

WHEREAS, The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is dedicated to advising the County Board of Supervisors on all issues that affect the lives of women and girls and to investigate and to advocate for the equal participation and treatment of all women and girls in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on the Status of Women is actively involved in issues that affect women and works closely with various County programs and commissions in order to address and advocate effectively for women's concerns; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on the Status of Women entered the National Association of Commissions for Women's Competition requiring a project that is transferable, has verifiable impact, and is of lasting quality or durability; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on the Status of Women submitted their project regarding the women's advocacy initiative in the criminal justice system, underscored by the increasing numbers of the female inmate population and the budget crisis surrounding it; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on the Status of Women lobbied to reduce the budget cuts that affect female inmates, and the CSW encouraged The Honorable Sally Lieber to legislate assistance for pregnant inmates, and the CSW has encouraged the County to conduct a gender analysis highlighting the programs responding to the needs of female inmates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, does hereby honor and commend

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

for winning the Outstanding Achievement Award from the National Association of Commissions for Women in addressing the needs of female inmates.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Fifteenth Day of August, Two Thousand and Six by unanimous vote.

James T. Beall, Jr., Chair
Board of Supervisors

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