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## August 26<sup>th</sup> is Women's Equality Day

### *Shining a spotlight on women's equality statewide as we honor passage of the 19th Amendment*

[Sacramento, CA] – This year, on August 26<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the constitutional amendment that granted women the right to vote. The California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (CCSWG) is marking this historic occasion by joining today with women leaders and organizations throughout the state to acknowledge California women's significant, historic contributions. Through ongoing work on behalf of the 19 million women and girls in California, the 17 members of the Commission bring attention to the most important issues still confronting women and girls today.

"This anniversary of the 19th Amendment is an opportunity for all of us to honor the past and look to the future with renewed passion and commitment," said Geena Davis, Chair of the Commission. "Today we renew our commitment to continue our work in those critical areas still left undone – from wage and workforce equality to access to child care."

"So much has been achieved and yet there is still much to be done," said Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Commission. "In this, our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, CCSWG is focused on partnering to eradicate the gender wage gap, increasing access to STEM education for girls and women, reducing poverty for single mothers and elderly women, securing greater benefits for our women veterans and addressing the gap in women's leadership and media equity throughout California."

In addition to informative posts on our social media sites, @CCWSG on Twitter and California Commission on the Status of Women on Facebook, the following events statewide will bring attention to women's equality on these and other important issues. We invite supporters to attend one of the events below and to spread the message of women's equality is important by using the hashtag #CCSWGEquality on social media posts this week.

### **Wednesday August 26**

#### **Sacramento**

- 8:30am - 9:30 am **Women in California Leadership Fundraising Breakfast**, California Dental Association Rotunda, 1201 K Street, 15th floor Sacramento, CA 95814 RSVP: 916.442.0696. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7RBvsdwwPzdbmx3RG5Eb0hla0U/view>
- 11:45 am **A Stronger California Rally**, State Capitol. Women's advocates, statewide organizations and state and federal elected officials will gather at the State Capitol to support the Stronger CA Legislative Agenda - policy initiatives supporting the economic security of women and families in California. (Fair Pay and Job Opportunities, Childcare, Family Friendly Workplaces, and Eradicating Poverty). Contact: Anna Hurtado at 415.575.2383 or [ahurtado@equalrights.org](mailto:ahurtado@equalrights.org)
- 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm **Informational Hearing**, "Labor Practices Affecting Nail Technicians and the Health and Safety of Nail Salons in California," State Capitol, Room 437.

#### **San Francisco**

**9:30 am Honoring the Voting Rights Act and Women's Equality Day - US House of Representatives Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, California Secretary of State Alex Padilla, and Mayor Edwin Lee host a commemoration.** San Francisco City Hall, Outside Basement Room 48 (Department of Elections)1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl, San Francisco, CA 94102 (enter via Grove Street Entrance). **RSVP required at <https://goo.gl/4Uavlx>**

- 4:00 pm **San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, resolution recognizing the contributions of the SF League of Women Voters**, SF City Hall, Room 408.

### Los Angeles

- **Mayor Eric Garcetti will sign an Executive Directive on Gender Equity** which will begin implementation of the Convention to Eliminate all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in the City of Los Angeles. Mayor Garcetti and First Lady Amy Elaine Wakeland will also release the final results of the Report on the Status of Women and Girls in Los Angeles, the first-ever study focusing on the issues and trends affecting women and girls in the City. Press Contact: Vicki Curry Associate Director of Communications 213.978.0741 office 213.304.4733 cell

### West Hollywood

- **The City and West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board (WAB) annual commemoration of Women's Equality Day.** The WAB will be focusing on pay equality at the event, and urge attendees to support state legislation. Info at [www.weho.org](http://www.weho.org).

### Thursday August 27

#### Santa Clara County (San Jose)

- 11:30 am **Commission on the Status of Women's Annual Equality Day Luncheon**; School of Arts & Culture, Mexican Heritage Plaza Pavilion, San Jose. 408.299.5152 or [csw@ceo.sccgov.org](mailto:csw@ceo.sccgov.org).

#### San Diego

- 5:00 pm **10<sup>th</sup> annual Suffrage Parade** Women's Museum of CA and partners; Cabrillo/6th Street Bridge into Balboa Park to the Organ Pavilion. Meet Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Dr. Charlotte Baker, Ellen Browning Scripps and other women activists through historical word and verse. 619.233.7963 [info@womensmuseumca.org](mailto:info@womensmuseumca.org).

### Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup>

#### San Jose

- 8:00 am **Silicon Valley Rally and March for Women's Equality**, Melonie Drotts & Darcie Green, Co-Chairs San Jose City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113. <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-womens-equality-day-silicon-valley-rally-and-march-2015-registration-15924099410>.

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