

<h2 style="margin: 0;">COUNTY OF SONOMA</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY REPORT</h3>			<p style="margin: 0;">Clerk of the Board Use Only</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Meeting Date                      Held Until</p> <p style="margin: 0;">____/____/____                      ____/____/____</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Agenda Item No:                      Agenda Item No:</p> <p style="margin: 0;">_____                      _____</p>
<p><b>Department:</b> Human Resources – Commission on the Status of Women</p>			<p><b>(    ) 4/5 Vote Required</b></p>
<p><b>Contact:</b> Dell Jacoby</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> (707) 565-2693</p>	<p><b>Board Date:</b> 05/12/2009</p>	<p><b>Deadline for Board Action:</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Short Title:</b> Recognition of Junior Commissioners – Commission on the Status of Women</p> <p><b>Requested Board Action:</b> Resolutions commending seven high school students for their participation as Junior Commissioners of the Commission on the Status of Women.</p>			
<p><b>CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT</b></p>			
<p><b><u>Expenditures</u></b></p> <p>Estimated Cost                      \$</p> <p>Amount Budgeted                      \$</p> <p>Other Avail Approp                      \$ (Explain below)</p> <p><b>Additional Requested:</b>                      \$</p>		<p><b><u>Add'l Funds Requiring Board Approval</u></b></p> <p>Contingencies                      \$ (Fund Name: )</p> <p>Unanticipated Revenue                      \$ (Source: )</p> <p>Other Transfer(s)                      \$ (Source: )</p> <p><b>Add'l Funds Requested:</b>                      \$</p>	
<p><b>Explanation (if required):</b></p>			
<p><b>Prior Board Action(s):</b> The Board has recognized the participants in the Junior Commissioner Program each year since 1996.</p>			
<p><b>Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:</b> The opportunity to recognize the seven students who successfully participated in the 2008 – 2009 Junior Commissioner Project would be lost.</p>			

**Background:**

In 1994, the Commission on the Status of Women developed the Junior Commissioner Project as a leadership program for high school students age 14 to 18. The Project was designed to provide Junior Commissioners with opportunities to enhance their leadership skills and learn about issues regarding women’s equality and advocacy.

Junior Commissioners attend monthly meetings of the Junior Commission where they learn parliamentary procedure, how to take minutes, and how to work as a team. They act as liaisons at the regular (monthly) meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and provide the Commission with a perspective on issues of concern to the youth in our community.

In FY 2008-2009, seven high school students participated in the Junior Commissioner Project. They are: Katie Delucchi and Angela Lawrence of Windsor High; Julia Gass, Haley Harris-Bloom, and Tina Vivio of Montgomery High; Caitie McDonough of Santa Rosa High and Kalene Morozumi of Analy High.

The Junior Commissioners participated in several projects during the year as part of the program. A one-day orientation, held on September 28, 2008, provided an opportunity for Junior Commissioners to get to know each other, learn some fundamentals regarding running meetings, and to plan projects for the year. In addition, the participants had the opportunity to interact with women role models who participated on the Professional Panel (January 6, 2009) or the Political Panel (May 5, 2009) held during a Junior Commissioner meeting. Juniors also visited the State Capital and met with elected officials and their legislative staff on April 7, 2009.

As part of the Project, Junior Commissioners learned how to conduct focus groups with their peers. Each chose a topic of interest to youth, collected opinions of their peers and presented a formal report and written summary of their findings. The focus group topics for 2008/09 are:

- Body Appearance to Teenagers
- Peer Pressure and Sexual Activity
- Teen Perceptions of Marriage
- Teen Pregnancy and the Media
- High School Cliques
- Perceptions of Male and Female Jobs
- Teenagers and Driving Laws

The written summaries are included in the accompanying “Program & Agenda” booklet.

The Commission on the Status of Women has received statewide and national recognition for its Junior Commissioner Project. This unique project also provides an opportunity for Commissioners to hear about concerns and issues of young women in Sonoma County.

**Requested Board Action:**

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**Attachments:**

- Individualized Resolutions for each of the Junior Commissioners

**On File With Clerk:** “The 2008 – 2009 Junior Commissioner Project Agenda and Program” for the May 5, 2009 meeting that includes:

- background on the Project’s history and the 2008 – 2009 program
- lists of the Junior Commissioners, panelists, and the Commission on the Status of Women summaries of the focus group

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**Board Action** (If other than "Requested")

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