

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2007

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, April 9, 2007 in Room 372, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Lesser called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with no quorum present.

The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Lesser
Vice President Duba
Treasurer Creary
Commissioner Jernigan
Commissioner Rodriguez
Commissioner Tanberg

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lesser reported the following:

- She attended the East Los Angeles Women's Center 30th Anniversary Celebration at the Autry Center on March 29, 2007.
- On March 30, 2007 she attended the Women's History Month Pioneer Women Breakfast Reception and Awards Presentation at the Tom Bradley Tower Council Chambers in Los Angeles.

(Commissioner Pinedo and Commissioner Gravely joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m. constituting a quorum)

- She received a large donation from the Honda Corporation of blankets, flashlights, and windbreaker jackets. The items were donated to the Downtown Women's Center, the Chicana Center and the East Los Angeles Women's Center to help the homeless.
- She shared several "Thank You" notes from Areva Martin, Lisa Watson, Angie Papadakis, and Patty DeDominic. She also received a letter from the 1736 Crisis Center thanking the Commission for the \$1,500 shelter donation.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2007

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice President Duba, with Commissioner Tanberg abstaining, and duly carried, the minutes of March 26, 2007 were approved with the following corrections:

Page 6, 7th paragraph; Genevieve ~~Claurvel~~ Clavreul...

Page 6, Public Comment, add; Dr. Reverend Lorna Crosse would like to attend the Health Committee meetings but has not received any agendas or information on the committee meetings. Staff will ensure that Reverend Crosse is sent all future mailings.

Page 7, 3rd bullet: Halle Berry was the ~~Mistress of Ceremonies~~ Chair of the Year of Giving...

Page 7, Guests, add: Reverend Dr. Lorna Crosse

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- The National Council of Jewish Women of Los Angeles will host a complimentary community event on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the NCJW/LA Headquarters, 543 N. Fairfax Ave. in Los Angeles. The program is titled "Kids at Risk. What we need to know about on line predators/internet safety".
- Distributed flyers for the 10th Annual Remembering our Veterans and Their Families Past, Present and Future event on Saturday, May 26, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Arcadia County Park, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave. in Arcadia. This is an annual event hosted by Supervisor Antonovich.
- Five new employees recently joined the Executive Office. Andrew Sevrin and Mireya Rivera are the newest members of Commission Services.
- Commissioners are encouraged to stop by the Executive Office to see the new display case. There will be three digital picture frames displaying events, including pictures for the Women of the Year Awards luncheon.

Introduction of the audience followed.

ESTABLISH A NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND SELECT NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR ELECTION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR FY 2007-2008

President Lesser chose the following Commissioners to serve on the Nominating Committee for election of Commission Officers for FY 2007-08:

Commissioner Jernigan, Chair, Second District
Commissioner Pinedo, First District
Commissioner ZeBrack, Third District
Commissioner Tanberg, Fourth District
Commissioner Gravely, Fifth District

Staff will mail out the Declaration of Candidacy forms to all Commissioners on April 10, 2007. Voting will take place on June 11, 2007. There will be no meeting at the end of May in observance of Memorial Day.

PURCHASE UP TO FIVE TICKETS AT \$120 EACH FOR THE 2-DAY 9TH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2007 AND THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. AT THE PASADENA CONFERENCE CENTER

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Treasurer Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to purchase up to five tickets at \$120 each for the 2-day 9th Annual Multicultural Conference on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 and Thursday, May 17, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Pasadena Conference Center.

APPROVAL OF THE GUIDELINES FOR DONATION OF FUNDS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS AND AGENCIES

This item was tabled until the next Commission meeting.

APPROVAL TO REIMBURSE THE PRESIDENT'S FUND FOR 2 TICKETS TO THE 2007 SILVER ROSE AWARDS & AUCTION GALA ON SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2007 AT THE BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350.00

Following discussion, on motion of Vice President Duba, seconded by Commissioner Gravely, with Commissioner Rodriguez and Commissioner Pinedo abstaining, and duly carried, the Commission approved to reimburse the President's Fund for 2 tickets to the 2007 Silver Rose Awards & Auction Gala on Sunday, March 25, 2007 at the Beverly Hills Hotel in the amount of \$350.00.

