

# County of Riverside Commission for Women

## Who we are . . .

In 1976, the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors established a temporary Committee on the Status of Women, which was made permanent in 1978. In 1983, the committee was elevated to commission status. In 1987, the name was modernized from Commission on the Status of Women to its current title of the Commission for Women.

Ten commissioners are appointed by the Board of Supervisors - two per district. Commissioners represent a wide range of backgrounds, interests and experience.

In its work for women, the Commission, part of a network of local, state, and national commissions, focuses on a variety of concerns. These include child care, violence against women, legal rights, legislation, housing, problems of the aged, single parents, medical care for women, prenatal care and sexual harassment. A goal of the Commission is to promote diversity within the community.

## Meetings . . .

The Commission meets monthly at the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, 5th Floor. The public is invited to attend. Please call for date and time. Commissioners may be reached through the Administrative Center at (951) 955-0998.

## Looking Ahead . . .

*The Commission for Women will continue to:*

**Identify** issues, concerns and needs affecting the status of women.

**Prepare** reports and recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors, creating a partnership for actions on important and timely issues.

**Provide** education and information regarding policies and legislative actions addressing women's needs.

**Refer** individuals and groups to appropriate services, organizations, and resources.

**Utilize** community contacts to increase visibility of women's issues and maximize the Commission's impact.

Meet Your Commissioners...

Commissioners



**Lori Stone**  
Chairman - 3rd District

**Lori Stone** is a **Legislative Assistant** on Women's Issues to 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone. Lori is a strong proponent to **Breast Cancer Research**, and was instrumental in bringing the Race for the Cure to the Inland Empire. Lori's priority for Riverside County is, "women will be heard!" As a knowledgeable community leader, Lori will be addressing important issues such as: **Sexual Assault, Homelessness, Human Trafficking, and Women in Healthcare.**



**Lisa Piña**  
Vice Chair - 2nd District

**Lisa Piña** is a **Human Resources Services Manager** with the Riverside County Human Resources Department. Lisa has worked for the County for over 17 years and **specializes in labor and employee relations.** Lisa has earned a **Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice** and a **Masters of Public Administration**, both from California State University, San Bernardino.



**Cherie Curzon**  
Secretary - 1st District

**Cherie Curzon** is among the fourth generation of her family to live in Riverside. Her grandfather was born in a house in what is now Wheelock Field. Cherie attended **Ramona High School, Riverside Community College, University of California at Riverside, and the University of La Verne.**

Cherie currently resides in Riverside with her husband, Pete.



**Eileen Fry-Bowers, JD, MS, RN, CPNP** is presently an **Assistant Professor of Nursing at Loma Linda University**. As a nurse and pediatric nurse practitioner, Eileen has advocated for improvement in the health and welfare of families and children for over twenty years. She has participated nationally in a professional nursing advisory committee on pediatric nursing and has published on the topic as well. In her current role, she teaches in the graduate program educating nurse practitioner students and advanced practice nurses in the care of children and their families.

**Eileen Fry-Bowers**  
1st District



**Carol Lynn Anderson** holds a **Bachelor of Science degree** in Business and Management from the **University of Redlands**, and has worked for the County of Riverside for over seven years. She is presently the **Administrative Services Officer** within the Administrative Office of the **County Transportation Department**.

**Carol Lynn Anderson**  
2nd District



Information on **Michele Broad** is coming soon!

**Michele Broad**  
3rd District



**Evelyn Brown**  
4th District

**Evelyn Brown** is retired after a **35 year career in non-profit management**. During her career, Evelyn worked to empower women through educational, child care, senior, and domestic violence programs.

Evelyn graduated from **Scripps College in Claremont**, and worked on her **Masters in Public Administration** at the **University of LaVerne**.



**Lynne Stalmaster Nobles**  
4th District

Information on **Lynne Stalmaster Nobles** is coming soon!



**Kathi Scott**  
5th District

Information on **Kathi Scott** is coming soon!

Information on **Ruthee Goldkorn** is coming soon!



