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Subject: Re: Policy and Services Committee Meeting Confirmation

Hello, Chuck Jagoda,

Thank you for your comments. They will be relayed to the Policy and Services Committee.

The Policy & Services Committee meets on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7 pm. Please join the meeting tomorrow.

Sincerely,



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Subject: Re: Policy and Services Committee Meeting Confirmation

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Hello Members of the Palo Alto City Council,

Tonight (11/9/20 7 p.m.) you held a meeting of the P&S Committee about the CEDAW proposition that you treat like molten metal.

I tried and tried but Zoom wouldn't let me in to the meeting.

So I'll just write you my thoughts.

Forgive me, maybe I just don't spend enough time with municipal documents and proposals but a few things seem very "off" to me.

Reading the five page report I'd never get any idea that CEDAW has as at least PART of its history-- an effort to end one of the oldest injustices practiced by humans EVER. I refer, of course, to the lack of restriction on the boundaries of female beatings.

I don't mean beatings BY females, I mean beatings OF females. For as long as humans have existed there have been few if any restrictions on a man's unbridled right to hit, punish, torture women.

There have been cases where men have killed women, raped women, and certainly beaten women-- with total impunity, especially if she were his chattel, wife, or property or all three.

The purpose a lot of the backers of CEDAW got involved with it was to stop this long, long standing right of men.

The five page document gives no hint of that history. Nor do any of the long list of procrastinations, past and proposed--- and a monument to procrastination that document is-- in any way suggest to me anything other than putting it off.

In all the Byzantine buzz words: job of this committee but not now, job of that study group, more study needed-- one gets the picture. You can't say, "No man is allowed to beat any woman," without Stanford and the school district and outside evaluators and LOTS more time?

It seems to me the report builds a perfect interlocking system, especially when it puts in the parts about "within available budgetary limitations."

So, you all have put this off (rather obviously and clumsily) for four years. Each time it's come up, it was only to be put off with unanimous votes. I think the better word would be "pusillanimous" votes.

Reading over the five page report of the four year can kicking and buck passing shouts loudly to me that you all DON'T want to do ANYthing about CEDAW except put it off and avoid any discussion of one of the main points of it: stopping the wanton beating of women.

The idea would be to make beating women LESS likely than white men's obviously innate right to shoot unarmed Blacks with impunity, not an imitation of it.

Female Lives Matter.

Get busy or admit you favor the status quo and let's just move on to something you DO feel like making an improvement on and declare your dedication to the status quo: men can beat women, whenever, wherever, with impunity.

Chuck Jagoda Anti-violence advocate

On Mon, Nov 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM City Clerk <no-reply@zoom.us> wrote:

Hi Chuck Jagoda,

Thank you for registering for "Policy and Services Committee Meeting".

Please submit any questions to: City.Clerk@cityofpaloalto.org

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From: Helen Young <hybj@stanford.edu>
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Subject: Policy and Services Committee

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I would like to attend the zoom meeting of the Policy and Services Committee tonight and speak before the item on the agenda tonight dealing with CEDAW is discussed. I am enclosing my remarks.

Thank you.

Helen Young

Remarks:

My name is Helen Young. I am a long time resident of Palo Alto and a member of the UNA-USA (United Nations Association), AAUW (Association of American University Women) and WIN (Women's Intercultural Network) and of the Palo Alto Coalition of Cities for CEDAW.

I urge City Council members and City staff, as you begin the first steps for implementing the long-overdue gender equity plan for Palo Alto to always think about the gender implications of your city decisions, especially those related to the budget. I encourage you to read widely about how other cities have implemented the principles of CEDAW, learn what steps they have taken to ensure gender equity in their cities and think deeply about what Palo Alto can do to move beyond

the negative gender image of Silicon Valley. A first step might be to read the article, “Integrating Gender into Government Budgets: A New Perspective” by Marilyn Marks Rubin and John R. Bartle, which is available on the web. And please consider asking for help from a women’s center in a nearby university or college. The Clayman Institute at Stanford is a good place to begin. They have done some remarkable work with helping Silicon Vally companies recognize gender bias and alleviate it.

Thank you for letting me speak.

Helen P Young

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