



BACKGROUND ON COMMISSION

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) was established by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on January 5, 1975 with the charge to “take affirmative action to eliminate the practice of discrimination and prejudice on account of gender in the areas of housing, education, community service and related fields.” The purpose of the Commission is to promote equal rights and opportunities that enhance the quality of life for all women and girls and to address issues of discrimination and prejudice that negatively affect women in Sonoma County.

COMMISSION MEETINGS & PUBLIC COMMENT

CSW holds its regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month. However, in the event of a conflict with a holiday (legal or religious), a meeting may be rescheduled. Rescheduled meetings are usually held on the Thursday of either the week before or after the regular meeting date.

Meetings begin at 6:00 PM and are held in the Hearing Room of the County’s Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD), located at 2550 Ventura Avenue. (Please see the directions and map that follow.) Meetings usually last between 1½ to 2 hours.

Agendas for Commission meetings are posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of meetings are available once they have been approved by the Commission. You can request copies of Agendas and approved Minutes through the Commission’s office by phone 707-565-2693 and by e-mail at csw@sonoma-county.org. You can also access these documents on the Commission’s website at www.sonomacountywomenscommission.org.

PUBLIC COMMENT AT COMMISSION MEETINGS

Members of the public are free to address the Commission. Public comments:

- On items not on the agenda are heard following the consent items at the beginning of the meeting.
- Should fall *under the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission (as noted above)*.
- Are limited to 5 minutes per topic. (Therefore, if several individuals wish to address one topic, the time will be divided between/among speakers).
- The Commission cannot respond to or take action on issues raised during Public Comment.

DISABLED ACCOMMODATION

If you have a disability which requires an accommodation, an alternative format, or requires another person to assist you while attending this meeting, please contact the Commission’s office at by phone at (707) 565-2693 or by e-mail to csw@sonoma-county.org, as soon as possible to ensure arrangements for accommodation.



DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO MEETINGS

Driving directions from various points within the County appear below followed by a map of the County Administration Center. The Permit and Resource Management Department is No. 12 on the map at Northeast intersection of Administration Drive and Ventura Avenue.

From Points South on Hwy 101:

- Take **Hwy. 101 North**.
- **Exit** onto **Steele Lane/Guerneville Road**.
- Turn **Right** onto **Steele Lane** at light located at bottom of exit ramp.
- Get into one of the 2 far left lanes.
- Turn **LEFT** onto **County Center Drive** (at 1st stop light).
- Turn **RIGHT** onto **Administration Drive** (at 1st stop sign).
- Turn **LEFT** onto **Ventura Avenue** (at 1st stop sign).
- Turn **RIGHT** into the first **parking lot**.
- The Permit and Resource Building is on the right as you enter the parking lot.

From Points North on Hwy 101:

- Take **Hwy. 101 South**.
- **Exit** onto **Steele Lane/Guerneville Road**.
- Turn **Left** onto **Steele Lane** at light located at bottom of exit ramp and get into left lane but do not go into Left turn only lane for 101 North on-ramp.
- Continue through light on far side of Hwy. 101 overpass (for on and off ramps for Hwy. 101 northbound) and go into one off the two left turn only lanes at the next light (County Center Drive to North & Armory Drive to south)
- Turn **LEFT** onto **County Center Drive**.
- Turn **RIGHT** onto **Administration Drive** (at 1st stop sign).
- Turn **LEFT** onto **Ventura Avenue** (at 1st stop sign).
- Turn **RIGHT** into the first **parking lot**.
- The Permit and Resource Building is on the right as you enter the parking lot.

From Points South on Mendocino Avenue:

- Take Mendocino Avenue north.
- Turn **LEFT** onto **Administration Drive**. (2nd stop light past Steele Lane.)
- Continue on Administration Drive through intersections with Fiscal Drive and Paulin Drive. (You will pass the old Redwood Credit Union Office on the left.)
- Turn **RIGHT** at onto Ventura Avenue (2nd Stop sign).
- Turn **RIGHT** into 1st DRIVEWAY.
- The Permit and Resource Building is on the right as you enter the parking lot.

From Points North on Mendocino Avenue:

- Turn **RIGHT** onto Bicentennial Way (Stop light at corner of Kaiser campus).
- Get in the left turn lane.
- Turn **LEFT** onto Ventura Avenue (1st stop light).
- Continue on Ventura Avenue past intersections with Paulin Drive and Fiscal Drive. (You will go through two stop signs.)
- Turn **LEFT** into last driveway before reaching Administration Drive.
- The Permit and Resource Building is on the right as you enter the parking lot.

From Points East:

- Take **Hwy. 12** East to Santa Rosa.
- At **Farmer's Lane**, **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** onto **4th Street**.
- Turn **RIGHT** on **Bryden Lane** and continue onto **Pacific Avenue**.
- Turn **RIGHT** onto **Mendocino Avenue**.
- Turn **LEFT** onto **Administration Drive**. (2nd stop light past Steele Lane.)
- Continue on Administration Drive through intersections with Fiscal Drive and Paulin Drive. (You will pass the old Redwood Credit Union Office on the left.)
- Turn **RIGHT** at onto Ventura Avenue (2nd Stop sign).
- Turn **RIGHT** into 1st DRIVEWAY.
- The Permit and Resource Building is on the right as you enter the parking lot.

From Points West:

- Take **Hwy. 12 East** to Santa Rosa.
- **Exit** onto **Hwy. 101** South.
- **Exit** onto **Steele Lane** (toward Guerneville Road).
- Turn **RIGHT** onto **Steele Lane** at light located at bottom of exit ramp.
- Get into one of the 2 far left hand lanes.
- Turn **LEFT** onto **County Administration Drive** (at 1st stop light).
- Turn **RIGHT** onto **Administration Drive** (at 1st stop sign).
- Turn **LEFT** onto **Ventura Avenue** (at 1st stop sign).
- Turn **RIGHT** into the **first parking lot**.
- The Permit and Resource Building is on the right as you enter the parking lot.

PARKING NOTES:

1. Please do not park in a handicapped space.
2. Please park properly between the designated space lines.
3. Tickets are given 24 hours for these parking violations

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Public Transit Access to the County Administration Center is available through

- [Sonoma County Transit](#) - Rt. 20, 30, 44, 48, 60, 62, 64
- [Santa Rosa City Bus](#) - Rt. 14
- [Golden Gate Transit](#) - Rt. 80

For further information on how to get there by bus, please call the transit at (707) 576-RIDE or 1-800-345-RIDE.

