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# County of Santa Cruz

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AGENDA: 5/22/01

May 14, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: APPOINTMENT TO WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

I recommend the appointment of the following person to the Women's Commission in accordance with County Code Chapter 2.80, Section 30, for a term to expire April 1, 2003:

Jennifer Bragar  
414 Oxford Way  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
423-5403 (H)  
423-2345 (B)

Sincerely,

*Mardi Wormhoudt*  
MARDI WORMHOUDT, Supervisor  
Third District

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cc: Jennifer Bragar  
Women's Commission

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A COUNTY ADVISORY BODY

INSTRUCTIONS:

If you are interested in serving on a County Advisory Body, please complete this application and return it to the Board of Supervisors, 701. Ocean Street, Room 500, Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4069. If you are interested in being considered for appointment to more than one advisory body, a separate application must be submitted for each appointment you are seeking.

Upon receipt, your application for appointment will be routed to each Board member and then filed for further consideration by Board members when there is a vacancy on the advisory body. If a Supervisor is interested in nominating you for appointment, you will be contacted to discuss the appointment, the appointment process, and requirements for the advisory body in question.

Please specify the Commission, Committee or Board to which you are seeking appointment and provide the requested information.

Thank you for your interest in County Government.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE or BOARD: Women's Commission  
Name: Jennifer Brager  
Address: 414 Oxford Way  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
Phone: ('Home) 423-5403  
(Business) 423-2345  
Supervisory District: Third District  
Length of Residence in Area: 6 years  
Age (Optional): ☐ Under 21 ☒ 21-30 ☐ 31-40 ☐ Over 40

PREVIOUS COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE SERVICE (Please specify):

<u>Advisory Body</u>	<u>Term</u>
_____	_____
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(Please see reverse)

EDUCATION:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Year</u>
UCSC	Economics & Envtl. Studies	BA	1998

WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:


<u>Organization</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>
JB Associates	257 Swanton Blvd.	Principal	1999 - Present
Victoria EPA	Melbourne Australia	Volunteer	1997
UCSC HIV Prevention	1156 High St.	Volunteer	1998

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Please attach a brief statement indicating why you are interested in serving on the advisory body in question and why you are qualified for appointment.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above information is true and correct and authorize the verification of the information in the application in the event I am a finalist for the appointment.

  
Signature

5/9/01  
Date

### Statement of Qualifications:

Dear Supervisor **Wormhoudt** and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

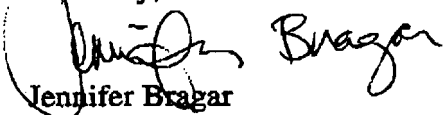
I would be honored to serve as a **representative** of the Third District on the Santa **Cruz** County Women's Commission. I run a small consulting firm in Santa **Cruz** and recognize the need to involve more women in the political system not only to ensure the protection of women's rights but to provide role models for young woman who might consider a career in politics.

Throughout my adult life I have been aware that **HIV** is a reality for people in my generation. I also know that anyone **who** is sexually active, uses **IV** drugs or has blood to blood contact with other people is at risk of contracting HIV. I thought that everyone knew **these** facts but I was wrong. Based on a recent experience I had **with** a woman in **her** 40s who realized she might have contracted HIV, I found out that **HIV** education had not crossed all boundaries of age and gender. I would **like** to look at the challenges women face to access information about HIV infection, prevention and services. I think that there are groups of women that are overlooked as "low risk" for **HIV** and are thus left in the dark about the virus.

Experiences with my peers, especially in Santa **Cruz**, have taught me that women often face **challenges** because of societal definitions of gender. For most people gender is simply a question of male or female but for some women the question is much more complex. Women **who** are **transgendered and/or transitioning** to a new category/definition of gender do not abandon **their** experience as women and deserve to be treated with respect in all areas of their lives whether they are looking for a job or using public restrooms, for example.

I have spoken to members of the Women's Commission and look forward to working with the group to promote leadership training for women, address welfare reform and other concerns that face women in our County.

Sincerely,

  
Jennifer Bragar