

# VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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### District 1

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Tila Estrada  
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VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
2220 VENTURA BLVD., CAMARILLO  
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1987

## MINUTES

- I. The regular monthly meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was called to order at 9:10 by Co-Chair Arleen Rosenfield.
- II. Commissioners Present:  
Miriam Albert, Thousand Oaks  
Lauren Anderson, Ventura  
Dot Engel, Thousand Oaks  
Karen Flock, Ventura  
Lillian Goldman, Camarillo  
Zora Kirby, Thousand Oaks  
Arleen Rosenfield, Ventura  
Sandra Ryder, Camarillo  
Bonnie Warrington, Simi Valley  
Susan Witting, Thousand Oaks
- Commissioners Absent:  
Tila Estrada, Oxnard  
Brook Hubbell, Simi Valley  
Meredith Sheehan, Oxnard  
Martha White, Oxnard
- Guests:  
Lee Anderson, Friends  
Ginny Connell, Friends
- III. The Minutes of March 21, 1987 were accepted as mailed.
- IV. Public Comment - None.
- V. Financial Report - Staff  
As of March 27, 1987, with 77% of the fiscal year elapsed, 49% of Level 1 funds (salaries & benefits) were expended, 72% of Level 2 funds (services and supplies) were expended, for an organization total of 58% of funds expended.
- VI. Correspondence Report - Bonnie Warrington  
A letter was sent to the Board of Supervisors recommending approval of recent bylaws changes. (Bylaws were approved.) A copy of the complete correspondence report is available from the Commission for Women office.
- VII. Staff Report - Martha Baskerville
1. A memo regarding preparation of the 1986-87 Annual Report was distributed. Each task force and committee chair is asked to submit a report by May 29. Records of in-kind contributions and information on community involvement are also to be submitted by May 29. The annual report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in July.
  2. Based on a discussion with Shannon Trower, County Counsel's office, staff reported the following regarding fundraising by Commissioners and staff:

- (1) An appointed member of the Commission for Women may seek personal or corporate donations, either cash contributions or services, in the name of the Commission for Women. Such donations could be for a Commission project, such as for the printing of a brochure, or to support the "Salute To Women" awards banquet which is facilitated by the Friends of the Commission or other activities.
  - (2) Commission staff could also be involved in soliciting donations to support Commission projects and activities, as long as that work did not interfere with, or override, the government work for which staff was hired.
3. A list of all past "Salute To Women" Award recipients was distributed.

VIII. Friends of the Commission - Lee Anderson and

IX. Task Force Reports

A. Education - Lauren Anderson  
(joint report)

1. "Salute To Women"  
Commissioners Rosenfield, Anderson and Warrington will participate in the Friends meeting, April 23, 7:30 p.m., 2220 Ventura Blvd., in Camarillo.

Pictures from the '86 banquet will be mailed by the Friends and will be used as part of the outreach for the '87 event.

In addition to recognizing women in Ventura County, the purpose of the banquet is to raise public awareness of the Commission and to raise funds to support Commission projects and activities. The fundraising aspect will be emphasized more this year than it has been in the past.

Keeping that in mind, complimentary dinners will be offered to award recipients and the guest speaker only. All others will require a paid reservation.

A reception prior to the dinner at which recipients will be available to meet media representatives and others, will be held again this year. A photographer will be on hand for the evening. There is no charge to attend the reception.

The contract with the Westlake Plaza Hotel for the 1987 awards banquet has been signed. The date is Thursday, October 29. Regular dinner reservations will be \$30. Patron reservations will be \$60. Student reservations will be \$21.50.



2. "Women in Agriculture" Forum - Karen Flock  
The date for the forum has been changed from May 30 to May 16, 2:30 - 6:30 p.m., All Saints Episcopal Church, 144 South C Street, Oxnard. There will be 4 workshops, each with a facilitator and translator.

The committee has requested sponsorship from other community organizations; sponsorship could include donations of food, beverages, paper goods, money or volunteers to organize and serve supper, or child care or transportation services.

