



February 20, 2018

The Honorable John Vasquez
Supervisor, 4th District
Chairman, Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Supervisor Vasquez:

As the president of the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW), I write in strong support of current efforts to establish a Solano Commission for Women and Girls. According to the 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, women comprise 50.9% of the County's residents and 50.5% of voters over age 18 in Solano County. The creation of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls would play a critical role in your region. A Solano Commission for Women and Girls would foster increased awareness of women's issues, celebrate the achievements of deserving local women, and recommend legislative solutions at the city, county, state, and federal level in the years to come. I believe the time has come for Solano County to create a County Commission to provide community education and advisement to the Solano County Board of Supervisors and other entities about important issues relating to the changing social and economic conditions of woman and girls in the county.

NACW is the only national professional association connecting board and staff of commissions for women across the country. Our mission is to sustain, strengthen, and advocate for women's commissions in their work to promote equality and justice for all women and girls and ensure they are represented and empowered in their communities. We believe these Commissions for Women are the bridge between the public sector and the community. They voice the interests and concerns of millions of women and girls at state, county, and city levels and play a significant role in addressing critical needs through policy and programming efforts.

The 2018 Annual Conference will be held in Los Angeles on August 1-4, 2018. It will be a great opportunity for Solano Commission members to learn more about the NACW network and build relationships with peer commissions, learn best practices and innovative programming, develop professional skills, and obtain briefings on key women's issues.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to adding the Solano County Commission for Women and Girls to the NACW membership roster. We are here to provide technical assistance to the Commission as it establishes itself as an integral part of your county government.

Sincerely,

Kristin Svyantek Garvey
President



February 16, 2018

The Honorable John Vasquez
Supervisor, 4th District
Chairman, Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, California, 94533

**RE: The establishment of a Solano County Commission for
Women and Girls**

Dear Supervisor Vasquez:

As a resident of the City of San Diego and as the President of the Association of **California** Commissions for Women, I write in strong support of current efforts to establish a Solano Commission for Women and Girls.

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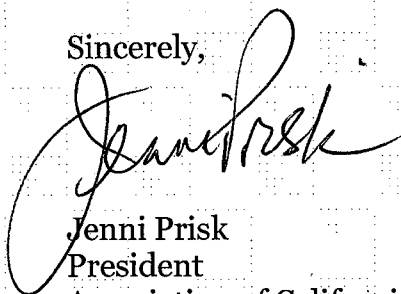
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Sincerely,

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Jenni Prisk
President

Association of California Commissions for Women
Supporter of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls

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Chairman, Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, California 94533

RE: The establishment of a Solano County Commission for Women and Girls

Dear Supervisor Vasquez:

As a resident of the City of Fairfield and as a member of Partnership HealthPlan of California in Solano County, I write in strong support of current efforts to establish a Solano Commission for Women and Girls.

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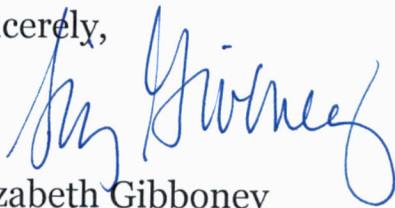
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Sincerely,



Elizabeth Gibboney
CEO, Partnership HealthPlan of California
Solano County Resident
Supporter of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls



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Chairman, Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
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RE: The establishment of a Solano County Commission for Women and Girls

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Supporter of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls

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April 5, 2018

The Honorable John Vasquez
Supervisor, 4th District
Chairman, Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, California 94533

RE: The establishment of a Solano County Commission for Women and Girls

Dear Supervisor Vasquez:

As a resident of the City of Vallejo and the Solano Community Foundation in Solano County, I write in strong support of current efforts to establish a Solano Commission for Women and Girls.

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Sincerely,

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Constance Harris, CEO
Supporter of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls





Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Superintendent of Schools

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March 14, 2018

The Honorable John Vasquez
Supervisor, 4th District
Chairman, Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, California 94533

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLANO COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

Dear Supervisor Vasquez:

As the Solano County Superintendent of Schools, a resident of Vacaville, and through my work on various local boards such as First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission, Solano Coalition for Better Health, Solano County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Travis Credit Union Hispanic Advisory Committee, Children's Alliance of Solano County, Solano Partnership Against Violence, Help Me Grow Solano, and the Solano County Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Steering Committee, I see a great need and write in strong support of current efforts to establish a Solano Commission for Women and Girls.

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For these reasons and more, I join many other local leaders in calling on the Solano County Board of Supervisors to establish the Solano Commission for Women and Girls.

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Solano Commission for Women and Girls
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lisette Estrella-Henderson
Superintendent of Schools
and Supporter of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls



SOLANO FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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March 29, 2018

The Honorable John Vasquez
Supervisor, 4th District
Chairman, Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, California 94533

RE: The establishment of a Solano County Commission for Women and Girls

Dear Supervisor Vasquez:

As a resident of the City of Vacaville and the Executive Director of Solano Family & Children's Services, Child Care Resource and Referral agency in Solano County, I write in strong support of current efforts to establish a Solano Commission for Women and Girls.

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Solano Family & Children's Services provides child care and mental health supports to parents in our county that struggle to make ends meet. Most of our clients are single women who are striving to support their families and gain an education or employment that will allow them to become self-sufficient. I am certain that a Solano Commission for Women and Girls will provide similar benefits to our communities and Solano County as whole.

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Sincerely,



Kathy Lago
Executive Director
Solano Family & Children's Services



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April 8, 2018

The Honorable John Vasquez
Supervisor, 4th District
Chairman, Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, California 94533

RE: The establishment of a Solano County Commission on the Status of
Women and Girls

Dear Supervisor Vasquez:

As a resident of Suisun Valley and as president of Soroptimist
International of Central Solano County, I write in strong support of
current efforts to establish a Solano Commission for Women and Girls.