OVERVIEW OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES

Caroline Wittcoff, Assistant United States Attorney, Department of Justice presented information on the Los Angeles Metro Task Force. Ms. Wittcoff has been with the Department of Justice over 14 years and currently is the Co-Chair of the Los Angeles Metro Task Force. There are 43 task forces in Los Angeles County comprised of representatives from Federal, State, local and non governmental agencies. She provided the following facts regarding victims of human trafficking:

- They do not self report.
- They are usually hidden away or housed somewhere, then driven to a place to work.
- They have language barriers.
- They do not know their rights.

There are approximately 200 Human Trafficking laws, many which include important rights and benefits for the victims, such as:

- The victim can legally stay in the United States for duration of a case.
- Some family members of the victims may come to the United States.
- Victims may qualify for some refugee benefits.
- Victims may be able to get work permits.

Ms. Wittcoff shared that the Task Force has an aggressive outreach campaign that includes educating first responders. They have a 6 minute video that is shown to Law Enforcement at Roll Call to assist their efforts in identifying human trafficking victims.

Other types of outreach include public billboards with a 24 hour hotline number and bumper stickers that will be placed on all City of Los Angeles vehicles.

Ms. Wittcoff shared information on two recent cases of human trafficking rings that were successfully taken down. Treasurer Creary inquired about what happens to rescued, minor, human trafficking victims. Ms. Wittcoff responded that children protective services assist the victims. Commissioner Jernigan commented on the Commission's involvement with the El Monte sweat shops case and how the Jenesse Center was able to assist some of the victims. Commissioner Rodriguez suggested that the staff of domestic violence shelters would benefit from the Task Force training. Ms. Wittcoff invited everyone to visit www.nohumantrafficking.org for additional information.

ENDORSE EQUAL PAY DAY ON APRIL 24, 2007

Following discussion, on motion of Treasurer Creary, seconded by Commissioner Tanberg, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to endorse Equal Pay Day on April 24, 2007. Staff will include information on the Commission's website and send out a reminder to Commissioners via email.

REVIEW METROCARE PLAN LETTER OF RESPONSE FROM DR. CHERNOF, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Tanberg reported that the Health Committee met on April 4, 2007 and reviewed the letter of response from Dr. Chernof. Commissioner Tanberg explained that the letter was organized to answer each question that was asked in the original letter to him. Treasurer Creary reported that Drew Hospital Physicians that are not County employees will be off of the County payroll as of June 30, 2007. She also stated that although the resident program is closed, the residents will be placed in other County health institutions.

At the Health Committee meeting, the members agreed to request from their Health Deputies, a copy of the MetroCare Plan weekly update that is provided to the Board of Supervisors. Committee members will also monitor the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes for updates on the plan.

Jessica St. John provided an update on the Office of Women's Health Planning Council. President Lesser shared that the invitations for the upcoming Health Summit will be mailed the week of April 9th and she has also requested 25 invitations be sent to the Commission Services office.

UPDATE ON THE 5K RUN/WALK

Vice President Duba distributed 2 handouts with information on the 9th Annual 5K. The first flyer contained information on the suggested name change for the 5K. The Ad-Hoc 5K Run/Walk Committee suggested changing the name to the LA County Run for Health 9th Annual 5K Run/Walk and Wellness Expo. Vice President Duba requested approving the proposed name change to be placed on the next Commission meeting

agenda. The only change will be the name and the proceeds will continue to fund the education scholarships.

The second flyer contained information on Ernie Van Leeuwen, the oldest entrant in the Los Angeles Marathon. Mr. Van Leeuwen passed away in February of 2007 and the Committee would like to memorialize him at this years 5K. Over 1,000 members of the L.A. Leggers have promised to take part in the event. An e-blast to all the members has been sent as well as save the date information in the clubs newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Older Women's Issues Committee: Pat Wilson reported that she will be attending a meeting today at 1:00 p.m.

