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December 12, 2001

BOARD AGENDA: January 8, 2002

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, California 95060

Re: Santa Cruz County Domestic Violence Commission

Dear Members of the Board:

The Domestic Violence Commission consist of, among other appointees, two appointees who are judges representing the courts. The initial rationale for two judge appointees was to have a representative from each court, the municipal court and the superior court. Since the courts are now consolidated into one court, the Commission has voted unanimously to request that your Board amend the Domestic Violence Commission Ordinance to require the appointment of one judge to represent the court on the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Consider approving in concept the ordinance amendment of Section 2.118.020, Subsection E, revising the membership of the Domestic Violence Commission.
2. Place the ordinance back on the consent agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting for final approval.

Sincerely,


Christine McGuire
Chair

RECOMMENDED:


Susan A. Mauriello

County Administrative Officer

cc: Pamela Fyfe
County Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.118.020 OF THE SANTA CRUZ
COUNTY CODE BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF JUDGES SERVING ON
THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION TO ONE**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

SECTION I

Section 2.118.020 of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.118.020 Membership.

The domestic violence commission shall consist of the following members:

- A. The county administrative officer, or his or her designee;
- B. The sheriff-coroner of the county, or his/her designee;
- C. A chief of a police agency, designated by the law enforcement chiefs association of the county or that police chiefs designee;
- D. The district attorney of the county, or his/her designee;
- E. ~~Two judges, one familiar with domestic violence cases, one familiar with family law, to be chosen by the courts;~~ One judge, familiar with either domestic violence cases or with family law, to be chosen by the courts;
- F. The chief probation officer of the county, or his/her designee;
- G. The public defender of the county, or his/her designee;
- H. The superintendent of the county office of education, or his/her designee;
- I. One representative of each of the following, as appointed by the board of supervisors, upon nomination by the identified agency:
 - 1. The human resources agency of the county,
 - 2. The women's crisis support and shelter services,
 - 3. Defensa de mujeres,
 - 4. The battered women's task force,

5. The family mediation service,
 6. A certified batterer's treatment provider approved by the county probation department pursuant to Penal Code Section **1000.94**,
 7. The women's commission of the county;
 8. The city of Santa Cruz commission for the prevention of violence against women,
 9. Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital,
 10. Watsonville Community Hospital,
 11. The health services agency of the county,
 12. Walnut Women's Center,
 13. The community clinic coalition,
 14. A representative of the Family Law Bar of Santa Cruz County,
 15. The seniors commission of the county, and
 16. Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center of Santa Cruz;
- J. The following at-large representatives, as appointed by the board of supervisors:
1. A survivor of domestic violence,
 2. A representative of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community, and
 3. A representative of the Latino community. (Ord. **4504** § 1, **1998**; Ord. **4464** § 1, **1997**; Ord. **4407** § 1, **1996**; Ord. **4329** § 1 (part), **1994**)

SECTION II

This ordinance shall take effect on the **31st** day after the date of final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of _____, **2001**, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
 NOES: SUPERVISORS
 ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

TONY CAMPOS, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

Assistant County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: District Attorney
Domestic Violence Commission