

## HISTORY OF SOLANO COMMISSION FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

### FORMATION OF THE SOLANO COMMISSION FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

#### October 2017

In October of 2017, Dr. Frances McCullough, Jennifer Barton, and Erica Rodriguez-Langley began to have conversations with Phyllis Gordon, a member of the Contra Costa County Women's Commission, about forming a commission for women and girls in Solano County. Mrs. Gordon, who has long been active in women's commissions, and was the Northern California Representative of the Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) and a member of the Board of Directors for the NACW (National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW), was encouraging community leaders in Solano County to establish a commission.

Together Dr. McCullough and Ms. Barton began to reach out to other community leaders, beginning with County Supervisor Erin Hannigan, to form a planning committee.

#### January 7, 2018

The Formation Committee, consisting of 14 women - representing various backgrounds, groups, and parts of the County - met on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The committee met regularly thereafter to establish the purpose, mission, goals, activities, develop an enabling mandate, and create draft bylaws. The committee obtained letters of support and began to solicit donations to support the Solano Commission for Women and Girls (SCWG) in getting started.

#### Planning Committee Members

Jennifer Barton, Committee Chair  
*Fairfield*

Elease Cheek  
*Vallejo*

Dana Dean  
*Benicia*

Anna Eaton  
*Vacaville*

Bobbi Enderlin  
*Benicia*

Sabine Goerke-Shrode  
*Fairfield*

Liliana Gonzalez  
*Vallejo*

Erin Hannigan  
*Vallejo*

Dr. Frances McCullough  
*Fairfield*

Erica Rodriguez-Langley  
*Contra Costa County*

Rochelle Sherlock  
*Fairfield/Cordelia*

Cierra Padilla  
*Rio Vista*

Margi Stern, Vacaville  
*Vacaville*

Lori Wilson  
*Suisun*

Phyllis Gordon, Advisor  
*Contra Costa County*

**April 24, 2018**

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Solano County Board of Supervisors voted to establish the Solano Commission for Women and Girls as an official advisory body to the Board of Supervisors.

**May – August 2018**

The Formation Committee developed an application for membership, a recruitment letter, and established an initial meeting schedule for the SCWG. Committee members sought and secured generous donations from Soroptimist Central Solano, Soroptimist Vallejo, and Soroptimist Rio Vista. The donations were to pay for a consultant to work with the SCWG to develop ma Status Report for Women and Girls.

*Formation Committee on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – After the Solano County Board of Supervisors established the Solano Commission for Women and Girls.*



## **SOLANO COMMISSION FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

### **October 17, 2018 – Inaugural Meeting**

The newly formed SCWG held its inaugural meeting and elected its first officers for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

- Rochelle Sherlock, Chair
- Laura Petty, Vice-Chair
- Ana Petero, Secretary
- Olivia Ruiz, Treasurer (elected on January 17, 2019)

### **INITIAL SOLANO COMMISSION FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS MEMBERSHIP**

Olivia Ruiz, Solano County, District 1

Stephanie Beardsley, Solano County, District 3

Laura Petty, Solano County, District 5

Mary Lou Batchelor, City of Dixon

Elease Cheek, City of Vallejo

Tiffani Thomas, City of Suisun

Rochelle Sherlock, Solano County Office of Education

Sakina Ali, SCWG Appointment

Doriss Panduro, SCWG Appointment

Ana Petero, Solano County, District 2

Jennifer Hamilton, Solano County, District 4

Gayle Vaughan, City of Benicia

Kay Kelley, City of Rio Vista

Cornelia Gibson, City of Fairfield

Judi Ruggiero-Ferrara, City of Vacaville

Akon Walker, SCWG Appointment

Kaitlyn Dutton, SCWG Appointment

*Initial Members of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls*

