


COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

DATE: 12/ 6/01

HEARING DATE: 12/18/01

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson 

SUBJECT: Commission on the Status of Women

Recommendation

- 1) Adopt a resolution reducing the membership of the Commission on the Status of Women.
- 2) Approve the reappointment of the following individuals, Alice Bulos and Lynda Burton to the Commission on the Status of Women for a second four-year term.

Background

When the Board of Supervisors first created the Commission, the original resolution called for the appointment of 13 women to Commissioner positions.

In 1998, a recommendation was made to and approved by the Board of Supervisors increasing the membership of the Commission on the Status of Women to its current 19 members with two student members.

Discussion

Research done by Commission members showed that a majority of Women's Commissions throughout the State functioned efficiently and capably with an average of 10 to 13 members. The Commission voted to recommend reducing its membership to 15 adult members and two youth. Over the past year, due to three Commissioner resignations, the Commission has been functioning at this proposed membership and has experienced no difficulty.

Members of the Commission would continue to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the Commission would continue to operate with the staff support of the Employee and Public Services Department.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact with the change in membership.