

San Francisco Women's Political Committee



San Francisco Women's Political Committee works to inform and organize feminists in order that they may unite in their efforts to eradicate sexism, racism, ageism, violence against women, and poverty.

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District 1 Lillian Sing ♦ District 3 Aaron Peskin ♦ District 2 Pending Interviews
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♦ SFWPC Early Endorsed District 11 Candidate Rebecca Silverberg ♦

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

Dr. Natalie Berg ♦ Milton Marks ♦ Rodel Rodis ♦ Julio Ramos

PROPOSITIONS

PROP A Housing Bond	YES
PROP B Historical Preservation Bond	YES
PROP C Health Plan Charter Amendment	YES
PROP D Government Organization Charter Amendment	NO
PROP E Police & Fire Benefits Charter Amendment	YES
PROP F Non-Citizen Limited Voting Charter Amendment	YES
PROP G Health Services Charter Amendment	YES
PROP H Stadium Naming	NO
PROP I Economic Development Plan	NO
PROP J Sales Tax	YES
PROP K Gross Receipts Tax	YES
PROP N Anti-Iraq Occupation	YES
PROP O Use of New Sales Tax Funds	YES

**2004 Membership Endorsement Vote
Tuesday, September 14, 2004**

6:00pm—8:00pm

Bambuddha Lounge, Phoenix Hotel

601 Eddy Street (at Larkin)

SFWPC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SFWPC & NARAL Pro-Choice California GOTV Training

Sunday, September 12, from 11:00am to 2:00pm

Location: Merchants Exchange Building , 465 California Street

For more information, please contact Suanne McNeil at suannemcneil@yahoo.com or (510) 501-1162

Human Rights Commission Reception in Honor of Barbara Boxer

Sunday, September 12, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Location: 181 Buena Vista Avenue East, Home of Ambassador James Hormel & Timothy Wu

Please RSVP to Shari Rubin (415) 734.9040 or shari@boxer2004.org

Ballot Measure Forum

Presentations by the San Francisco League of Women Voters and the San Francisco Election Department.

Tuesday, September 14, 2004 , 6:00 pm

Location: Tenderloin Police Station, Community Room , 301 Eddy Street

For more information, please contact 415.820.1560

PowerPAC Presents HOPE IS ALIVE! 20th Anniversary of Rainbow Coalition: Where do we go from here?

Sponsored by PowerPAC with Special Guest Panelists (*Admission is FREE. Space is limited.*)

Friday, September 17, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Location: 600 Townsend, Delancey Street Theater

TO RSVP or for more information, call (415) 442-0940 or email marissa@powerpac.org.

Dr. Natalie Berg for Community College Board Fundraiser

Wednesday, September 22, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Location: Yerba Buena Gardens, Terrace Level

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Hope Road Consulting, LLC (415) 882-4673

SFWPC October Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2004, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Location: Don Ramon's, 225—11th Street @ Folsom

For more information, log on to www.sfwpc.org

NWPC-SF Presents: Stop Reading, Start Doing

Free Training Session for Campaign Volunteers. Features speakers from NARAL Pro-Choice California, Emily's List, SEIU Local 250 - the Health Care Workers Union for Northern California (partial list)

Saturday, September 18, 2004 , 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: California State Building , 455 Golden Gate Avenue

Free of charge, lunch provided. Open to Public via RSVP to nwpcsf@yahoo.com.

WORKING FOR WOMEN AND FOR OUR BOTTOM LINE ISSUES

Amongst the goals of SFWPC are to voice the issues of the women's community and to get more women elected. We accomplish this by writing letters asking elected officials to endorse women who meet our bottom line issues such as choice and comparable worth. The Board works hard year-round writing and lobbying the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, US and State Senators and Assembly members on behalf of SFWPC women.

EMILY MURASE APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Mayor Gavin Newsom has recently appointed Emily Murase as Director for the Department on the Status of Women.

Emily brings a wealth of policy expertise to the position, she previously served as Director for International Economic Affairs under the Clinton Administration, where she prepared policy recommendations for the President and senior policymakers on Japan and China, in addition to intellectual property rights. From January 1995 to July 1996, Emily was a Telecommunications Specialist for Asia-Pacific for the U.S. Federal Communications Commission.

Emily has served on the Commission on the Status of Women since 1998, including service as Vice President. She is currently on the Parent Teacher Community Council Board for the Japanese Bilingual and Bicultural Program. She is active in the EMERGE Leadership Training Program, a program for women across the Northern California interested in political participation. In 2000, she received the Outstanding Asian Women Award from the Asian Women's Resource Center.

