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AN EQUAL FUTURE

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## 45 Years of Inspiring an Equal Future

Hosted by the **FRIENDS of the Commission on the Status of Women** to honor exceptional women and allies who are helping the San Francisco community further create gender equity and empower women.



**CEDAW**  
**Women's Human Rights Awards**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**September 29th**  
**6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**

Details of the virtual celebration  
coming soon.

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**United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of  
Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)**



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August 14, 2020

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Dear Ms. Adachi,

I am delighted to inform you of your nomination as an honoree for this year's **CEDAW Women's Human Rights Award** for **INTERNATIONAL COMITY**, and I offer heartfelt congratulations on behalf of the Board of Directors of the **FRIENDS of the Commission on the Status of Women!**

**CEDAW AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL COMITY**

CEDAW Article 8 requires action to allow women to represent their country internationally and work with international organizations on an equal basis with men. The International Comity Award is presented to an individual or organization who advances women's human rights globally.

In 1998, San Francisco became the first city in the world to enact a local ordinance reflecting the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), an international bill of rights for women and girls.

We will present awards to distinguished leaders in their respective fields at the

**45 Years of Inspiring an Equal Future:  
CEDAW Women's Human Rights Awards Virtual Celebration**  
Tuesday, September 29, 2020, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

*The award requires acceptance during the live streaming* – please let us know before **August 21st**. For your reference, attached is the list of previous CEDAW honorees.

If you can accept the nomination during the live streaming, kindly email your biography (500 words or less) and a digital headshot for inclusion in the CEDAW Awards program to [vernaliza@friendscosw.org](mailto:vernaliza@friendscosw.org) before **August 28, 2020**.

Congratulations on this achievement and we look forward to a favorable response from you. Should you have questions, please call me on my cell phone at 415.533.9592.

Warm Regards,

Verna Liza Caba,  
Executive Director



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## **DISTINGUISHED CEDAW WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDEES**

### **2019**

- **Roberta Gonzales**, CEO/President, Roberta Gonzales Productions. CEDAW Award: Media
- **Honorable Eleni Kounalakis**, Lieutenant Governor, California. CEDAW Award: International Comity
- **Dolores Huerta**, Organizer, Founder and President, Dolore Huerta Foundation. CEDAW Award: Labor
- **Michael Lambert**, City Librarian, San Francisco Public Library. CEDAW Award: Government
- **Antonia Lavine**, Executive Director, National Council of Jewish Women. Program Coordinator, San Francisco Collaborative on Anti-Human Trafficking (SFCaHT). CEDAW Award: Anti-Violence.
- **Linda Martley-Jordan**, Office of Superintendent, African American Achievement and Leadership Initiative and Post-Secondary Pathway Program Manager, San Francisco Unified School District. CEDAW Award: Education
- **Teresa Mejia**, Executive Director, The Women's Building. CEDAW Award: Community Building
- **Susan Stauter**, Artistic Director Emeritus, San Francisco Unified School District. CEDAW Award: Culture
- **Juanita Tamayo-Lott, Poet**, Author and Steward/Witness, *Golden Legacy: Legacy of Ethnic Studies, SF State. A Memoir*. CEDAW Award: Social Justice
- **Katy Tang**, Land Use Analyst, Farella Braun + Martell. CEDAW Award: Mayor Edwin M. Lee Memorial Award

### **2018**

- **Jean Caramatti**, President, San Francisco Aeronautical Society Board of Directors. CEDAW Award: Human Welfare
- **Honorable David Chiu**, Assemblymember California State Legislature (District 17). CEDAW Award: Government
- **Sandy Close**, Journalist, Flatlands Newspaper. CEDAW Award: Media
- **Honorable Kamala D. Harris**, Senator, United States Senate (California). CEDAW Award: Claire Joyce Tempongko Memorial Award
- **Naomi M. Kelly**, City Administrator, City and County of San Francisco Administrative Services. CEDAW Award: Mayor Edwin M. Lee Memorial Award
- **Gorretti Lui**, Director, Lui Foundation. CEDAW Award: Arts and Culture
- **Christine Pelosi**, Chair, Women's Caucus, California Democratic Party. CEDAW Award: Community Building
- **Leanne Pittsford**, Founder, Lesbians Who Tech. CEDAW Award: Entrepreneurship
- **Honorable Rosie Rios**, 43<sup>rd</sup> Treasurer of the United States, United States Department of the Treasury. CEDAW Award: Economic Empowerment
- **Dr. Mary Wardell-Ghirarduzzi**, Vice Provost of Diversity Engagement and Community Outreach, University of San Francisco. CEDAW Award: Education

