

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, November 13, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
Location: City Council Chambers
625 N. San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood**

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

Roll Call

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Meeting agenda for November 13, 2018

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

October 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board values your comments; however, pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Advisory Board cannot take action on items not listed on the posted agenda. The Public Comment period is three (3) minutes per speaker, to address the Advisory Board on agenda items or items of general interest within the Advisory Board's jurisdiction.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. NCJW/LA Annual Roe v. Wade Commemoration

The Board will discuss their participation and support of the annual Roe v. Wade event sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles in conjunction with a coalition of organizations, which commemorates the anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States.

RECOMMENDATION: Review and Discuss.

B. Local Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

Presentation about the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (**CEDAW**), an international bill of rights for women adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly, and the efforts of local cities to implement it locally in their jurisdictions.

RECOMMENDATION: Review and Discuss.

C. The Report on the Status of Women in West Hollywood

The Board will review and discuss the *Report on the Status of Women in West Hollywood*.

RECOMMENDATION: Review and Discuss. Provide feedback.

D. Aging in Place Initiative

City Staff will provide an update regarding the status of the City's Aging in Place Initiative.

RECOMMENDATION: Review and Discuss.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. She Angels Update

Catherine Gray, founder of 360Karma and producer of She Angels, a funding competition for women entrepreneurs and web series co-sponsored by the Board, will share updates regarding the project. Discussion about additional support opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION: Review and Discuss.

B. Domestic Violence Awareness and Advocacy

The Board will receive a brief presentation about domestic violence and victimization within the Family Court System. Discussion about ways to advocate for the safety of women and children.

RECOMMENDATION: Review and Discuss.

C. National Women's History Month Celebration 2019

The Board will discuss planning for the City's annual commemoration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March.

RECOMMENDATION: Review and Discuss.

D. 25th Anniversary of the Women's Advisory Board

The Board will discuss pending goals related to the commemoration of their 25th anniversary.

RECOMMENDATION: Review and Discuss

7. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:

The Board will review and discuss updates regarding state and federal legislation affecting women. The Board's priority issues include: Equal Rights, Violence Against Women/Women's Safety, Sexual Harassment and Women's Health.

A. State Legislation & Policy

1. Review of the City's Legislative Priorities.

RECOMMENDATION: Review and Discuss

B. Federal Legislation & Policy

The Board will discuss federal legislation and receive updates about the status of federal legislation of interest and policy that the Board is tracking.

1. Proposed Title IX Changes regarding sexual assault.

The Department of Education's new Title IX rules will guarantee that anybody

accused of sexual assault on any campus receiving federal funds will have the right to cross examine the accuser.

2. Proposed Title IX Changes to the definition of gender
The Health and Human Services proposed definition would define sex as either male or female, unchangeable, and determined by the genitals that a person is born with.
3. Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, VAWA
VAWA set asides funding for investigations into violent crimes associated with domestic and sexual violence designed to end violence against women. VAWA also financed legal aid, funded shelters for victims; provided federal grants for advocacy groups helping domestic violence survivors and toughened federal charges for abusers.
4. House Congressional Resolution 72
A joint Congressional Resolution affirming child safety as the first priority of custody and visitation adjudications and that State courts should improve adjudications of custody where family violence is alleged.

RECOMMENDATION: Review and discuss. Consider making recommendations as appropriate and additional advocacy opportunities.

C. Legislative and Advocacy Updates on WAB Prioritized Issues:

The Board will receive updates about additional legislation and advocacy issues that have been prioritized by the Board and discuss potential actions and recommendations.

1. WAB Prioritized Issues:

- Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment –
Updates from the Equal Means Equal and #ERAnow Campaigns
- Human Trafficking - Awareness and Prevention
- Breastfeeding/Lactation – Workplace Accommodation

RECOMMENDATION: Review and Discuss. Consider making recommendations as appropriate.

D. Information Regarding Advocacy Opportunities

The Board will discuss other potential advocacy opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION: Review and Discuss.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

The Board will hear brief reports from board members who serve as liaisons to other city Boards, Commissions, and other recognized bodies. The Board will designate new liaisons as needed.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file. Designate new liaisons as needed.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

The Board will designate a member to report back to the City Council each month.

RECOMMENDATION: Designate new member to report back to the City Council.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

The Board will hear feedback and updates regarding the following Board initiated and or/co-sponsored activities

1. **Women In Film Speaker Series** – a monthly speaker series supporting the advancement of women in film and media, co-sponsored by the Women's Advisory Board
2. **Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee** – an ad hoc subcommittee comprised of representatives of the Women's Advisory Board and the Public Safety Commission
3. **WAB Club: Women And Books** – a monthly book club sponsored by the Women's Advisory Board and West Hollywood Library
4. **The Vagina Monologues** – presented by Hollywood NOW as part of the City's annual commemoration of V-Day, a global anti-violence campaign.
5. **Advocacy Training Project** – an annual series of training workshops presented by NCJW/LA

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File. Take action as needed.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the Women's Advisory Board on any item of interest within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the Advisory Board that could not be heard under Item III. at the beginning of the meeting.

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12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

The Board will be given an opportunity to deliver brief remarks.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff will be given an opportunity to deliver brief remarks.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board will adjourn to a special retreat meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 6 pm in the Plummer Park Community Center, Rooms 5 & 6, located at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

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