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San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls



Pictured: (left): Rebecca Boyce and Maria McEneany. Back row (middle) Sherry Ludwig, Melinda Velasquez, Diana Schmid, and Debbie Barbano, Front row (middle):, Colleen Dillaway, Leah Goodwin, and Parisa Ijadi-Maghsoodi. (right) Hei-ock Kim and Tiana Uribe

WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT

It has been 400 years since African Americans arrived in America as slaves, 100 years since women received the right to vote and only 65 years since the passing of the voting rights act. In 2020, only 19.6% of elected officials in the U.S. Congress are women, and during the 2016 presidential election, one in three women eligible to vote did not cast a ballot. We are still fighting the battles for justice. Now it is our time to take a stand and be a part of history. We stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter Movement.

Angela Davis said “I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept.” This is where we must be. We cannot accept the injustice, the targeting, the killing, and the social inequities that affect Black people. The exhaustion is real, the diseases of COVID 19 and racial injustice are taking a toll on our County and our Country. The Commission on the Status of Women and Girls stands in solidarity with those who feel unsafe, targeted, unseen, and unheard. We must be anti-racist and take anti-racist action every day in every way.

Today at the County of San Diego Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, we see the numbers; women are still at the lowest pay scale, women continue to be abused, trafficked and end up homeless where they can encounter more abuse. Women of color are being affected more than ever by this Pandemic and racial injustice. We are working in Partnership with our elected officials to make the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) a policy, not just a resolution, at the City and County of San Diego.

We bear witness to the hurt and challenges of Black and Brown lives and urge everyone to engage and take action to change this broken system. With a renewed sense of even greater urgency, the Commission will continue to advocate for a level playing field for women and girls of color and lift up the voices of our next generation of leaders.

We stand with the Black Lives Matter movement, committed to fighting together as we envision a world free of anti-Blackness, where every Black person has the social, economic, and political power to thrive. We stand with our community and hope you will call on us to be a partner in this work.

About CSW&G:

The San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls studies and advises the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on areas of concern to women's lives and needs in San Diego County. For more information, visit www.statusofwomensd.org and on Facebook @SDCSW.

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