B. Employer Assisted Child Care

1. AB 1070 (Hayden) - allows school districts to make child care facilities a priority use of surplus school properties, and specifies child care as one of the services that may be funded using Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act funds. The legislative analysis committee will seek further information and bring a recommendation to the May meeting.
2. SOLO Project - Bonnie Warrington  
At the SOLO Project meeting on April 2 at the Superintendent of School's Conference facility, Jeri Lupton (Oxnard College) discussed grants for child care/latch key facilities available under AB 1024 (O'Connell). Application deadline for grant is April 30. The next SOLO Project meeting is May 7 at 2 p.m. at the R.O.P. facility, Camarillo Airport.

Ms. Warrington announced a workshop she is organizing as part of the annual CAL-NEVA meeting, April 23-25 at the Sheraton Ventura Hotel. Scheduled for April 23, 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., the child care advocacy panel, called "Nurturing Tomorrow's Leaders", will include: Anita Perez Ferguson, Field Assistant to Senator Gary Hart (legislation), Marlene Alexander, Coordinator of the Commission for Women's Child Care Task Force sub-committee on employer-assisted child care (options for child care in Ventura County), Doris Mechanick, Program Supervisor for Children's Home Society of California (development of a community child care council), Linda Wilson, Ventura County GAIN program, Deborah Gordon, Director, San Geronio Child Care Center in Banning (development of an employer-supported child care center), Bonnie Warrington, Coordinator, Community Service Programs, Commission on Human Concerns (self care; emergency back-up for the child care dilemma). Following the panel there will be tours of the Great Pacific Ironworks on-site child care facility.

- C. Divorced Women/Single Head of Household Task Force -  
Bonnie Warrington

This task force will meet on April 16 to further discuss the brochure on divorce. Recommendations will be brought to the May meeting.

- D. Housing Task Force - Karen Flock  
Networking for Housing is pursuing Community Development Block Grants for a revolving loan fund. The County Board of Supervisors approved the use of \$50,000 of Community Development Block Grants for that purpose.

The Supervisors approved a total of \$800,000 in Community Development Block Grants funds, much of it for social programs and many related to the housing issue.

The task force will meet again on May 6, 8:30 a.m. at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Camarillo.

X. Committee Reports

- A. Communication - Sandy Ryder  
The committee will meet on Monday, April 13 to develop a basic script for Commissioners to use when they make presentations to community organizations.

- B. Legislative Analysis - Dot Engel

1. The Summary of Pending Legislation Report, California Commission on the Status of Women lists as major priority areas: Child Care, Economic Equity, Employment and Health. Additional reports will be printed and distributed by the California Commission on the Status of Women during the coming legislative session.
2. SB 724 (Greene) - This bill would add to the state education code, the requirement that all applicants for the teaching credential and the services credential be required to complete coursework on anti-discrimination laws and on issues involving equal opportunities for all person.

M/S/P, Engel, Anderson: to support SB 724 and to write a letter of support to the appropriate legislative committees with copies to local representatives.

3. AB 2674, passed last year, made some changes in the Brown Act regarding meetings of legislative bodies and local government agencies including advisory commissions. These changes will be reviewed by the legislative analysis committee.



XI. Unfinished Business

1. Legislative Roundtable

Response to the idea of forming a legislative roundtable has been positive.

The legislative analysis committee will meet Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. to plan the initial roundtable meeting.

2. Commissioners approved the following statement: Former Commissioner Marlene Alexander is the Coordinator of the Commission for Women's Child Care Task Force subcommittee on employer-assisted child care.

XII. New Business

Based on the suggestion from Shannon Trower, County Counsel's office, the Commission voted to request authorization from the Board of Supervisors to accept gifts and donations under \$2,500 on behalf of the County.

XII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Announcement:

The location of the May 16 meeting has been changed. The Commission will meet in conjunction with Camarillo Women's Day, from 10 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.  
Location: Christian Church School, corner of Las Posas Road and Arneill Road, Camarillo.

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