



## VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

DATE: December 17, 2012

#### A. Accomplishments & Activities

##### a. Administration Issues

- i. No additional news on moving the VCCW office and no request has been needed for non-intrusive meeting locations (VCCW Vice Chair is the contact)

- b. Improve Quality of Life – the Chair gathered information on the following and represented VCCW at some of the meetings: No Information gathered at this time.

##### c. Tasks Assigned by Board of Supervisors

- i. Fiscal & Administrative Review by Ventura County CEO

1. The Operating Policies & Budget to address the relationship with the Board of Supervisors and the other responsibilities outside of the Commission were drafted and submitted with VCCW approval to the CEO. The Board of Supervisors directed the County Executive Office to Schedule a Study Session with the Board of Supervisors to Discuss the Commission's Future, as Requested by the Commission **"AND DIRECT THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO CONDUCT A FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT THE STUDY SESSION"**. (Board of Supervisors, March 6, 2012 Summary). This meeting has been postponed.

2. Amended Bylaws will be part of this review.

- ii. Annual Report – The report will be for the full term of the Chair, 2011-2013.

- iii. Meeting with Supervisor Linda Parks 11 a.m. December 17, 2012

1. The meeting was to relay the view of the Board of Supervisors upon the Commission for Women as a result of the Study, the request for policies and procedures for the Commission through the Study Session.

2. Options available to the VCCW are the following:

- a. Incorporate as an independent Nonprofit, or
- b. Move the VCCW to a dependent commission under the Board of Supervisors

3. Reasons for this recommendation are:

- a. The independent checking account held by the VCCW; and,
- b. The Status of Women & Girls Study **Recommendations** exceeds the boundaries of the Commission for Women.

- i. Supervisor Parks said that although the Status Report presents compelling findings and VCCW is striving to impact strategic action plans of government, corporations, and community organization utilizing the study to drive more money into Ventura County to resolve, it is considered outside of the purview and scope of a Commission as a body under the County Board of Supervisors. It is viewed as a type of report similar to

what the Grand Jury would conduct. It is a good report but outside of the duties and mission of the Commission for Women.

- c. The Supervisor suggested that the Recommendations could focus instead on what the Commission for Women would select as its goals and that are not being done by other County Departments or other non-profits (unless VCCW partnered with them). We would learn to network with others in a collaborative manner to accomplish our goals. **The Study with the VCCW goals are what could be then brought to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.** The
  - d. Suggestion for a VCCW: Assisting young women learn of career opportunities for young girls in the County Departments such as the Sheriff's Lab, and conduct a tour of County Departments, volunteer opportunities leading toward a career, meetings with elected officials, and a symposium for math and science careers. It was also suggested this could be done with women's organizations such as AAUW, National Association of Business Women Organization, etc.
4. In Summary, the Commissioners must decide whether to 1) Incorporate as an independent non profit, or 2) Edit the report to address what is within the scope of the VCCW mission in terms of the recommendations, and 3) No longer have a bank account or funding separate from the County and not join with other organizations such as VCCF without Board of Supervisors' approval. It was noted also that the VCCW is not an advocacy organization. Everything VCCW does must have Board of Supervisors' approval.