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Honorable Board Members
Administration Building
1221 Oak St.
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Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: Approval of Nominations for Appointments to the Junior Commission of the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women for 2011-2012

RECOMMENDATION:

The Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) puts forth these nominations and recommends that your Board approve the following applicants to the Junior Commission of the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women for 2011-2012.

Name	City	Grade	District	Status of Student
Amaka Agodi	Fremont 94536	11th	1	Returning
Dania Delfino	Hayward 94544	12th	2	New
Ipsita Dey	Fremont 94539	11th	1	Returning
Kiana Gums	Oakland 94619	10th	4	Returning
Elissa Joseph	Hayward 94542	11th	2	Returning
Tia Linnen	Hayward 94541	12th	2	New
Sophia Nguyen	Fremont 94539	10th	1	Returning
Alekya Rajanala	Fremont 94539	11th	1	Returning
Amina Scott	Oakland 94605	12th	4	New
Adrienne Seibert	Oakland 94605	11th	4	New
Neha Verma	Fremont 94539	11th	1	Returning
Grace Wu	Fremont 94539	10th	1	Returning

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

This letter requests action by your Board for approval of nominations of students, put forth by the CSW for new applicants, for the Junior Commission who were recruited and interviewed by the CSW. Of the twelve nominations, eight of the junior commissioner nominees are students who participated in the 2010-2011 program and are returning for the 2011-2012 program year with great enthusiasm.

The CSW has widely contacted and recruited to public high schools, public charter schools, private schools, parochial schools, youth organizations, community based organizations and faith based organizations throughout Alameda County. This recruitment effort included information distributed to Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5. Recruitment efforts are still ongoing, including efforts to include students from Districts 3 and 5 in this year's program.

We did not recruit in District 1 this year because we already had six students from last year who were excited to return this year. The information was also made available on our website, via word-of-mouth and even via individual presentations by the Chair of the Commission, Junior Commission committee members, and staff. The applicants above are the students who applied, came in to be interviewed and are now recommended for your approval. We are diligently working on the districts that have no applicants this year and will be reviewing our recruitment efforts to determine what additional work is needed to recruit students from these districts. It is our goal to have equal representation among the districts and to have all districts represented in the Junior CSW as we go forward. All recruiting efforts will be directed at achieving that goal.

The Junior Commission's charge is to develop leadership ability, build self esteem, show how government works, and demonstrate how young women can become empowered. The program is designed for 9th through 12th grade girls who live and/or attend schools in Alameda County. The Junior Commission is under the direct guidance of the Commission on the Status of Women. It is the goal of the CSW to continue to develop and improve this valuable addition to the work of the Commission. The following is a list of outstanding projects that were accomplished in the 2010-2011 fiscal year:

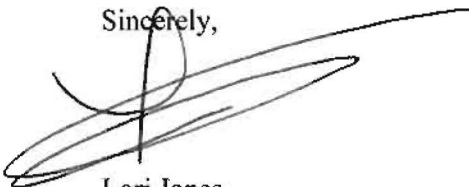
- Development of Three (3) Newsletters
- Free Self-Defense Workshop for Girls
- Support Club for Children of Divorced or Single Parents
- Charity Fashion Show
- Girls of Arts Project
- Girls of Action Project
- Giving Kids Hope Project

The CSW is housed in SSA's Workforce and Benefits Administration (WBA) and works to maximize social equality and parity for all women and girls as they meet the challenges facing America, the family, young girls and adolescents in the 21st century.

FINANCING:

Funding for the CSW, including the Junior Commission is included in the SSA's FY 2011-2012 budget. The Junior Commission will operate within the existing CSW budget. There is no impact on net County costs from this action.

Sincerely,



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c: County Administrator
County Auditor-Controller
County Counsel