

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND MEMBERSHIP OF  
THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL  
AND STANDING RULES FOR ITS GOVERNANCE**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, on November 17, 1998, this Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 62407, which created Domestic Violence Council, whose purpose is to evaluate, make recommendations and initiate activities regarding:

1. Current responses of law enforcement, the judicial system, health care services and community resources,
2. Local government efforts to reduce domestic and family violence,
3. Public awareness and public education necessary to effect prevention activities,
4. The collection of statistics and data,
5. The adequacy of federal, state and local laws, and
6. The need for services for those who are victims of domestic and family violence, and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to further clarify the functioning of the Domestic Violence Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** as follows:

1. This Board hereby confirms the creation of the Domestic Violence Council, whose purpose is to evaluate, make recommendations and initiate activities regarding: current responses

of law enforcement, the judicial system, health care services and community resources, local government efforts to reduce domestic and family violence, public awareness and public education necessary to effect prevention activities, the collection of statistics and data, the adequacy of federal, state and local laws, and the need for services for those who are victims of domestic and family violence.

2. The Council will include categorical members and appointed members. Categorical members are those who serve by virtue of their public or other specifically designated office. The remaining members of the Council shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

3. The categorical members' terms shall be for the term of their office.

4. The appointed members shall serve terms of four years which begin on January 1 and end on December 31. Upon the conclusion of a term, a member may be reappointed subject to a maximum of twelve years of full terms. The twelve year limit does not include partial terms to which members may be appointed at the beginning of their service, or holdover service caused by delay in appointing a replacement at the end of a member's service.

5. Lots shall be drawn so that the initial terms of the appointed members will be staggered into two, three and four year terms.

6. The membership shall be composed as follows:

- a. A member of the Board of Supervisors.
- b. The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, or his/her representative.
- c. The Sheriff or his/her representative.
- d. The District Attorney or his/her representative.
- e. The County Superintendent of Schools or his/her representative.
- f. The Chief Probation Officer or his/her representative.
- g. The Director of Health Services or his/her representative.
- h. The Director of Human Services or his/her representative.

- i. A representative of the Council of Cities.
- j. A representative of the Police Chiefs' Association.
- k. A representative of the Commission on the Status of Women.
- l. Two individuals who represent non-profit agencies serving battered women.
- m. One individual representing agencies or individuals who provide treatment services to batterers.
- n. One individual representing a non-profit agency providing legal services to battered women.
- o. Four individuals representing the community at large.

7. Only members of the Domestic Violence Council who are identified in the previous paragraph are entitled to vote on matters that come before the Council.

8. The Domestic Violence Council shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, each of whom shall serve for a two year term. If possible, the Vice-Chair will also serve as the Chair Elect, and shall become the Chair of the Council upon the conclusion of the current Chair's service in that role.

9. The Domestic Violence Council will comply with all standing rules for county boards, commissions and advisory committees that are established by the Board of Supervisors.

10. The Council shall meet as necessary, but no less frequently than four times per year.

11. The Domestic Violence Council shall be staffed by the Department of Employee and Public Services' liaison to the Commission on the Status of Women.

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