**Ruthee Goldkorn**  
5th District

**Annual Highlights for the period July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008**

**Officers:**

Chairman: Lori Stone, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Vice Chairman: Lisa Piña, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Secretary: Cherie Curzon, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Budget Officer: Carol Lynn Anderson, 2nd District (as of April 2008)

**Summary:**

The Women's Commission was successful in 2007/2008 in setting and accomplishing its goals and objectives. The Commission annually identifies issues and/or concerns that affect the status of women, and then seeks to increase the visibility of those issues, or make recommendations, to minimize the impact of these issues on women in Riverside County. Annually, the Commission also holds a symposium/luncheon to provide education and information through open dialogue. The Commission carefully selects topics that will hopefully affect change in the lives of women, and create partnerships that will last a life time.

The Commission in its attempt to address women's issues set forth an aggressive agenda, and was successful in all areas.

The Women's Commission selected the following goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2007/2008:

- 1) Review and update Commission's By-laws;
- 2) Revise the Commission's Bylaws to add a Budget Officer to the Commission;
- 3) Sponsor a Public Hearing for Community input on local issues;

- 4) Create criteria, and select an outstanding Woman of the Year for each Supervisorial district;
- 5) Create criteria, and an approval process by which the Commission issues a certificate of endorsement for those events and/or issues that are in alignment with the Commission's goals; and
- 6) Create an appreciation packet for guest speakers.

Fiscal Year 2007/2008 brought about new faces and new challenges. The new chair person, Lori Stone, began the year with challenging the Commissioners to review the Bylaws to ensure clear communication and understanding of the bylaws, and to also review the language to ensure potential inconsistencies are clarified or removed. Revision of the Bylaws began in January 2008, and a Form 11 was prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors in March 2008. On April 8, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved the addition of a new Budget Officer position, and approved additional revisions requested by the Commission.

On Thursday, June 19, 2008, the Riverside County Commission for Women held its first Legislative Forum (public hearing), held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers. More than forty testimonies from individuals, government agencies and non-profits spoke before the Commission about issues that pertain to women and children in Riverside. This hearing not only accomplished the goal to seek community input on local issues, but also created an environment for positive networking. The Commission will follow-up with action, and present a testimonial document to the Board of Supervisors no later than October 1, 2008.

The Commission also sought input from the Community for its outstanding Woman of the Year recipient. The Commission began with creating criteria in preparation for the selection process. Applications were distributed and reviewed against the criteria. Upon review and final recommendation, the Commission selected one woman from each district to receive this distinguished honor. On April 8, 2008, the Commission hosted its annual Open House and Luncheon where awards were distributed. The Commission presented the Outstanding Woman of the Year to the following recipients:

- Dr. Kathleen Wright, District 2
- Carol Roquemore, District 3
- Carmela F. Garnia, District 4
- Debbie Franklin, District 5

The Commission also created criteria for a "Certificate of Endorsement" for non-profit and/or agencies, and those events and/or issues that are in alignment with the Commission's mission. In September 2007, the Commission awarded its first endorsement to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure "Passionately Pink" event.

Lastly, in order to create ongoing visibility, and provide outreach materials to the community, the Commission created an appreciation packet for all speakers, and/or dignitaries that participate in Commission events.

## **Year in Review**

### **Annual Retreat Summary:**

The 2007 Planning retreat was held July 19, 2007 at the Marriott Hotel located in Riverside. The goal of the retreat was to focus on team building, the selection of new leadership, and the selection of the FY 07/08 goals and objectives. The Commissioner's in attendance included:

Lori Stone, Vice Chair, 3rd District  
Lisa Piña, Secretary, 2nd District  
Eileen Fry-Bowers, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Cherie Curzon, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Carol Lynn Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Elizabeth Hamerschlag, 3rd District  
Coby Webb, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Fonda McGensy, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Jana Roush, CEO Liaison

### **2007/2008 Slate of Officers:**

Chairwoman: Lori Stone, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Vice Chair: Lisa Piña, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Secretary: Cherie Curzon, 1<sup>st</sup> District

### **August Meeting:**

Attendance:  
Lori Stone, Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Cherie Curzon, Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Eileen Fry-Bowers, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Carol Lynn Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Christine Murphy, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Coby Webb, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Ennette Nusbaum, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Jana Roush, CEO Liaison

Guest: Cheri Andelkovic from Supervisor Marion Ashley's Office

### **Action Items:**

- Commissioners voted on a new logo, see attached.
- Certificate of Endorsement was approved, see attached.

