Mission Statement
The purpose of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women is to enhance the status of women in our community. The Commission will promote these goals through investigation, advocacy, and policy development on issues relevant to women and girls, and by creating leadership and career advancement opportunities for women and girls in our community.

A special meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women was held on Sunday, August 14, 2005, to discuss the following business:

1. Call to Order - Chair Skulski called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

2. Inspiration – Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt shared a letter to the editor from the August 11th Los Angeles Times about an observation of the recent Space Shuttle operation:

   My 4-year old son, Ben, is a big fan of the space shuttle. We ate breakfast in front of the TV a couple weeks ago to see it take off, and Tuesday morning we watched a replay of the landing. We also watched some footage of mission control on NASA TV. The voice of mission control was a woman, and we could see her as she communicated with flight commander Collins up in space somewhere. I asked Ben if he would rather pilot the space shuttle or work at mission control and he said, "I thought only girls could do those things." I found myself uttering words that would have been unthinkable even 10 years ago: "No, Ben, boys can do those things too."

   People say this shuttle mission wasn't much more than an expensive garbage pickup from the International Space Station. But the lesson it taught young girls across this country made it worth every penny.

   TRACI MANN
   Los Angeles

3. Roll Call

   Present:
   Chair Skulski
   Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt
   Commissioner Cook  (departed 11:25 a.m, returned 11:52 a.m.)
   Commissioner Lipton
   Commissioner Riel
   Commissioner Starr

   Commissioner Starr read the Oath of Office for her reappointment through 6/30/09.

   Absent:
   Commissioner Stegemoeller

   Also Present:
   Sam Davari, Young Leader
   Janet Hand, Human Services Division
   Kevin Nagata, Human Services Division
4. Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2005 Meeting

Commissioner Starr moved to accept the minutes from July 13, 2005 as written. Commissioner Riel seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner Stegemoeller. Abstain: Commissioner Lipton.

5. Public Input

None.

6. Announcements and Correspondence

Chair Skulski announced that there would be a meeting on 415 PCH in September. Janet Hand will provide details to the Commission once the date has been determined.

7. New Business: Discussion of and Possible Action on:

A. Update on Tales from the Trail event – Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt announced that "Tales from the Trail" would take place from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2005 at the Ken Edwards Center (1527 4th Street in Santa Monica). Invitations have been e-mailed to the Commission for distribution. Assemblywoman Wilma Chan sent a DVD titled "The Passion to Lead." Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt shared a PARADE article with statistics on the participation of women in politics. Rwanda was ranked first; the United States 61st. The Commission decided not to spend $200 to obtain round tables from the Civic Auditorium.

B. Afterschool for All Campaign – The Commission considered the Afterschool for All Project 2010 (handout) which requested support of universal afterschool programs. The Commission agreed that the Child Care and Early Education Task Force should take the lead and would consider revisiting on the October 2005 agenda after the next Task Force meeting.

C. Women Creating Community Through Cultural Exchange Event – The Commission considered an e-mail invitation from Social Services Commissioner Marizsa Bravo to participate in an upcoming weekend seminar in Malibu, California from September 9-11, 2005. Chair Skulski reported that she had requested more information from Commissioner Bravo, but had not received a reply. The Commission decided that they had insufficient information to commit $375 per person to attend the event.

D. FY 05-06 Work Plan and Budget (including developing specific events and projects and determining priorities for the year) – The Commission discussed their work plan, budget allocations and assignments for FY 05-06. The following table summarizes the budget allocations agreed upon by the Commission:
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Projects / initiatives to be pursued, but not assigned a budget included:

- **Affordable Housing / Assistance with Ownership** - the Commission will
follow an applicant through the housing application process in Santa Monica

- **Barriers to Women Running for Office** - events like "Tales from the Trail"
- **College Info for Teens**
- **Gender Data Collection Analysis - City and City Funded Programs**
- **Pico Neighborhood** - Public Service Announcements (PSAs) and other projects
- **Screening / Agenda Setting**
- **Tech Girls** - co-sponsor event(s) with Rosie’s Girls
- **Website for the Commission on the Status of Women**

Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt moved that the Commission recognize an Outstanding Woman Leader on a quarterly basis. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner Stegemoeller.

Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt moved that the Commission adopt the budget and workplan as summarized above. Chair Skulski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner Stegemoeller.

Samin Davari requested that the Commission consider giving $100 to the Circle of Friends, a program which pairs volunteer students with students with a disability to participate in various activities. The Disabilities Commission agreed to contribute $1,000 to the annual Circle of Friends banquet. The Commission agreed to revisit the request in March.

8. **Old Business:**

A. **Recommendations for Emeritus Vacancies** –

Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt moved that the Commission table Item 8A until February 2006. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner Stegemoeller.

B. **Recommendation for Commissioner Vacancy** – Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt provided the Commission a copy of Amanda Nevers' resume.

Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt moved that the Commission recommend Amanda Nevers to the City Council. Commissioner Riel seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner Stegemoeller. Abstain: Commissioners Cook and Lipton.

C. **By-Laws Revision** - The Commission reviewed their by-laws (redlined copy) and agreed to table revisions until the next meeting.

D. **Financial / Housing Event Planning** - The Commission agreed to hold a series of three financial planning events in Fiscal Year 05-06.

9. **Election of Officers:**

A. **Chair**
Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt nominated Chair Skulski as Chair. Commissioner Starr seconded the nomination.

Chair Skulski was re-elected as Chair for FY 05-06 by voice vote. Ayes: Chair Skulski, Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt, Commissioners Cook, Lipton, Riel and Starr.

B. Vice Chair

Chair Skulski nominated Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt as Vice Chair. Commissioner Riel seconded the nomination.

Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt was re-elected as Vice Chair for FY 05-06 by voice vote. Ayes: Chair Skulski, Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt, Commissioners Cook, Lipton, Riel and Starr.

Chair Skulski suggested that the Commission create a Co-Vice Chair position in light of Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt’s planned departure on or about February 2006. The Commission agreed to vote on a Co-Vice Chair at their September 2005 meeting.

10. Adjournment

Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lipton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner Stegemoeller.

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.