohen, seconded by Stacey Howard, no objections.

**Public Comment**

Three guests introduced themselves: Lenita mins, Enid Mendoza, Beth Mora, and Karen Rarey; Beth and Latina are interested in joining the commission.

**Approval of Minutes**

- a. minutes for May and June: need dates changed, spelling errors to be changed.
- b. Motion to approve with modifications by Phyllis. Seconded by Jennifer. Abstained by Julianna Hynes, Stacey Howard, and Bonnie McCreary.

**Co-Chairs' Report**

- a. Tracy Ward has stepped down from Co-Chair position. Iris Wong will let group know if additional support needed with retreat.

### **Committee Reports:**

1. Retreat

New retreat date is November 12, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. No commission meeting for that month. Iris Wong will check with vice-chair to see if Family Justice Center is available for that day.

2. County Survey

All agree soliciting help will be needed, possibly creating an internship position. Stacey Howard will check with a possible candidate with data analysis background. Will connect that person with Juliana Hynes.

3. Women and Entrepreneurship Panel

Well attended and great partnership created with Workforce Development. Stacey Howard suggested a possible Hall of Fame lunch-in event or similar to that of the SF Women's Luncheon event: Stacey will also check with Oscar Dominguez to pitch ideas.

4. Commission Logo

Very few submissions. Will consider other options.

5. 2016 Commission Retreat

Commission Retreat will take place on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10AM to end tentatively around 4PM. Location to be determined; Family Justice Center conference room possibly an option.

6. District Member Updates

None

7. Communications Updates

a. Press Release - none

b. Web - None

c. Social Media - promotion of Film Screening- "Equal Means Equal"

8. Membership Updates

Three new interviews to date, goal is to reach 20 members total by October.

Rebecca Loboschefskey has stepped down and will be submitting resignation soon.

### **Announcements & Upcoming Community Events:**

1. Phyllis Gordon reported on the National Association of Commissions for Women Conference in Hawaii. From conference the opportunity came up to screen film "Equal Means Equal." Flyer was passed around. Stacey Howard volunteered to help make event fans. Joey Smith volunteered to make raffle basket.

2. Women's Intercultural Network Event, Saturday August 27th 4-7PM in San Francisco.
3. Women's Summit in Martinez, Saturday September 10th. more information to come.
4. Joey Smith shared story of a woman in our county who is facing major life challenges.  
Opened discussion to consider what our commission can do to support or offer resources to women in similar situations.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:25 pm

Motion: Joey Smith

Seconded: Jennifer Cohen

None abstained

Minutes taken and submitted by Commissioner Liliana Gonzalez