The Department on the Status of Women aims to foster the advancement of the status of women and girls, particularly those issues that impact marginalized women and girls, both within City and County government and in the private sector.

Commissioners for the Department on the Status of Women include Andrea Shorter, President; Juanita Miles, Vice-President; Andrea Evans, Dorka Keehn, Carolene Marks and Angela Williams.

SFWPC congratulates Emily Murase and salutes the Commission on the Status of Women for their work on behalf of the women of San Francisco.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS & ATTENDANCE CREDITS

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

To be eligible to vote, you must have been a SFWPC member for 60 days and attended at least 3 SFWPC events in the last 12 months. If you have met the attendance requirement but your membership has lapsed, you can renew at this event. These meeting dates DO NOT include attendance at the Endorsement Committee meeting to seek an endorsement. Membership renewal dues are \$25.00 Annual and \$10 for Senior/Students/Limited Income. If you are not certain if you have the attendance credits to vote, please send an email to info@sfwpc.org.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Attend the SFWPC & NARAL Pro-Choice California GOTV Training, September 12, 2004. Join us for an interactive training session where we will not only learn the skills we need to be effective to help pro-choice candidates get elected, but we will also work through exercises to help cement the knowledge.

Sunday, September 12, 2004 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Merchant Exchange Building, 465 California Street

2. Volunteer for Rebecca Silverberg's campaign. Rebecca is running for Supervisor in District 11 and is the only candidate to be early endorsed by SFWPC. Each four hour volunteer session is worth one attendance credit. Email Rebecca at sfrebecca@aol.com to find out the volunteer opportunities and gain your attendance credit. For more information visit www.sfwpc.org.

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SFWPC NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2004

GIRLTALK...ALL THE NEWS AND MORE... Long time no see ... we've got some things to discuss ... District Elections has shaken the candidate tree ! Are you keeping track? We've got viable women candidates all over the place ... We're endorsing so check these women out:

D-1 ...Leanna Dawydiak, Lillian Sing and Rose Tsai...**D-2** ... no one dared run against an Alioto ... *do hate unchallenged contests (I don't count men)*...**D-3**...another race with no women (*got a good guy in there ...*)...**D-5** ... oh jeez ... everyone is running: Lisa Feldstein, Susan King, Vivian Wilder ... *check the new names out* ...**D-7** ... why didn't HE appoint a woman here? I mean, *look* at the Board balance... he coulda...yeah I know, thanks for the PD and Fire Department, and the City Hall staff etc.... but we need to impact POLICY ... we want women elected for the pipeline ... I want a woman Governor and a woman President before I die !!! gotta start with electeds... check out Svetlana Kaff, Sheela Kini, and Christine Linnenbach...**D-9** ... familiar faces: Lucrecia Bermudez and Renee Saucedo...**D-11** ... and finally Dr. Anita Grier, Myrna Lim, and Rebecca Silverberg.

OK so after we get the women running, we gotta get the women running the campaigns... **Christine Linnenbach in D-7** hired Christine Zaback as manager....a Republican honcho!!! (*it is West of Twin Peaks and they're allowed there..*) and **Anita Grier in D-11** enlisted her 20-something niece, and we've gone NATIONAL too: **Ellie Sue Schafer** has been hired by the Kerry campaign on the Advance Staff for battleground states...And our Supervisors are getting the message Jake McGoldrick hired board members **Suanne McNeil** as his campaign Field Director and Sean Elsbernd is staffing his office with new hire **Rebekah Krell**, and Natalie Berg and Norman Yee hired Hope Road Consulting, an all women political consulting firm founded by **Johanna Silva** and **Stephanie Ong**—longtime SFWPC members!....

Of course we do concede women in key staff assignments are important: **DA Kamala Harris** walks the walk with **Debbie Mesloh** (*full disclosure, she's our Prez!*); **Martha Knutzen** and **Linda Klee**.

AND our local **SFWPC** girls make good: **Courtney Schendorff** has moved onto to a bigger professionally playing field ...*and then there's that wedding thing coming up...*AND if you need another reason to read the Ex.: lovely photo of **Machaela Hoxtor** who is part of the team taking on the bad guys around town ... (*We wish them both much success and hope, hope, hope, it doesn't mean less time for us!*)

So, finally, we are back in action...You got news? Send it to GirlTalkSF@aol.com