- Commissioners approved for the Annual Luncheon to be “free” to all attendees, due to topic: “The Changing Face of Homelessness.” This will allow for the clergy, elected officials and government agencies to participate.
- Approved speakers for the Annual Luncheon: Supervisor Bob Buster, Supervisor John Tavaglione, Maria Marquez, Mental Health, Lt James McElvain, Pastor Paul Diaz, DPSS Jody White, Representative from the City of Riverside, and the Desert Region.

### **September Meeting:**

#### Attendance:

Lori Stone, Chair, 3rd District  
 Lisa Piña, Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
 Cherie Curzon, Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
 Eileen Fry-Bowers, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
 Carol Lynn Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
 Christine Murphy, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
 Ennette Nusbaum 5<sup>th</sup> District  
 Jana Roush, CEO Liaison

#### Guest Speakers:

Natalie Kissinger, Coordinator of the C.A.R.E (Curtailing Abuse Related to the Elderly) Program. The C.A.R.E. Program helps the elderly with fraud prevention and consumer awareness, and is offered through the Department of Public Social Services, Adult Services Program.

Dorothy Miller and Vicky Virgilio-Slouka from Adult Protective Services were in attendance discussing their program that serves adults 65 and older.

#### Discussion:

- PR/ Marketing: Website
- Legislation: Women & Families, Brown Act, review of By-laws
- Outstanding Woman of the Year
- Events-Next year’s luncheon & symposium

#### Action Items:

- CFW endorsed the Susan G. Komen for the Cure “Passionately Pink” event.
- Lori did a commercial with Time Warner for our annual luncheon “The Changing Face of Homelessness” value \$14,000

### **October Meeting:**

The Commission held their Annual Luncheon, “The Changing Face of Homelessness,” in lieu of its October meeting. The luncheon was held at the Riverside Marriott, with 180 guests and 12 vendors in attendance.

The Commission received an overwhelmingly positive response to the Annual luncheon.

Also in October, the Commissioners attended the Annual Governors Conference for Women and Children, held at the Long Beach Convention Center.

### **November Meeting:**

#### Attendance:

Lori Stone, Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Lisa Piña, Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Eileen Fry-Bowers, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Cherie Curzon, Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Carol Lynn Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Jana Roush, CEO Liaison

#### Guest Speakers:

Jane Farmer, La Vista Recovery & Wellness Center

#### Discussion:

- Legislation-Legislative Forum
- Events-Open House Riverside & Desert, Woman of the Year

#### Action Items:

- Commission approved "Woman of the Year" for each supervisorial district.
- Approved topic of third annual luncheon "Healthcare". Event's structure will be different from past luncheons. Two outbreak sessions, panel discussion.

### **December Meeting**

The December meeting was dark.

### **January Meeting:**

#### Attendance:

Lori Stone, Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Lisa Piña, Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Eileen Fry-Bowers, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Michelle Broad, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Fonda McGensy, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Jana Roush, CEO Liaison

#### Discussion:

- PR/Marketing: Ennette Nusbaum resigned from 5<sup>th</sup> District
- Website: Update biography and photos
- Legislation: Governors healthcare, programs from the tobacco tax

- Events: Legislative Forum, Riverside Open House, Desert Open House, Deadline for submission for Woman of the Year.