Domestic Violence Committee: Commissioner Rodriguez reported that she has secured four salons to participate in the "Cut It Out" program. To date, there are 10 salons committed in Los Angeles City and County and the goal is 40. Commissioner Pinedo suggested identifying the contact for an upcoming annual salon expo to be held in Las Vegas. Commissioner Rodriguez distributed a flyer for the "Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence" on April 28, 2007 at the Sherman Oaks Galleria.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones arrived at 11:37 p.m.)

Gender Equity Committee: No report.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Education Committee: Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported that the Committee will be meeting April 9, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. following the Commission meeting. They will be updating the 2007 scholarship application and choosing a theme.

Media/Public Relations Committee: No report.

Special Events/5K Run/Walk Committee: No report.

Ad-Hoc Procedures Committee: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Reverend Lorna Crosse reported that she will be meeting with the Executive Director of Jewish Watch to discuss solutions to the problems facing refugees. She has suggested that the Domestic Violence Committee contact cosmetology schools regarding the "Cut it Out" program. Reverend Crosse also commented on her visit with Commissioner Mummey and informed the Commission that Commissioner Mummey will no longer be residing at the nursing center.

Genevieve Clavreul stated that some of the physicians from King Drew reported that the patient shuttle is not running. She shared a letter addressed to L.A. County District Attorney, Steve Cooley regarding a violation of the Brown Act at the March 27, 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting. She stated that item A3 was not held for discussion or published on the held item list and the Board went to into closed session where it has been reported that A3 was discussed. She has requested that the violation be "corrected or cured".

She also visited Commissioner Mummey and is very concerned with the conditions of the facility, especially the cleanliness. She stated she spoke with the Director of Nurses at the facility.

Lastly, Ms. Clavreul voiced concern regarding a patient that stayed 5 days in the emergency room at King Drew/Harbor UCLA she will provide the Commission with a follow-up.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Rodriguez attended the East Los Angeles' 30th Anniversary Celebration at the Autry Center on March 29, 2007.

Treasurer Creary attended the following events:

- East Los Angeles Women Center's 30th Anniversary Gala at the Autry National Center on March 29, 2007.
- Los Angeles City Council and Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women 2007 Women's History Month, Pioneer Women Breakfast Reception & Award Presentations at the Tom Bradley Tower & City Council Chambers on March 30, 2007.
- Association of Black Cardiologists & Association of Black Women Physicians, Women Physician Lecture Series "Lupus in Women" at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Marina del Rey on March 30, 2007.
- Association of Black Women Physicians Scholarship Fundraiser at Fisherman's Village in Marina Del Rey.
- Health legislative meeting with Assemblyman Mervyn Dymally in Compton on April 2, 2007.
- Health meeting with Dr. Gail Wyatt, Clinical Professor, U.C.L.A., titled "Caring for Our Mental Health" including research with Women of Color-HIV/AIDS, sexual behavior and other related topics on April 7, 2007 in Marina Del Rey.

Treasurer Creary suggested inviting Dr. Gail Wyatt, Clinical Professor, U.C.L.A. to speak about research on HIV/AIDS and legislation at a future Commission meeting. She also announced that the Finance Committee will meet on April 23, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss and review the Commission Trust Fund.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA (to be presented and placed on a future agenda): President Lesser would like the review of the Commission goals to be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. with a moment of silence in memory of Tom Martin, Deputy of Supervisor Don Knabe.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Charlotte Lesser, President
Reiko Duba, Vice President
Ruth Creary, Ph.D., Treasurer
Wadie Gravely
Ruth Jernigan
Michelle Pinedo
Olivia Rodriguez
Bobbi Jean Tanberg
Yolanda Becerra-Jones

EXCUSED

Peggy Freeman
Janet Mummey, Esq.
Karin Davalos
Elise ZeBrack

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Rhonda Rangel, Nyla Jefferson, and Twila P. Kerr, Executive Office

