



CONTRA COSTA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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DATE: June 12, 2017, 2017 TO: Family and Human Services Committee

FROM: Phyllis L. Gordon, Membership Chair, Contra Costa Commission for Women

SUBJECT: Recommended Appointments to the Contra Costa Commission for Women

The purpose of this memorandum is to forward to you the following recommendation from the Contra Costa Commission for Women (CCCW):

- Appoint Heidi Benenson to At Large Seat 1 on the CCCW
- Deborah Cowans to At-Large Seat Alternate on the CCCW

Background

The Contra Costa Commission for Women was formed to educate the community and advise the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and other entities on the issues relating to the changing social and economic conditions of women in the County, with particular emphasis on the economically disadvantaged.

The Committee consists of 20 members and one alternate, including:

- Five district representatives; (one from each supervisorial district)
- Fifteen at large members; and
- One at large alternate.

The five district representatives are nominated for a three-year term by each of the five members of the Board of Supervisors. The fifteen at large members and one at large alternate are nominated by the CCCW membership committee and forwarded to the full CCCW. All nominated appointments to the CCCW are reviewed by the Family and Human Services Committee (F&HS) and referred to the Board of Supervisors for approval. CCCW terms are for three years and they are staggered across the membership.

Current Status of Appointments

The CCCW have been actively recruiting applicants on an ongoing basis to fill the vacant seats.

The membership committee unanimously approved the above recommendations.

Since May 2004, the CCCW has had extremely limited staff support and no budget provided by the County. However, the CCCW Membership Committee is continuing its recruiting efforts and plans to fill the remaining vacancies within the next few months.

cc without attachment :

CCCW Membership Committee/Gordon, Chair
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