

For Agenda of:
July 23, 2019
(Serna)

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SACRAMENTO COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION

WHEREAS, establishing a Sacramento County Women's Commission has been brought to the attention of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in good faith by a dedicated group of local women's advocates; and

WHEREAS, the vision of women's commissions internationally, nationally and across California is that all women and girls will experience fairness and equity in housing, health care, safety, high-quality education, criminal justice, employment and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a Sacramento County Women's Commission would be to ensure greater understanding, accountability and integrated planning of services and programs for women and girls in Sacramento County with particular emphasis on the economically disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, a group of women and girls in Sacramento County have convened to understand the needs of women and girls in Sacramento County and to explore the establishment of a Sacramento County Women's Commission; and

WHEREAS, establishment of a Sacramento County Women's Commission should be the product of careful deliberation to best understand the prospective merit and utility of such an advisory body by which the Board of Supervisors and public could better understand issues, opportunities and challenges unique to women in Sacramento County; and

WHEREAS, to best identify the structure, role, value and responsibilities of a prospective Sacramento County Women's Commission, the Board of Supervisors agrees that a dedicated Blue Ribbon Commission on the subject should be created; and

WHEREAS, such a Blue Ribbon Commission should work for a nine (9) to twelve (12) month period during which it would regularly convene to vet the structure, role, value and responsibilities of a prospective Sacramento County Women’s Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is the expectation of the Board of Supervisors that after a nine (9) to twelve (12) month period, the “Blue Ribbon Commission on the Establishment of a Sacramento County Women’s Commission” would advise the Board of Supervisors and public about the structure, role, value and responsibilities of such a commission; and

WHEREAS, included in the charge assigned to the “Blue Ribbon Commission on the Establishment of a Sacramento County Women’s Commission” is a commitment to research and share how and why other California counties have established women’s commissions, and to document the structure, role, value and responsibilities of those advisory bodies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve support for a “Blue Ribbon Commission on the Establishment of a Sacramento County Women’s Commission” pursuant to the general purpose described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that along with adoption of this resolution, First District Supervisor Phil Serna does herewith commit to provide the “Blue Ribbon Commission on the Establishment of a Sacramento County Women’s Commission” no less than \$10,000 from District One discretionary funds. The purpose of this funding shall be available to the Blue Ribbon Commission for the incidental cost of holding meetings, workshops or other convenings, as well as to pay other costs associated with fulfilling its charge.

On a motion by Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California this _____ day of _____ 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors,

NOES: Supervisors,

ABSENT: Supervisors,

ABSTAIN: Supervisors,

RECUSAL: Supervisors,

(PER POLITICAL REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5.))

Chair of the Board of Supervisors
of Sacramento County, California

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____
Clerk, Board of Supervisors