GUESTS

Genevieve Clavreul
Reverend Dr. Lorna Crosse
Mary Griffith
Michelle Sumpter Ries
Pat Wilson
Caroline Wittcoff

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Commissioner Jernigan
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Commissioner Gravely
Commissioner Rodriguez

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(Treasurer Creary arrived at 10:01 a.m. constituting a quorum)

President Lesser reported the following:

- On February 26, 2007, she met with Sandra Barbee, Commissioner Freeman and Internal Services Department to review information regarding revising the Commission website. They also discussed fees and potential funding sources.
- On March 2, 2007, she attended the memorial services of Sherlyn Smith, master teacher, student advisor, assistant principal, administrator, and District Superintendent.
- On March 2, 2007, she attended the VDay celebration at the "Vagina Monologues" fundraiser for the 1736 Family Crisis Center held at the Playhouse in Hermosa Beach. She also presented the shelter with the \$1,500 donation from the Commission for Women.
- On March 3, 2007, she attended "A Magical Evening" to support the Richstone Family Center at the Hermosa Beach Art Gallery.
- On March 8, 2007, she attended the International Women's Day event at the National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles/Jewish World Watch/African Community Center program in Los Angeles.
- On March 11, 2007, she attended "Lunafest", a film festival of films produced about, by and for women to benefit breast cancer research. The program was presented by the Manhattan Beach Soroptimists.

(Vice President Duba arrived at 10:06 a.m.)

- On March 12, 2007, she attended the Commission's 22nd Annual "Women of the Year" Awards Luncheon at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.
- On March 13, 2007, she attended a planning meeting for the Beach Cities Tsunami Awareness program scheduled for April 19, 2007.

- On March 16, 2007, she attended the Cedar-Sinai Women's Health Conference held at the Century Plaza Hotel in Century City. She made many contacts for the upcoming 5K and will share the information with Vice President Duba.
- On March 22, 2007, she met with local agency representatives from the Beach Cities Health District to review a pending plan for the Justice Center of South Bay.
- On March 23, 2007, she attended the Women in Business Annual Conference in Manhattan Beach.
- She is scheduled to attend the East Los Angeles Women's Center 30th Anniversary event on March 29, 2007 at the Autry Center in Los Angeles.
- She is scheduled to attend the Women's History Month Pioneer Women Breakfast Reception and Awards Presentation on March 30, 2007 at the Tom Bradley Tower Council Chambers in Los Angeles.
- She is continuing to review the Commission's Ordinance and concerns about the expired Sunset Review issues. She will attend the Audit Committee meeting and the Board of Supervisors meeting when they are scheduled.
- She spoke with Caroline Wittcoff and Norma Foster with the Department of Justice and invited them to speak at the next Commission meeting regarding the Human Trafficking initiative.
- She distributed flyers and registration forms for the Beach Cities Health District Steppin' Out program. Interested Commissioners were instructed to return the completed forms to her.

Introduction of the audience followed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2007

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and duly carried, the minutes of February 26, 2007 were approved with the following corrections:

Page 4, third bullet; convention will be held ~~on~~ in May 2008...

Page 6, Public Comment, 2nd paragraph; will meet with both ~~ladies~~ women to discuss...

Page 6, 5th paragraph add to the last sentence: husband's death certificate *due to inaccuracies in the death certificate*.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- Cesar Chavez Week is March 26-March 30, 2007. Commissioners are encouraged to donate can goods and drop them off in the bin located in the Executive Office, 383 Hall of Administration. A flyer with information on the City of Glendale's Cesar Chavez's Commemorative Event was distributed.

- A Save the Date flyer was distributed for the Older American Recognition Day Awards Program scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at the Hall of Administration, Board of Supervisors Hearing Room from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
- A Save the Date flyer was distributed for 2007 Commissioners' Leadership Conference on May 23, 2007.
- An Executive Office Holiday Party Survey was distributed. The Holiday party committee is looking forward to receiving Commissioner's comments from those interested in attending the Holiday Party.
- The new student intern has been chosen and she will be working on the Commission for Women's status Report. Jessica Pirir will be graduating from Cal State Northridge in May with a Bachelors of Arts in English Literature.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Creary reported on expenditures for the month of February 2007. The beginning balance for February was \$15,724.42; the expenditures were \$1,075.00; income was \$457.69; and the ending balance was \$15,107.11. The monthly allocation for March 2007 is \$3,776.78.