The members of SI Central Solano County live in and work in our
community. It is our mission to improve the lives of all its citizens,
directly focusing on women and girls. We promise to rise to the occasion
to help this commission in its most valuable work.

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*Soroptimist
International
of Rio Vista
P.O. Box 152
Rio Vista,
CA 94571*



April 4, 2018

**The Honorable John Vasquez
Supervisor, 4th District
Chairman, Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, California 94533**

RE: The establishment of a Solano County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls

Dear Supervisor Vasquez:

As residents of the City of Rio Vista and as members of Soroptimist International of Rio Vista in Solano County, we write in strong support of current efforts to establish a Solano Commission for Women and Girls.

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Sincerely,

Teri Malkin

Teri Malkin

President 2016-2018

(On behalf of the members of Soroptimist International of Rio Vista supporters of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls)



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April 13, 2018

The Honorable John Vasquez
Supervisor, 4th District
Chairman, Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, California 94533

RE: The establishment of a Solano County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls

Dear Supervisor Vasquez:

Soroptimist International of Vacaville Twilight Club is very excited to have a Solano County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls established in our County. As you are aware, our Soroptimist mission is to help empower women and girls. What a wonderful opportunity for our organization to be involved in supporting the founding of this commission.

All of our members are residents of Solano County, so we will be doubly impacted, first as an organization that works in support of women, and secondly as women of Solano County.

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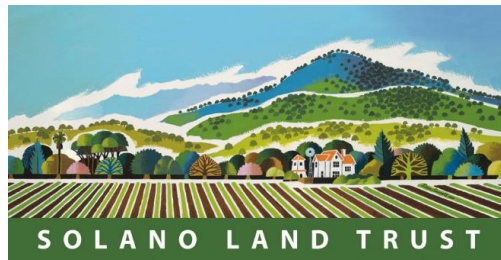
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Sincerely,

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Dana Holve

President, Soroptimist International of Vacaville Twilight Club,
strong supporters of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls



March 14, 2018

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Chairman, Solano County Board of Supervisors
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Fairfield, California 94533

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Sincerely,

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Nicole Braddock
Supporter of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls



Solano Partnership Against Violence



February 22nd 2018

The Honorable John Vasquez
Supervisor, 4th District Chairman,
Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, California 94533

RE: The establishment of a Solano County Commission for Women and Girls

Dear Supervisor Vasquez:

Solano Partnership Against Violence (SPAV), of Solano County, is standing in strong support of current efforts to establish a Solano Commission for Women and Girls. As our efforts in coordination in the prevention, detection, treatment and legal processing of family violence cases, these efforts along with a coordinated collaboration with the Solano Commission for Women and Girls can bring an impactful change to Solano County Women and Girls, who are working to rise above the barriers and adversities they face.

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Respectfully,



Jenalee Dawson

Chairperson

Solano Partnership Against Violence

Supporter of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls



April 3, 2018

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Supervisor, 4th District
Chairman, Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, California 94533

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As the Executive Director of Child Start, Inc., a program that operates Head Start programs throughout Solano County, I write in strong support of current efforts to establish a Solano Commission for Women and Girls.

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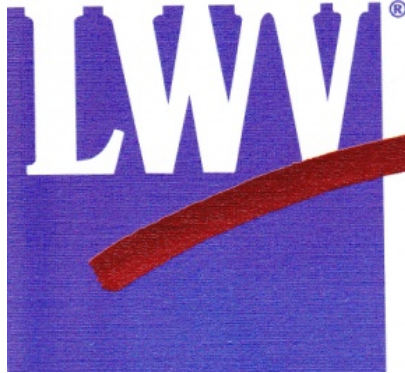
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Deborah L. Peralez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deborah" being more prominent and the last name "Peralez" following in a similar style.

Deborah L. Peralez
Executive Director

Supporter of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls



League of Women Voters Benicia

March 21, 2018

The Honorable John Vasquez
Supervisor, 4th District
Chairman, Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, California 94533

RE: The establishment of a Solano County Commission for Women and Girls

Dear Supervisor Vasquez:

As a residents of the Benicia and Vallejo, and as members of the League of Women Voters Benicia, we write in strong support of current efforts to establish a Solano Commission for Women and Girls. Our board voted unanimously to support this effort.

In 1965, the California State Legislature established the California Commission (Commission) on the Status of Women & Girls as a state agency. For the past five decades, the State Commission has identified and worked to eliminate inequities in state laws, practices and conditions that affect California's women and girls.

Presently, six of the nine Bay Area Counties have county commissions focused on concerns of importance to women and girls; Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo and Sonoma Counties. Situated in the heart of the northern California megaregion, we believe it is important that Solano County lead the way in championing opportunities for women and girls.

Currently, the State Commission provides leadership through research, policy development, education, outreach, advocacy and strategic partnerships. We are certain that a Solano Commission for Women and Girls will provide similar benefits to our communities and Solano County as whole.

With women comprising 50.9% of the County's residents and 50.5% of voters over age 18 in

Solano County according to the **2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates**, the creation of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls will play an important role in our region.

A Solano Commission for Women and Girls will foster increased awareness of women's issues, celebrate the achievements of local deserving women and recommend legislative solutions at the city, county, state and federal level in the years to come.

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Sincerely,

Gayle Vaughan, Benicia
Past President, LWV Benicia

Niles Medders, Vallejo
Vice- President, LWV Benicia

Judy Potter, Benicia
Treasurer, LWV Benicia