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Subject: Request for assistance with and approval of the application for VCCF/WLF/Fairburn
Funded Project for the Status of Women & Girls in Ventura County Research Project

First much appreciation goes to your staff for the swift response by email to our letter of December 16, 2011 from the CEO's office and forwarded by Vanise Castillo-Saad, of your office, to me.

According to the response, Statement 1 finds that the Commission supposedly has been operating on its own with no County's oversight since its creation in 1981. However, there are fiscal files and reports in our office indicating that the County up to 1992 funded the Commission. A bill introduced by State Assembly Member McClinton removed funding from the Commission for Women (February 20, 1992). Up until that time County directly paid for the staffing and other expenses. This was for a period of 10 plus years.

Statement 2 is true, that the Commission does have its own bank account. The account contains the small amount of funds that members and friends donate to help with small expenses. In addition, the VCCF holds funds earned through the Commission's work with the Women's Forum Collaborative (prior to their incorporation). The Ventura County Counsel is aware of this as that office settled a disagreement for VCCW on that matter. No files as yet found indicate that the County is funding the Commission for Women with its critical budget needs. The Commission appreciates the office space and access to a meeting room the County provides.

Statement 3 & 4 gives VCCW the direction it needs to precede with its research project, Status of Women & Girls in Ventura County. Attached is the requested Board Letter requesting the Board of Supervisors' ratification of the grant application and the acceptance of grant funds should they be forthcoming.

If there are any questions regarding this submittal, please contact me by my [REDACTED]
We are most appreciative of the timely assistance your office has provided.

Sincerely,

LEE RIGGAN
Chair 2011-2012
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