



# MARIN WOMEN'S COMMISSION

## MEETINGS

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Marin County Civic Center  
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Dear Marin County Board of Supervisors,

The Marin Women's Commission would like to provide an update to the Board of Supervisors. The Women's Commission is proud of our work and grateful for the Board of Supervisors support.

Founded in 1974 by the Marin County Board of Supervisors, the Marin Women's Commission continues to promote equal opportunity, economic independence, and access to resources for Marin County women through advocacy, research and partnership with agencies that serve women. Our Mission is to represent women and girls of diverse backgrounds and circumstances and advocate for equality through:

**Policy** - We advocate at local and state levels.

**Education** - We provide resources and increase awareness of issues facing women.

**Collaboration** - We partner with other organizations to increase access for women.

By authority of the establishing ordinance, the Marin Women's Commission is committed to:

- Study and investigate conditions where gender discrimination and prejudice exist
- Advise Marin County Board of Supervisors and other governmental and community agencies on the needs of women
- Advocate and advance economic independence and parity for all women
- Recommend legislation that positively impacts quality of life for women and families
- Recommend programs and practices to insure equal rights and opportunities for all women
- Develop community assets and facilitate access to resources for women in Marin County
- Mediate conflicts and disputes and conduct public hearings within the scope and function of the Commission

The Commission has been instrumental in advancing local legislation supporting efforts to curtail human trafficking, administer the Consent Decree and provide additional resources for women and girls affected by domestic violence. Recently, the Commission has supported legislation that ensures equal pay for women, advocated for the United Nations Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women in California and worked to increase pre-kindergarten educational offerings for children in Marin County.

Sincerely,  
Sherene Chen  
Chair  
Marin County Women's Commission