

SEATTLE WOMEN'S COMMISSION

WEEKLY REPORT FOR: **APRIL 16-23, 2014**

All Committees: Violence Prevention, Housing and Homelessness, Economic Opportunities and Health Disparities

	Work Plan items (Status of work plan items, what is completed, issues & updates)	Events/Forums (events or forums planned and any collaboration with community or other Commissions)	Meetings (any meetings with the community, media relations, department heads, City Council Members/staff or Mayor/staff)	Policy Issues (any policy items you are working on)	Emerging issues (anything we need to know or be aware of that is not in the report)	Other Items (Things you want the Mayor to be aware of looking forward to future issues)
HEALTH DISPARITIES SUB-CMTE						
	Susana: Researched health disparities in Seattle. Presented on policy recommendations for Seattle Parks to Women's Commission	Mercedes: Attended the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness General meeting. Different social service professionals including union leaders and members of the mayor's task force spoke about the minimum wage issue	Susana: Scheduled meeting with CM Bagshaw to talk about Parks on May 8. Mercedes: Met with Christina Billingsley at Seattle City Club to discuss youth civic engagement opportunities. Discussed Get Engaged and other programs in the city that are providing opportunities for youth to get involved in policy and civic education and empowerment	Susana: Research Seattle Parks Legacy Plan.	Susana: Inequities in Seattle Parks' scholarships for recreation programming.	

VIOLENCE PREVENTION SUB-CMTE						
		<p>1. Bridgette is attending a three-day conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking, put on by Ending Violence Against Women International. Among the great sessions, we learned about a national campaign called Start by Believing (www.startbybelieving.org), which encourages law enforcement to view victims' stories with a willingness to believe them.</p>	<p>1. Maha attended the Documented Screening with discussion by Jose Antonio Vargas and Eric Lui of Citizenship University. This event was at SIFF and sponsored by City University, El Centro De La Raza and OneAmerica.</p> <p>2. Jaron met with Director of Advocacy Ann Muno for their bi-monthly meeting to discuss next steps for Women in Leadership focus group, 4/24</p>			

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS						
	Committee members are reaching out to housing service providers and advocacy groups to identify gaps and potential collaborations					
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES						
		Tracey and Wendy are attending US Small Business Administrator event at Rainier Conference Center 4/23	CM Godden attended Monday's commission meeting and gave an update regarding Gender Equity.			On Monday the commission voted to focus on Gender Equity for the Jeanette Williams Award in 2014
		Betsy is attending the new WorkSource connection site, It will be hosting an Open House to help people find out what WorkSource has to offer which includes information about the Seattle Community Colleges and				

		how the training available can help students access jobs. Wednesday the 23 rd .				
OTHER						