



COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

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Status of Women

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Commission on the Status of Women Celebrates 50th Anniversary

(*Santa Clara County*) The Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women will celebrate its 50th anniversary and Women's Equality Day (WED) at a luncheon event on Thursday, August 24, 2023. The celebration—Stand Up for Women and Girls—will feature Malia Cohen, State Controller, as the keynote speaker, as well as Danielle Slaton, nationally-known soccer star and newscaster, who will receive the Woman of Impact award from the Commission. Susan Ellenberg, President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, will serve as the event's Emcee.

Women's Equality Day, which was officially designated on August 26, 1971, commemorates the 1920 adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which prohibits the denial of the right to vote on the basis of sex. While the CSW celebrates Women's Equality Day each year, the battle over the long-sought 28th amendment (the Equal Rights Amendment) rages on and we continue the fight for gender equity and equal rights for all. The proposed 28th amendment would invalidate many state and federal laws that discriminate against women, with the central underlying principle that sex should not determine the legal rights of men or women.

The 15-member Commission on the Status of Women was established in 1973 when the Board of Supervisors adopted County Ordinance Code #NS 300.183 with the charge of promoting affirmative action and eliminating the practice of discrimination and prejudice against women based on gender in the areas of housing, employment, education, community services, and related fields. Commission members are appointed by members of the Board of Supervisors and serve in a voluntary advisory capacity to the Board, advocating and supporting programming, policies, and legislation impacting the lives of women and girls and those who identify as women and girls in Santa Clara County. The Commission also oversees a mini-grant program that supports programs, events, and causes through small grants of up to \$2,000 to local nonprofits, individuals, or grassroots groups that support women and girls.

The event will highlight the recent adoption of **CEDAW**— *the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women*— by the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors on May 2, 2023. This historic legislation makes the County only the fourth in the State to adopt CEDAW, an international bill of rights for women that defines what constitutes discrimination against women and sets up an agenda for national action and local adoption to end such discrimination. A panel conversation—the Power of CEDAW—will inform attendees about CEDAW and what it means for the women and girls of Santa Clara County.

Danielle Slaton will be recognized as the 2023 Woman of Impact at the event for her work in Santa Clara County to highlight and provide opportunities for women and girls. An international soccer star who played on the Women's National Team from 2000-2005 and is a local and national news analyst for both women's and men's soccer, Danielle also serves the community as the chair of the Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative (BAWSI), serves as a board member and instructor for the Positive Coaching Alliance, and is the Chair of the US Soccer Committee overseeing the implementation of the Yates report that made recommendations to respond to abusive behavior and sexual misconduct in Women's Professional Soccer. Most recently, Danielle is one of four Women's National Team members who announced that women's soccer was coming to the Bay Area. Bay FC will begin its inaugural season next spring at PayPal Park in San Jose.

Attending the event will be elected officials from many local and regional jurisdictions, county officials, community-based organizations' staff and leadership, and community members. The event will be held at LinkedIn's Headquarters location in Mountain View. Note that attendees must pre-register and few tickets remain.

Event Details

Date: Thursday, August 24th

Hours: Registration and Networking begin at 11:15 am
Program begins promptly at 12 noon

Address: To be provided upon registration (Members of the media should confirm with Nancy Breameau if they plan to be in attendance. Media members will be invited free of charge.)

Eventbrite: Register here-- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/50th-anniversary-celebration-of-the-scc-commission-on-the-status-of-women-tickets-657187203617?aff=odtdtcreator>