PRESENTATION ON THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH AND UPDATE ON THE HEALTH SUMMIT

Ellen Eidem, M.S., Director of Office of Women's Health distributed Save the Date flyers for the Health Summit and copies of the 2007 Women's Health Policy Overview. Ms. Eidem thanked the Commission for their \$1,000 donation. The invites will have a May 15, 2007 registration deadline. Tickets will cost \$35. She stated that the planning committee is expecting 300-350 attendees. Pre-registration is required. The event will be on Thursday, May 24, 2007 from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. Honorary Chairs are Supervisor Burke and Supervisor Molina. Honorary Co-Chairs are Supervisors Antonovich, Knabe and Yaroslavsky.

The morning panel, "Achieving Equitable Health" will consist of four speakers. There will also be breakout sessions in the morning and afternoon. Dr. Vivian Pinn, Director, Office of Research on Women's Health will be the luncheon's keynote speaker. Following the luncheon will be the Listening Panel, which will include an overview of the summit.

Ms. Eidem is seeking potential speakers or special guests for the reception. Commissioner Rodriguez suggested inviting Mavis Leno as the special guest. Commissioner Jernigan suggested actress Halle Berry. Ms. Eidem also asked Commissioners to forward their mailing lists to her. Treasurer Creary suggested inviting The Equitable Co. to be a sponsor of the event.

REGISTER FOR AN EXHIBIT TABLE AT THE 9TH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL CONFERENCE ON MAY 16 & MAY 17, 2007 AT THE PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER AT NO COST TO THE COMMISSION

Following discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Gravely, seconded by Commissioner Davalos, the Commission approved to register for an exhibit table at the 9th Annual Multicultural Conference on May 16 & May 17, 2007 at the Pasadena Convention Center at no cost to the Commission.

PURCHASE A BUSINESS CARD SIZE AD FOR THE 9TH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM DIRECTORY FOR \$25

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Treasurer Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to purchase a business card size ad for the 9th Annual Multicultural Conference program directory for \$25.

PURCHASE UP TO FIVE TICKETS AT \$95 EACH FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ON MAY 17, 2007 AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Jernigan, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to purchase up to five tickets at \$95 each for the Antelope Valley Women's Conference on May 17, 2007 at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds.

ENDORSE DENIM DAY IN L.A., PRESENTED BY PEACE OVER VIOLENCE (FORMERLY LACAAW) ON APRIL 25, 2007

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Vice President Duba, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to endorse Denim Day in L.A. presented by Peace Over Violence (formerly LACAAW) on April 25, 2007.

RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY LEAVE MEDICAL ACT (FMLA)

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Davalos, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to recommend the Board of Supervisors to support the Family Leave Medical Act (FMLA).

UPDATE ON THE COMMISSION'S PARTICIPATION IN THE "CUT IT OUT" PROGRAM

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the "Cut it Out" information was available at the Women of the Year Awards Luncheon. However, information about the program was not announced.

Commissioner Rodriguez met with Paula Petrotta from the City of Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women and the Glendale Commission on the Status of Women. Ms. Petrotta will be pursuing the support of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Commissioner Davalos requested that the information be available in

Korean. The Commission agreed that support from each Board Office should be requested.

DISCUSS PARTICIPATION WITH THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW).

Commissioner Davalos would like staff to verify the County's support, if any, of CEDAW. She reported that San Francisco and the City of Los Angeles have adopted ordinances. This item was referred to the Gender Equity Committee for further discussion.

