

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, February 24, 2025
2:30 p.m.

Supervisor Lena Tam, Chair
Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas

Location: Susan S. Muranishi County
Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Advisory Commission on Aging, Report 2024-2025 [Attachment](#)

Presenters

Laura McMichael-Cady, Chair, Advisory Commission on Aging

Summary

The Advisory Commission on Aging is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayors' Conference to advocate for Alameda County seniors by advising and collaborating with the Area Agency on Aging and providing a conduit for information to flow between local seniors, the Area Agency on Aging, providers of service, and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Current Membership:

- Priscilla Banks, representing District #2
- Dr. Linda Boykins, representing District #3
- Micheal V. Goetz, representing District #3
- Bobby Grant, Vice-Chair, representing District #5
- Lisa Malul, representing District #5
- Denyse McCowan, representing Mayors' Conference – North County
- Laura McMichael-Cady, Chair, representing At-Large
- Barbara Price, representing Mayors' Conference – North County

Vacancies:

- District 1: 2 seats
- District 2: 1 seat
- District 3: none
- District 4: 2 seats
- District 5: none
- At-Large, Board-wide: 2 seats
- Mayor's Conference: 6 seats

Accomplishments for 2024/2025:

- Quarterly Senior Update Newsletter topics included:
 - Senior resources
 - Medicare and Medi-Cal
 - Informative articles about health, immigration, scam alerts, and homelessness.
- Elder Abuse Prevention Webinar on November 4, 2024, was well-attended and featured speakers from local senior service agencies.
- Letter of Concern to the BOS on November 25, 2024, outlining AAA and County budgetary issues and how they affect service provision.
- Holiday Baskets – partnered with Board of Supervisors, AAA, Social Services Agency, and providers to deliver 50 holiday gift baskets to local isolated seniors.
- New mission statement with updated goals and objectives.

Proposals for Stronger Collaboration:

- BOS to acknowledge monthly reports
- Have a quarterly meeting with the Social Services Committee
- Collaborate with other BOS committees on topics impacting the County’s older adults
- Commit to recruit and appoint more commissioners
- Provide more funding, as per the \$6,250 submitted budget request, to:
 - Attend local and national events to share knowledge and information with other advisory commissions
 - Create and disseminate vital information
 - Hold an annual planning retreat

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

Speakers

There were no speakers on this item.

Committee Feedback

Supervisor Tam will work with the other supervisors and Mayors’ Conference to appoint more commissioners as well, and recommended that the Social Services Agency Director work with the Commission Chief to schedule any updates from the Advisory Commission as appropriate.

Action

This item was informational only and required no committee action.

II. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Commission on the Status of Women Annual Update

[Attachment](#)

Presenters

Orly Amey, Chair, Commission on the Status of Women

Summary

The Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women was created in 1975 to help eliminate discrimination and prejudice against women in areas such as housing, employment, health services, childcare, education, transportation, credit, legal rights, and community services.

Commissioners:

- Orly Amey, Chair, District 1
- Susan Burgess Lent, Vice-Chair, District 5
- Guadalupe Angulo, Treasurer, District 2
- Sonia Salwan, Secretary, District 1
- Ilham Malick, District 2
- Khilynn Fowler, District 3
- Patricia Castro, District 3
- Sheweeet Yohannes, District 3
- Carlotta Brown, District 4
- Veena Kaul, District 1
- Kathryn Lybarger, District 5
- Shannon Holbrook, District 5

Vacancies:

- District 2: 1 seat
- District 4: 2 seats
- Mayors’ Conf: 1 seat
- Human Relations Commission: 1 seat

2024-2025 Commission Highlights:

- Awarded \$8,000 in youth scholarships in honor of Supervisors Wilma Chan and Mary King

- Participated in Women’s March 2024
- Submitted a policy letter supporting a ban on child marriage in California
- Completed final state grant report for women’s recovery and response grant
- Hosted presentations from various organizations, including Planned Parenthood and the Housing Department
- Submitted CEDAW Ordinance for Board of Supervisors’ review
- Organized 2024-2025 Annual Retreat
- Initiated revitalization of the Youth Commission
- Active roles in Alameda County Women’s Hall of Fame 2024 and 2025 (April 26)

Ongoing Challenges:

- Commission vacancies
- Budget constraints
- Legislative platform development

Priorities for FY 2024-25:

- CEDAW Ordinance
- Budget Utilization
- Gender-Based Violence
- Intersection of Economic Justice and Education
- Healthcare
- Revitalizing Junior Commission

Status of Women Update:

- COVID-19 exacerbated the systemic inequities faced by women and girls in the county.
- CEDAW Adoption in California: San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, and Santa Clara have adopted CEDAW Ordinances.

Purpose

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

Speakers

There were no speakers on this item.

Committee Feedback

Supervisor Tam was pleased to see the fact sheet showing that Alameda County ranks high in many categories of women’s overall well-being, but acknowledges that the ranking is from aggregate data and that there may be marginalized groups in that ranking that are low-ranking when disaggregated. Supervisor Tam will work to close the loop on the CEDAW Ordinance adoption for the county.

Action

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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