

**To: San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women**  
**From: Aeneas Bufiy and Stella Kaval, San Mateo County Youth**  
**Commissioner**

**Date: 2/17/21**

**Subject: Commissioner Updates 1/28/21 Public Meeting**

***Updates:***

- **Approve Letter: Ethnic Studies Curriculum Request (Action)**
  - Education and Economic Development Committee
  - Purpose is to educate students on racial experiences to combat systemic racism.
    - Unanimously approved
- **Public Speaking Presentation**
  - Mario Rendon, District Director for Assembly Member Kevin Mullin
  - To give tips on public speaking and help prepare us for Committee Work Plan Presentations
- **Work Plan Presentations**
  - Yearly Agendas for each SMYC Committee
  - Committees
    - Environmental Justice Committee
    - Education and Economic Development Committee
    - Civic Engagement Committee
    - Immigrant Youth Committee
    - Mental Health Committee
    - Social Media Committee

**To: San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women**  
**From: Tanya Beat, Director**  
**Date: February 23, 2021**  
**Subject: Status of recent events/projects**

*Mission Moment*

- Karen Pyles will return to the CSW in March!
- [CSW Spotlight: Nirmala Bandrapalli](#)
  - Please share widely on social media as this helps people learn more about commissioners and their backgrounds.
- [Women of Courage Award](#): Noelia Corzo (President of the San Mateo Foster City school board and an alumnus of WANDA) was one of three awardees to receive \$25,000. She was nominated by Susan Kokores who learned about the program through the CSW.

*Vaccine Rollout*

- COVID-19 Vaccination Program: <https://www.smchealth.org/covidvaccine>
- Tier 1b: 65+ yrs
- Sharing current information in an immediate notification (poll/chat)
- [Community Leader Talking Points](#) – 7 talking points with extensive explanation information.

*Women's History Month: March*

- [March 9 Board of Supervisors meeting](#): Women's History Month Proclamation & Accomplishments of 2020 (Annual Report)
  - The agenda and zoom link is usually posted on the Friday before (March 5).
- The [Art of the Ask](#) workshop featuring Maya Tussing through Redwood City Public Library:
  - This workshop will be offered twice:  
Saturday, March 6, at 2:30pm  
Thursday, March 11, at 6:30pm
- [The Future of Women's History](#)
  - Collaboration with San Mateo County Poet Laureate Aileen Cassinetto
  - Features four young women, their talents, and Q&A portion.
  - Aileen Cassinetto is the facilitator, the CSW is sponsoring
  - Wednesday, March 24, 12:00-1:00pm

**To: San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women**

**From: Becky Abens, Commissioner**

**Date: February 9, 2021**

**Subject: Commissioner Updates**

***Update: Human Trafficking Task Force***

- *Presentation by Christine Medieros, International Services Lead – North Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross*
  - Christine gave a very brief history of the Red Cross
  - Red Cross provides services in these areas:
    - Disaster services
    - Services to armed forces
    - International services
    - Training services
    - Biomedical services
    - Restoring Family Units
  - Restoring Family Units works with people separated by war, disasters, forced migration, and any humanitarian crisis
  - Restoring Family Units provides services around
    - Tracing inquiries
    - Red Cross messages
    - Travel documentation (passports, visas, etc. for people who are stateless)
    - Attestations (prisoners of war)
    - Referrals (e.g. State Department)
  - \*\*An individual on the call shared a story that her family is from Bosnia and years ago the Red Cross helped her family locate her father!
  - Red Cross can be reached at:
    - Helpline 844-782-9441
    - Online form [redcross.org/reconnectingfamilies](https://www.redcross.org/reconnectingfamilies)
- *Presentation by Dr Angie Holzer – WikiCharities*
  - Dr Holzer just completed her doctorate and her dissertation was on the differences between human trafficking nonprofit collaborations in two communities (Bay Area & Salt Lake area)
  - She concluded the top three reasons nonprofits don't collaborate are: 1) no time to collaborate, 2) competition or lack of trust between organizations, and 3)
  - To address the needs, Dr Holzer has developed a solution: an online platform, WikiCharities, first focus area is human trafficking
  - <https://www.wikicharities.org/>
    - Database is searchable by area and topic
    - Show accountability (orgs are "validated")
    - Can increase collaboration and access to organizations

- *Q&A with Erin Albright* – antitrafficking consultant currently focusing on labor trafficking across the country
  - Main areas Erin works are:
    - Labor trafficking
    - Task forces and collaborations
    - Policing and improving victim response
- Meeting are posted on the SMC Sherriff's YouTube channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SMCSheriff/videos>



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**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

# *The Future of Women's History*

Wednesday, March 24, 12-1pm

# *Save the Date!*

Special Guest: Aileen Cassinetto  
Poet Laureate, San Mateo County



Sanjyot Pia Walawalkar



Amanda Safi



Sophie Mateja



Hilary Cruz Mejia