Action Items:

- To revise By-laws to include “Budget Officer”

**February Meeting:**

Attendance:

Lori Stone, Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
 Lisa Piña, Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
 Cherie Curzon, Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
 Eileen Fry-Bowers, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
 Carol Lynn Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
 Michele Broad, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
 Evelyn Brown, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
 Lynne Stalmaster Nobles, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
 Jana Roush, CEO Liaison

Guest Speakers:

Priscilla Webster, Director, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health, Office of Family Planning Branch (Riverside Community Health Agency, Department of Public Health)  
 Lillie Murvine, Family Planning

Discussion:

- Resignation of Fonda McGensy

Discussion continued:

- Legislation: Public Hearing scheduled for June 19, 2008, CAC, Board of Supervisor’s Chambers; Health care update.  
 Events: Open House/Luncheon scheduled for April 8, 2008 in Riverside; Present Outstanding Woman of the Year awardees; Open House in the Desert.

Action Items:

- PR/Marketing: Outreach gifts (card holders) approved to order 500, retractable banner stand for events, legislative forum, open house, and commission for women, proposed volunteer application, press release/sign up sheet for public hearing.
- Reformation of Commission committee assignments.

**March Meeting:**

Attendance:

Lori Stone, Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
 Lisa Piña, Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
 Cherie Curzon, Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> District

Evelyn Brown, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Lynne Stalmaster Nobles, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
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**Guest Speakers:**

Rita Rogers, March of Dimes  
Cynthia Fraser, Energy Tour Café  
Marcy Decato, Creative Solutions Marketing  
Judy Zulfiqar, RKR Media

Rita talked about the March of Dimes, leading National Organization regarding women and children's health issues.

Cynthia, Marcy and Judy were to assist us with upgrading our website.

**Discussion:**

- Form 11 prepared and submitted to revise the Bylaws. Form 11 goes before the BOS on April 8, 2008.
- Events: Open House April 8, 2008; Outstanding Woman of the Year awardees: Dr. Kathleen Wright (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Carol Roquemore (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Carmela F. Garnia (4<sup>th</sup> District) and Debbie Franklin (5<sup>th</sup> District).

**April Meeting:**

Lori Stone, Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Lisa Piña, Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Cherie Curzon, Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Michelle Broad, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Lynne Stalmaster Nobles, 4<sup>th</sup> District

The Annual Open House took place at the CAC Building, and was a very successful event. The inaugural Woman of the Year luncheon was held at the Spaghetti Factory in Riverside and the candidates selected for each district were presented with their awards for this very distinguished accomplishment.

**Discussion:**

- Legislation: Updated Bylaws, approved by the Board of Supervisors
- Events: June 19, 2008, Public Hearings; Desert Open House; 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Luncheon

**May Meeting:**

There were two meetings held in May 2008, due to the upcoming Legislative Forum.

May 8, 2008

Lori Stone, Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Lisa Piña, Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Cherie Curzon, Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Carol Lynn Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Evelyn Brown, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Lynne Stalmaster Nobles, 4<sup>th</sup> District

Discussion (May 8, 2008):

- Discussion of timeline for the Legislative Forum to be held June 19, 2008.

Approval Items (May 8, 2008):

- Marketing RFP
- Website
- Outreach Materials

May 22, 2008

Lori Stone, Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Lisa Piña, Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Cherie Curzon, Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Carol Lynn Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Michelle Broad, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Evelyn Brown, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Kathie Scott, 5<sup>th</sup> District

Approval Items (May 22, 2008):

- Nominations from the floor for the 2008/2009 year:  
Budget Officer: Carol Lynn Anderson  
Secretary: Cherie Curzon  
Vice Chair: Lisa Piña  
Chair: Lori Stone
- Committee Appointees:  
PR/Marketing: Michelle Broad and Kathi Scott  
Events: Michelle Broad and Kathi Scott  
Legislation: Ruthee Goldkorn  
Volunteer: Evelyn Brown and Lynne Stalmaster Nobles

**June Meeting:**

Lori Stone, Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Cherie Curzon, Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Carol Lynn Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Michelle Broad, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Evelyn Brown, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
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Jana Roush, CEO Liaison

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A testimonial document will issued to all Board of Supervisors by October 1, 2008.