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Sonoma County 2020 Women's Suffrage Project's 19th Amendment Centennial Series

Tuesday, August 18 – August 26, 2020 Leslie Graves, Co-Organizer socowomen2020@gmail.com 707-318-5625



Santa Rosa, CA – The Sonoma County 2020 Women's Suffrage Project, formed to celebrate the centennial of the 19th Amendment in 2020 and committed to creating programming exploring the complex long history and continuing fight for voting rights for all women is concluding our yearlong project with a Centennial Series of events from 5:30 – 6:30pm on August 18 – August 26, 2020 including:

Tuesday, August 18 - CENTENNIAL SERIES KICK-OFF EVENT - Molly MacGregor, co-founder/executive Director of the National Women's History Alliance and Paula Freund, Curator of Petaluma Historical Museum's Women's Suffrage Exhibit chat with moderator, Leslie Graves about Women's Suffrage, the Centennial of the 19th Amendment and planning celebration during the pandemic.

Thursday, August 20 - <u>VOTING AND CENSUS FACTS</u> — Deva Marie Proto, County of Sonoma Registrar of Voters and Vince Harper, Community Engagement Director at Community Action Partnership Sonoma County dish the facts on voting and the importance of completing the census. Moderated by Leslie Graves who will also present questions from the public.

Friday, August 21 - <u>SU HISTORIA/HER STORY</u>** - a Spanish language presentation of an oral history with Cristina Ramirez Reyes, a member of Movimiento Cultural de la Union Indigena.

Saturday, August 22, 3:00 – 4:00pm* - SU HISTORIA/HER STORY** - a Spanish language presentation of an oral history with Maria Salinas, a member of Movimiento Cultural de la Union Indigena.

Sunday, August 23, 3:00 – 4:00pm* - A STORY OF HER OWN, WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE – a Reader's Theater written and narrated by Bill Trzeciak and performed by Shirley Bennett, Nanci Hoban, Jacqueline Lawrence, Bill Montgomery, Millie Olson, Lee Pierce with Janet Reynolds on projection.

Monday, August 24 – <u>MEET THE CANDIDATES</u> – City Council Candidates Jackie Elward - Rohnert Park District 4, Skylaer Palacios – Healdsburg, and Natalie Rogers – Santa Rosa District 7 chat with moderator Leslie Graves about their reasons for running for elected positions, their vision and answer questions.

Tuesday, August 25 – <u>HER STORY</u> –An Oral History with Carol Kawase, a member of the Japanese American Citizens League facilitated by Bernice Espinoza of Sonoma County 2020 Women's Suffrage Project.

Wednesday, August 26 – A DISCUSSION ON INTERSECTIONAL FEMINISM ON WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY – Facilitator Bernice Espinoza and panelists: Kaiya Kramer, Lorelle Saxena, D'Mitra Smith and Jocelyn Toscano discuss what feminism means in relation to their multiple layers and intersections of identity.

All the above online events may be viewed on Live on <u>Facebook</u>, attend on Zoom or view the recording after the event on YouTube. For more information and links visit our website <u>www.socowomen2020.org</u>

Additionally, on **Tuesday, August 18 at 8:30am** members of the public are encouraged to listen to the County Board of Supervisors meeting as our first female majority in 165 years, Supervisor Chair Susan Gorin, Supervisor Shirlee Zane and Supervisor Lynda Hopkins read the **Gold Resolution Declaring August 26**th **Women's Equality Day on this 100**th **Anniversary of the 19**th **Amendment**. The Gold Resolution is sponsored by Sonoma County 2020 Women's Suffrage Project, National Women's History Alliance, National Organization for Women Sonoma, and League of Women Voters Sonoma County.

^{*}Saturday & Sunday, August 22 & 23 the events are 3 – 4pm

^{**}Su Historia/Her Story on August 21 &22 will be spoken in the native language of Triqui and self-translated to Spanish. Transcription to English will be available at a later date.