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Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Ave.  
Ventura, CA 93003

Re: Request for Study Session on  
establishing a Ventura County  
Commission on the Status of Women.

Dear Supervisors;

The Ventura County Women's Equity Coalition has been building its membership of organizations and individuals in Ventura County since late in 1979, initially out of a felt need to form a network of information for and about women in this county. After several months of networking efforts many of us reconized our need for a county commission on the Status of Women to put us into the state-wide and even nationwide resource network of these commissions. We realized that we are "sandwiched" between Los Angeles, which has such a commission on both the county and city levels of government, and Santa Barbara, which has a county commission; but without our own commissioners we have noone to be in direct contact with their commissioners. Further, without our own commissioners we do not have access to information about the specific problems of women in Ventura County or the resources for dealing with those problems, except in a piecemeal fashion.

Therefore we want to have one (or several) study session(s) with you, to supply you with information we have gathered about the value of such a commission and to discuss this matter with you in detail. We would be glad to have a committee of coalition members from all over the county meet with the Board of Supervisors at one of your regularly scheduled meetings in Ventura. Or we can set up five separate committees (with some overlapping of members) to meet with each supervisor separately at their district office during evening hours. Since we are aware of time constraints especially in terms of budget considerations (although you will find this to be a small factor in the overall budget), we are very willing to

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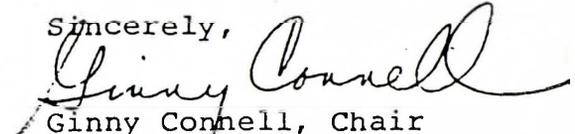
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take time off from work to meet with you at your convenience.

Thank you for giving this matter your attention.

Enclosed is one information sheet supplied by the California Commission on the Status of Women.

Sincerely,

  
Ginny Connell, Chair  
Ventura County Women's Equity  
Coalition

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