

GENDER BALANCE ON MARIN COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPOINTEES TO CURRENTLY ACTIVE VOTING POSITIONS:

NO. AND % OF WOMEN (MWC Report)

Data compiled from County of Marin Website, 7/28, 7/29, 8/31, 9/1, 9/2: 2008. Gender differentiation was made by first name of board and commission members.

60 boards and commissions were found on the website. The list includes 45 administered by the county and 15 administered by another agency. 380 appointments by the BOS were found at the time of compilation.

170 of the 380 appointees were women: 45%. 42 % without the 15 members of the Women's Commission.)

Larger boards and commissions had more women BOS appointees in comparison to smaller boards and commissions.

The five largest boards and commissions averaged 57 % women:

Workforce Investment Board, Youth Commission, Disaster Council, Health Council, and Library Commission (excluding Women's Commission).

The next ten largest averaged 59% women:

Mental Health Board, Commission on Aging, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, Integrated Pest Management Commission, Childcare Commission, Economic Commission, Children and Families Commission, Parks and Open Space Commission, In-Home Supportive Services Governing Board, and Cultural Services Commission.

Type of board and commission was also a factor; boards and commissions having to do with land, buildings, and transportation management had far fewer women: 21% (average).

An exception was the Las Gallinas County Service Area; 5 of 5 appointees were women.

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