

Ventura County Commission for Women
Vice Chair and Correspondence Report
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MAIL Report.

Credit Union Statement

PHONE CALLS

VICE CHAIR'S REPORT

CAWA/WIN There is no new news about the 5th World Conference for Women other than it is being discussed in countries around the world and the momentum continues. Ethiopia is considering sponsoring the proposal at the next convening of the General Assembly.

On Wednesday May 23, 2012 I will be on a conference call with the Board of CAWA/WIN and will report at our next meeting.

When was the last time we paid our dues?

ACCW the next meeting of the organization is the Annual Meeting has been moved to Saturday, June 30. Dues will be do at that time. Contra Costa County will be hosting us at a very nice meeting space in Pittsburg. I have one more year on the Executive Committee as the Southern California Representative, More information to come.\

Governor's Budget Eliminates the California Commission on the Status of Women

On January 5th, the Governor released his 2012/2013 Budget Proposal. The Budget eliminates the CA Commission on the Status of Women. The Budget also proposes steep cuts to health and human services, including CalWORKs, child care and Medi-Cal. Cuts to these programs disproportionately harm women and their families. Women have already been hit hard by recent budget cuts. This new proposal threatens to deliver additional blows to the most disadvantaged Californians, most of whom are women and children.

The women of the state of California need the Commission now more than ever:

- More than one third of households headed by women with children have income that falls below the poverty level.
- Safety net programs that serve mostly women have been slashed, with 3 billion cut from CalWORKs alone in the last 5 years.
- Women fill only 28% of the seats in California's State Legislature.
- 40% of women experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime.
- In California's 400 largest companies, women comprise only 3.3% of CEO's.

Contact Governor Brown

Call Governor Brown - 916-445-2841

Register your support: *"I oppose the Governor's Budget Proposal to eliminate the California Commission on the Status of Women."*

VCWFC met for a short business meeting at Planned Parenthood Conference Room before adjourning so that most in attendance could attend a Candidates Forum at Cal Lutheran University. The sponsorship letter was approved (see attached) and a fundraiser will be held at Kim Marra Stephenson's.(date to be announced shortly) Save the date emails to be sent out soon.

RRN No meeting

VCCW Chair Lee Riggan and I attended the public briefing and conversation in Santa Barbara County at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Hall.of the **Status of Women Report for the State of California "FALLING BEHIND: The Impact of the Great Recession and The Budget Crisis on California Women and Their Families funded by the Women's Foundation of California** Presenters included Judy Patrick President and CEO of the Women's Foundation , Fran Forman Exeecutive Director S.B. Community Action Agency, Lathy M. Gallagher Director, Department of Social Services of Santa Barbara County, Martha Harmon Senior Vice President of Community Investments Santa Barbara Foundation, Supervisor Janet Wolf 2nd district County of Santa Barbara. And Dr Nancy Leffert,President of Antioch University Santa Barbara Moderator of Panel.