

## Executive Director Summary Report

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Since January, Commission staff has been focused on carrying out the active items discussed at the January Meeting.

**Budget Request:** There has been significant focus on our Budget Request after a series of meetings with the Governor's Office, Legislators and their staff people related to budget subcommittees, the Department of Finance, our Agency staff people, and various budget staffers. We have received gracious support for increased funding from members of the Women's Legislative Caucus, the Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon and Speaker Toni Atkins. We will be available to testify in the upcoming budget subcommittee hearings to justify our request.

**Fundraising Strategy:** We worked hard to develop a fundraising strategy with our Fundraising Subcommittee, but ran into a few issues pointed out by our Counsel Marion Johnston. We will be presenting the resulting strategy to you at the meeting today.

**Commission Visibility in Sacramento:** We have participated in press events, participated jointly with advocacy groups in a number of conferences and related events, and increased our participation in electronic media to the extent our limited funds allow. We hope to exponentially increase these efforts with the help of additional funding.

**Work with Local Commissions: Partnering with ACCW -** We are working on a statewide convention of local commissions in January to on a longer term agenda addressing issues affecting California's women and girls.

**Re-engaging on Legislation:** We are presenting a proposal for your consideration today.

**Statewide Convener:** You will hear more today about our efforts to organize policy forums, public hearings on issues identified in the legislative package *A Stronger California*, and fundraising events.

**Program Resource Focus:** Wage Gap, Sexual Violence and STEM; Partnering on Veterans. Other issues to follow.

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