

# SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION

## MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2008, 5:30 P.M.  
SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** 11 voting members present, Quorum not met.

Alisha Favorite	Irwin Joseph
Bob Campbell	Jodi Harvey
Bob Lee	Kristin Long
Candace Atkins	Larry Biggam
Charles Molnar	Steve Robbins
Heidi Simonson	

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:**

Alan Hiromura	Laura Garnette
Dee O'Brien	Laura Segura
Jo Ann Allen	Martina O'Sullivan
Jamie Gauthier	Sherra Clinton

**COMMISSIONERS UNEXCUSED:**

Edna Williams	Luanne Hult
Jo Anna Goodman	Sherri Stout-Torres
Kathi Loughlin	

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Angie Garcia	Barbara Lee- for Laura Garnette
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1. **Call to Order.**  
Chair Allen called meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.
2. **Roll Call: Introduction of Members.**  
Each Commissioner introduced him/herself.
3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda.**  
None
4. **Approval of September and October Minutes.**  
Tabled
5. **Oral Communications from the Community.**  
None

6. **Old Business.**
- A. **Approval of LE-DV guidelines: Vote-** Tabled
  - B. **Executive Committee report- follow-up on commission recommendations from September/ October meeting-** see 8C
  - C. **Follow up from April Retreat: Vote-** Tabled
    - 1. DV Survivors- *Alisha needs form from JoAnn*
    - 2. Reorganization of Courts- *Disbanded*
    - 3. Education- Bullying/Teen Dating- *Disbanded*
    - 4. Death Review- General Idea is to meet with professionals involved to make sure every thing possible can be done. Have check list. Commissioner Simonson volunteers to speak to law enforcement to see if there is interest in a commission. Commissioner Molnar volunteers to help.
    - 5. Other
  - D. **Commissioner assignments to committees and taskforces- all members must participate on at least one, as per bylaws-** We are encouraging commissioners to join taskforces.
7. **New Business.**
- A. **Re-approve bylaws to take to the Board of Supervisors-** Tabled  
Bylaws we corrected for grammar, synchronization, small additions, etc. Commissioner Simonson met with Rahn Garcia regarding the bylaws. He said the most important thing is to have consensus and move forward from there. Commissioner Simonson asks Chair Allen and Vice Chair Robbins to find out what exactly the commissioners want (bylaws, meetings, etc.) Commissioner Biggam states that he would like to have more guest speakers. Commissioner Lee asks that the Executive Committee go to the Board of Supervisors to revise the ordinance.
8. **Task Forces and Committees**
- A. **Executive Committee Report-** Tabled
  - B. **Report to the Community-** **There was no meeting**
  - C. **Policy and protocol –** They are trying to get the biggest complaints from victims heard at the Domestic Violence Commission. The Commission is working on a form.
9. **Announcements from Commissioners.**
- Commissioner Lee talks about Marcy's Law- Every victim is allowed to get a Marcy's card, which states the victim's rights. Every victim has to get this card effective 11/15/08. Victims have the right to be heard at every stage of the proceedings, including having a third party attorney representative.
- Commissioner Robins speaks about the Vine System where victims can check on-line when a defendant has a court appearance.
- DV Survivors Task Force- next meeting will be announced by email
10. **Adjournment.**  
The Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.