

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, January 31, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Location: City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Conference Room  
8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood*

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Roll Call

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Meeting agenda for January 31, 2019

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

December 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Arts and Cultural Programming for Women's History Month**

The City's Arts Division will report on art and culture projects that could be considered/branded for Women's History Month.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and Discuss.

**B. LA-County Women & Girls Initiative 100 year Anniversary Celebration of 19th Amendment**

Discussion of participation in the planning process at the invitation of the LA-County Women & Girls Initiative, for a regional activity to commemorate the 100 year Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which granted women the right to vote.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and Discuss. Designate a liaison(s) if appropriate.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **A. National Women's History Month Celebration 2019**

The Board will discuss plans for the City's annual commemoration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and Discuss.

### **B. Domestic Violence Awareness and Advocacy – Family Court System**

Brief discussion about the issue of domestic violence and victimization within the Family Court System and advocacy opportunities.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and Discuss.

### **C. Women's Advisory Board Retreat Meeting Follow up**

Brief update regarding next steps in the updating process for the Board's work plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and Discuss.

## **7. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:**

The Board will review and discuss updates regarding state and federal legislation affecting women. The Board's priority issues include: Equal Rights, Violence Against Women/Women's Safety, Sexual Harassment and Women's Health.

### **A. State Legislation & Policy**

1. Brief review of the California legislative process.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and Discuss

### **B. Federal Legislation & Policy**

The Board will discuss federal legislation and receive updates about the status of federal legislation of interest and policy that the Board is tracking.

1. Proposed Title IX Changes regarding sexual assault.  
The Department of Education's new Title IX rules will guarantee that anybody accused of sexual assault on any campus receiving federal funds will have the right to cross examine the accuser.
2. Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, VAWA  
VAWA set asides funding for investigations into violent crimes associated with domestic and sexual violence designed to end violence against women. VAWA also financed legal aid, funded shelters for victims, provided federal grants for advocacy groups helping domestic violence survivors and toughened federal charges for abusers.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and discuss. Consider making recommendations as appropriate and additional advocacy opportunities.

### **C. Legislative and Advocacy Updates on WAB Prioritized Issues:**

The Board will receive updates about additional legislation and advocacy issues that have been prioritized by the Board and discuss potential actions and recommendations.

1. Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment –  
Updates from the Equal Means Equal and #ERAnow Campaigns
2. Human Trafficking - Awareness and Prevention
3. Breastfeeding/Lactation – Workplace Accommodation

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and Discuss. Consider making recommendations as appropriate.

8. **BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:**

The Board will hear brief reports from board members who serve as liaisons to other city Boards, Commissions, and other recognized bodies. The Board will designate new liaisons as needed.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive and file. Designate new liaisons as needed.

9. **MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:**

The Board will designate a member to report back to the City Council each month.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Designate new member to report back to the City Council.

10. **SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

The Board will hear feedback and updates regarding the following Board initiated and or/co-sponsored activities

1. **Women In Film Speaker Series** – a monthly speaker series supporting the advancement of women in film and media, co-sponsored by the Women's Advisory Board
2. **Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee** – an ad hoc subcommittee comprised of representatives of the Women's Advisory Board and the Public Safety Commission
3. **WAB Club: Women And Books** – a monthly book club sponsored by the Women's Advisory Board and West Hollywood Library
4. **The Vagina Monologues** – presented by Hollywood NOW as part of the City's annual commemoration of V-Day, a global anti-violence campaign.
5. **Advocacy Training Project** – an annual series of training workshops presented by NCJW/LA
6. **Roe AT 46: A Night of Resistance + Stories of Resilience #Roet46** – an annual commemoration of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States, sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles.
7. **She Angels:** a funding competition for women entrepreneurs and web series.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive and File. Take action as needed.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the Women's Advisory Board on any item of interest within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the Advisory Board that could not be heard under Item III. at the beginning of the meeting.

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**12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

The Board will be given an opportunity to deliver brief remarks.

**13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Staff will be given an opportunity to deliver brief remarks.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Women's Advisory Board will adjourn to their next regular meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7 pm in the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

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