### **2017**

- **Kevin Carroll**, Executive Director, Hotel Council of San Francisco. CEDAW Award: Leadership (Nonprofit)
- **Elizabeth Colton**, Founding President and Board Chair, International Museum of Women and Global Fund for Women. CEDAW Award: Legacy
- **Elizabeth Ferber**, Public Affairs Manager, Kaiser Permanente. CEDAW Award: Health
- **Honorable George Gascon**, District Attorney, City and County of San Francisco. CEDAW Award: Claire Joyce Tempongko Memorial Award
- **Linda Harrison**, Executive Director, Museum of the African Diaspora. CEDAW Award: Arts and Culture
- **Vanita Louie**, President (2016-2017), The Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown. CEDAW Award: Community Building
- **Dr. Susan McMane**, Founding Artistic and Executive Director, Young Women's Choral Projects of San Francisco. CEDAW Award: Girls Empowerment and Education
- **Minna Tao**, General Manager, Recology Golden Gate. CEDAW Award: Environment



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### 2016

- **Janice Mirikitani**, Founding President, Glide. CEDAW Award: Philanthropy
- **Honorable Jackie Speier**, Congresswoman, US House of Representative. CEDAW Award: Government
- **Amelia Ashley Ward**, Publisher, Sun-Reporter Publishing. CEDAW Award: Media

### 2015

- **Krishanti Dharmaraj**, Executive Director, Center for Women's Global Leadership. CEDAW Award: Legacy
- **Cheryl Jennings**, News Anchor, ABC7/KGO TV. CEDAW Award: Media
- **Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro**, President & CEO, Global Fund for Women. CEDAW Award: International Comity
- **Dr. Tae Yun Kim**, CEO & Founder, Lighthouse Worldwide Solutions. CEDAW Award: Entrepreneurship
- **Kate Kendell, Esq.**, Executive Director, National Center for Lesbian Rights. CEDAW Award: Leadership
- **Honorable Mark Leno**, Senator SD11, California Senate: CEDAW Award: Government
- **Honorable Fiona Ma, CPA**, Board Member, Board of Equalization | District 2. CEDAW Award: Claire Joyce Tempongko Memorial
- **Monique Moyer**, Executive Director, Port of San Francisco. CEDAW Award: Community Building

### 2014

- **Elizabeth "Liz" Aguilar Tarchi**, Assistant District Attorney, City and County of San Francisco. CEDAW Award: Claire Joyce Tempongko Memorial Award
- **Honorable Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye**, Chief Justice of California. CEDAW Award: Law
- **Alecia A. DeCourdreux**, President, Mills College. CEDAW Award: Education
- **Catherine Dodd**, Ph.D., Director, San Francisco Health Service System. CEDAW Award: Government
- **Becca Prowda**, Senior Manager, Corporate Affairs, Levi Strauss. CEDAW Award: Global/Sustainability
- **Nancy Milliken**, M.D., Director, UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women's Health. CEDAW Award: Health
- **Regina K. Scully**, Founder, Artemis Rising. CEDAW Award: Arts/Media
- **Rita R. Semel**, Founder, Interfaith Council. CEDAW Award: Community Building
- **Soon-Young Yoon**, Chair, NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York. CEDAW Award: International Comity
- **AT&T**: CEDAW Corporate Award received by **Ken McNeely**, President – California

### 2013

- **Elmy Bermejo**, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor. CEDAW Award: Labor
- **Cassie Doyle**, Consul General, Consulate General of Canada of San Francisco. CEDAW Award: International Comity
- **Marilyn Fowler**, CEO, Women's Intercultural Network. CEDAW Award: Community Building
- **Paul Henderson**, Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety, Mayor Ed Lee's Office. CEDAW Award: Violence Prevention
- **Caryl Ito**, Bozeman & Associates. CEDAW Award: Legacy
- **Louise Renne**, Esq., Partner, Renne, Sloan, Holtzman & Sakai. CEDAW Award: Law
- **Susan Celia Swan**, Executive Director, V-Day. CEDAW Award: Leadership
- **General Antonio Taguba** (Ret), U.S. Army; US Department of Justice Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence; Chairman, Pan Pacific American Leaders and Mentors (PPALM). CEDAW Award: Government
- **Twitter**: CEDAW Corporate Award received by **Adam Messinger**, Chief Technology Officer



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- **Brenda Wright**, Senior Vice President & Manager, Community Relations West, Wells Fargo Bank. CEDAW Award: Economic Empowerment
- **Akiko Yamazaki**, President of the Foundation & Vice Chair of the Commission, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco. CEDAW Award: Philanthropy

