



VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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Ventura County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for your direction and support in what feels like a "re-birth" of the Commission for Women. On March 6, 2012, we thanked those who brought us before the Board of Supervisors, recognizing our plight and determining what our need was. The process to get to there required others' assistance and we want to recognize and thank three people in particular who help. These are the following:

Supervisor Linda Parks, Supervisory District 2. She has been our guide helping the Commission for Women progress and assigning staff, Vanise Castillo-Saad, to help us in this process, and in assisting us with our connecting to Supervisor Zaragoza.

Vanise Castillo-Saad, Office of Supervisors Linda Parks. She helped us with our connection to the Ventura County CEO's office, and filling our vacancy for District 2. We are so grateful to Supervisor Parks and to her staff, Vanise.

Sonia Kroth, Community Relations Manager, Ventura County Human Services Agency. She has served to help the Commission for Women as it worked through the labyrinth of the County to gain an understanding of what was required.

In addition, we are very grateful to both Supervisor Linda Parks and Supervisor Bennett for their recommendations for appointments and to the full Board of Supervisors for adding three new commissioners, Kitty Dill, Rosandra Esquivel, and Joni Holling, to the Commission for Women. These women are a welcomed addition to our "work-force" and most needed in this time when we will be conducting the study on the "Status of Women and Girls in Ventura County." Also we appreciate the work of Lourdes and Tracy in Supervisor Zaragoza's office for their help.

One of our goals this year has been to improve our communications with you, the Board of Supervisors. We believe the operating procedures to be developed in the coming months will be vitally important in helping with this process. Thank you for recognizing this need and for your "direction to 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 CEO's office to conduct a fiscal and administrative review and report back to the Board at the study session." If there is an opportunity for the Commission to assist in the preparation of this study, I would be most enthusiastic should I be allowed to assist.

Thank you for your support of the Commission for Women.

Sincerely,

Lee Riggan

VCCW Chair 2011-2012

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