REPORT ON 22ND ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS LUNCHEON ON MARCH 12, 2007

This item was tabled for presentation at a future Commission meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Older Women's Issues Committee: Pat Wilson reported that she was unable to attend the March 12, 2007 committee meeting because she attended the "Women of the Year" Awards Luncheon. Commissioner Jernigan reported that she visited with Commissioner Mummey and shared the "Women of the Year" awards journal with her. Commissioner Jernigan also encouraged everyone to take time and visit Commissioner Mummey at the Pacific Convalescent Center in Santa Monica.

Health Committee: No report. The next committee meeting will be a teleconference on March 29, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

Domestic Violence Committee: The Domestic Violence Task Force is scheduled to meet at 12:30 p.m. following the Commission meeting to discuss the Domestic Violence Shelter donation criteria.

Gender Equity Committee: Commissioner Davalos reported that the Committee met prior to the Commission meeting. Commissioner ZeBrack will be gathering information on Equal Pay Day activities in Los Angeles County. Commissioner Gravely spoke to National Association of Women Business Owners and requested information regarding pay equity. Commissioner Davalos ordered copies of the United Way report on the Status of Women in Los Angeles County and will distribute copies to the Commission at the next Commission meeting. She also reported that Assembly Bill 255 did not pass. This bill would have increased penalties on employers that were found violating wage laws. Commissioner Davalos will follow up with the state commission for their action plan and response to the bill's failure.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting at 11:36 a.m.)

Legislative Committee: No report.

Education Committee: No report.

Media/Public Relations Committee: President Lesser reported that information on the Awards Luncheon was featured in 2 local newspapers and on the Channel 2 news.

Special Events/5K Run/Walk Committee: Vice President Duba reported that the 9th Annual 5K Run/Walk will be held on September 15, 2007. Supervisor Yaroslavsky is the Chair of this year's event.

Ad-Hoc Procedures Committee: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cynthia Rullo-Forrest updated the Commission on her quest to change the inaccuracies on her husband's death certificate. She continues to seek assistance from the Commission. President Lesser will provide some potential resources to Mrs. Rullo-Forrest following the meeting.

Phil Taback from Orange County provided information on his current restraining order case. He would like monetary assistance to acquire an attorney to fight his case.

Genevieve Clavreul reported that King Drew has been given a 30 day CMS extension from March 31, 2007-April 30, 2007. She also spoke about the HPV Vaccine and the need for males to receive it. She distributed a two part article on Mentoring and a guest article she authored. She also distributed copies of a Daily News article regarding Los Angeles County's CAO position.

Dr. Reverend Lorna Crosse would like to attend the Health Committee meetings but has not received any agendas or information on the committee meetings. Staff will ensure that Reverend Crosse is sent all future mailings.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Jernigan attended the following events:

- The Africans Children's Choir concert on March 18, 2007. The choir consists of 30 young girls, ages 6-9. These brave, orphans are touring America telling their stories. Many have lost one or both parents through the devastation of war, famine and disease, including AIDS.
- 22nd Annual "Women of the Year Awards" Luncheon on March 12, 2007 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.
- Jenesse Center's 2007 Silver Rose Awards at the Beverly Hills Hotel on March 25, 2007. Halle Berry was the Mistress of Ceremonies. Honorees included Supervisor Burke and Assemblywoman Karen Bass.

Treasurer Creary attended the following events:

- L.A. Marathon on March 4, 2007. Highlights included watching a 90 year old female cross the finish line.

- L.A. City Hearing for Foster Care Girls Expansion Programs on March 6, 2007 at City Office building on 84th and Vermont.
- 22nd Annual "Women of the Year Awards" Luncheon on March 12, 2007 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's 6th Annual Women's Health Conference on March 16, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza in Century City.
- Jenesse Center's 2007 Silver Rose Awards at the Beverly Hills Hotel on March 25, 2007. Halle Berry was the Chair of the Year of Giving. Honorees included Supervisor Burke and Assemblywoman Karen Bass.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA (to be presented and placed on a future agenda): Vice President Duba suggested inviting the Domestic Violence shelter donation recipients to a future meeting for an update on how the donation has assisted them. Commissioner Gravely requested that items on the agenda include the day, month, date and year of the event

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

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