### **2012**

- **Jean Shinoda Bolen**, M.D., Convener, Millionth Circle. CEDAW Award: Global
- **Christine Bronstein**, Founder, A Band of Wives. CEDAW Award: Community Building
- **Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr.**, Former Mayor of San Francisco. CEDAW Award: Legacy
- **Weili Dai**, Co-Founder & Director, Marvell Technology Group, Ltd. CEDAW Award: Technology
- **Deloitte**: CEDAW Corporate Award received by **Teresa Briggs**, Managing Partner
- **Neesha Hathi**, Senior Vice President of Advisor Technology Solutions, Charles Schwab. CEDAW Award: Leadership
- **Fabiola Kramsky**, Host, Univision Television Group. CEDAW Award: Media
- **Janet Reilly**, Founder, Clinic by the Bay. CEDAW Award: Philanthropy
- **Esta Soler**, Founder & President, Futures Without Violence. CEDAW Award: Claire Joyce Tempongko Memorial
- **Brenda Yee**, Executive Director San Francisco Chinese Hospital. CEDAW Award: Health

### **2011**

- **Barbara Garcia**, Director, San Francisco Department of Public Health. CEDAW Award: Health
- **Charlene Harvey**, Trustee, Presidio Trust. CEDAW Award: Environment
- **Dorka Keehn**, Journalist & Social Entrepreneur. CEDAW Award: Claire Joyce Tempongko Memorial
- **Drucilla Ramey**, Esq., Dean, Golden Gate University School of Law. CEDAW Award: Education
- **JaMel Perkins**, Past President, Partners Ending Domestic Abuse. CEDAW Award: Anti-Violence
- **Julianne Cartwright Traylor**, Associate Director of International Programs, USF School of Law. CEDAW Award: Legacy
- **Karen Kai**, Arts & Cultural Education Advocate. CEDAW Award: Culture
- **Lydia Beebe**, Esq., Corporate Secretary & Chief Governance Officer, Chevron Corporation. CEDAW Award: Leadership
- **Marissa Mayer**, Vice President, Local, Maps, and Localization, Google. CEDAW Award: Technology
- **Noosheen Hashemi**, President & Co-Founder, The HAND Foundation. CEDAW Award: Philanthropy
- **Pam Hemann**, Executive Director, Leadership California. CEDAW Award: Leadership
- **Roselyne "Cissie" Swig**, Founder, Partners Ending Domestic Abuse. CEDAW Award: Anti-Violence

### **2010**

- **David Assmann**, Deputy Director, SF Department of the Environment. CEDAW Award: Environment
- **Sherry Burke**, MBA, RN, Founder & Board Member, Professional Healthcare at Home. CEDAW Award: Entrepreneurship
- **Cecily Joseph**, Senior Director of Corporate Responsibility, Symantec Corporation. CEDAW Award: Legacy
- **Barbara Kaufman**, Director, SF Regional Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. CEDAW Award: Legacy
- **Barbara Krumsiek**, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chair, Calvert Group Ltd.; Director and Chair of Acacia Life Insurance Company. CEDAW Award: Corporate Leadership
- **Adrienne Pon**, Executive Director, SF Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs. CEDAW Award: Community Building
- **Olga Talamante**, Executive Director, Chicana/Latina Foundation. CEDAW Award: Education
- **Susie Tompkins Buell**, Founder, Susie Tompkins Buell Foundation. CEDAW Award: Philanthropy



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- **Meg Vasey**, Executive Director, Tradeswomen, Inc. CEDAW Award: Labor

### **2007**

- **Julie Castro Abrams**, Chief Executive Officer, Women's Initiative. CEDAW Award: Entrepreneurship
- **Honorable Barbara Boxer**, United States Senate. CEDAW Award: Politics & Government
- **Donna Burke**, Regional Vice President, Constituency Relations, AT&T. CEDAW Award: Leadership
- **Gwen Chan**, Acting Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District. CEDAW Award: Education
- **Belva Davis**, Host, "This Week in Northern California" (KQED); Board Member, Museum of the African Diaspora. CEDAW Award: Arts & Culture
- **Honorable Dianne Feinstein**, United States Senate. CEDAW Award: Politics & Government
- **Luz Vega Marquis**, President & CEO, Marguerite Casey Foundation. CEDAW Award: Philanthropy
- **Honorable Nancy Pelosi**, United States House of Representatives. CEDAW Award: Politics & Government
- **Beverly Upton**, Executive Director, Domestic Violence Consortium. CEDAW Award: Community Service