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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
 VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
 CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S AGENDA CONFERENCE

Greetings, hello, ---
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I am particularly pleased that the California Women's Agenda is focused on the future of American girls and young women because they are our future. Collectively and individually, we must do everything we can to foster and encourage girls to fulfill their God-given potential to become the leaders of tomorrow. This was one of the goals of Beijing.

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Best wishes to you all.

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February 15, 1996

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Chelsea Clinton
The White House
1600 Independence Avenue
Washington, D.C.

RE: Assembly for the California Women's Agenda

Dear Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea:

On behalf of the leaders and constituents of the major California-based women's associations who are participating in the implementation of the Beijing Platform, it is our sincere pleasure to invite you to serve as Honorary Chairs of The California Women's Agenda, a working assembly of women who will come together June 28, 29, 30, 1996 in the Bay Area to create a California Platform for Action that will be implemented throughout California and we especially invite you, together, to keynote our opening on Friday evening, June 28.

We are expecting San Francisco State University to host the weekend Assembly in late June and to convene The California Agenda on their campus. President Robert Corrigan has indicated his enthusiasm to have you return to the SFSU campus. A hosted dinner will be held in your honor prior to the 7:00 p.m. Keynote.

Our focus for The California Women's Agenda is girls ... the future leaders of our state. Therefore, we ask you to talk about your visions for the future of the young women of America and the linkages between the generations.

Over fifty organizations are already involved in Northern California, including San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma Counties, the Peninsula and East Bay, and coalitions are forming in Los Angeles, San Diego and Central California. There are women in every hamlet in the state meeting in groups of all sizes to discuss bringing the spirit and power of Beijing to our backyards. The working Assembly in San Francisco will be linked by Internet, teleconference and Narrowcast to an estimated 10,000 women and girls throughout California.

The California Agenda effort is being coordinated by The Women's Intercultural Network (WIN), a non-profit organization based in San Francisco, that links women across cultures globally and in U.S. communities. WIN coordinated the UN50 conference in San Francisco in June, 1995. "Women and the UN: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".

Attached is a summary of our vision and a current list of California organizations participating to date. We look forward to your participation as we bring women of California together from all sectors, cultures, ages and classes to make our state a more equitable place for all Californians.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Fowler
President/CEO WIN
Coordinator, California Women's
Agenda

Aileen C. Hernandez
Chair, California Women's
Agenda

Lili Li-Luo Lim
Chair, Advisory Council
California Women's
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cc: Sen. Barbara Boxer
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Rep. Nancy Pelosi

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THE CALIFORNIA AGENDA: BRINGING THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION TO THE GRASSROOTS

Dedicated to: The Girls and Young Women of California

WHAT A working assembly of California women coming together at the grassroots to implement the *Beijing Platform for Action*.

Platform Issues:

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| • Economic Justice & Poverty | • Girl/Child |
| • Power Sharing, Political Action & Institutions | • Health |
| • Access to Education | • Violence Against Women |
| • Environmental Sustainability | • Peace |
| • Mass Media & Communications | • Human Rights |

Cross-Cutting Issues:

- Racism • Immigration • Sexism • Disabled Women
- Gay & Lesbian Rights • Religion • Globalization

WHY To develop a *California Agenda* for women with issues from the 4th World Conference on Women, Beijing, and implement them at all levels in California.

- GOALS:**
- To bring women of California together from all sectors, ages, cultures and classes to implement the *California Agenda* - a platform for action.
 - To involve the future women leaders of California...girls and young women... in the planning of the Assembly and the creation of the *California Agenda*.
 - To develop strategies for implementation of state and local action agendas.
 - To educate public officials, the media, business leaders, decision makers, etc. about resolving women's concerns, which affect all people of California.
 - To identify and get commitments from various resources for the implementation.

WHO California women representing the spectrum of issues as voiced in the Beijing Platform, including women who did not attend the Beijing conferences and organizations already addressing these issues through local and regional meetings being held in California. Over 50 women's organizations are already working together in Northern California and are linking with working coalitions in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas.

HOW Coalitions of women's organizations networking throughout California, will be coordinated by the Women's Intercultural Network, San Francisco, and funded by socially responsible corporations, foundations and individuals.

The Beijing Platform will be translated into working language and circulated to women's organizations throughout California, vis-a-vis the coalitions for review and adaptation to their local needs. Their Platforms of Action will be incorporated into a *California Agenda* at the June Assembly in San Francisco.

Marketing will be coordinated by the Women in Communications, Inc, San Francisco and Chavez & Associates, San Diego.

WHEN June 28, 29, 30, 1996

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**EVENTS
SCHEDULE***Friday evening, June 28, 1996, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.*

- Assembly opens with Keynote to 1000 to 1200 San Francisco attendees.
~~Also participating will be Honorary Chair and other California dignitaries.~~
- The program will be Narrowcast on Closed Circuit TV or Satellite to selected campus sites throughout California to an estimated 10,000 girls and women.

Saturday: June 29, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

- Plenary Session for 1000-1200 representatives in San Francisco to be Narrowcast to outstate campus Assemblies.

10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Participants will work in 15-20 separate rooms on the platform issues.
- Women and girls attending concurrent assemblies at campuses throughout the state will be linked by Internet Chat Rooms and Discussion Boards.

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

- Participants will meet at a Plenary Session for reports on the Platform Issues and Narrowcast to outstate campuses.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Buffet Supper and Entertainment

Sunday, June 30, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- Participants will meet again in breakout rooms in regional groups.
- These sessions will be linked to campus sites in corresponding regions by the Internet.
- Coffee and pastries will be served.

12:00 noon - 1:00 pm.

- Closing Plenary Session followed by Lunch.
- All Plenary sessions will be linked by Closed Circuit TV, Narrowcast and/or the Internet to outstate campus sites.

TECHNICAL AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION:*Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 28, 29, 30, 1996*

- Four Plenary Sessions for 1000-1200
Closed circuit Narrowcast or Satellite to 10 to 15 selected campus sites in California.

Saturday, June 29, 1996, 10:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

- Breakout Rooms: 15-16 rooms for 50 to 150 participants in San Francisco will be linked to concurrent meetings at 10 to 15 outstate campus sites on Internet lines.

Sunday, June 30, 1996, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- Breakout Rooms: 8 to 10 rooms for 100 -150 participants in San Francisco will be linked to Regional groups at corresponding outstate campus sites on Internet lines.

THE CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S AGENDA

Bringing the Beijing Platform to the Grassroots of California

Aileen C. Hernandez, Chair • Lili Li-Luo Lim, Chair, Advisory Council
Honorary Chairs: Senator Barbara Boxer, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Mme. Wen Chi Chow

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

Bay Area Homelessness Program
Bay Area Network of Latinas
Black Women Organized for Action
Business and Professional Women's Association
California American Association of University Women
California National Organization for Women
Casa de las Madres
Center for Citizen Initiatives
Center for Women and Religion
Chinese American Women's Business League
Commission on the Status of Women, San Francisco
Commission on the Status of Women, San Diego
Commission on the Status of Women, County of San Diego
The Conscious Business Group
Disabled Women's Network
Federal Women Program Managers
Federally Employed Women
International Services Assistance Fund
Jewish Community Relations Council
League of Women Voters of California
Mexican American National Women's Association
Mid-Peninsula National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
National Association of Women Business Owners
National Council of Negro Women
National Women's Political Caucus of California
Older Women's League
Overseas Development Network
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Region IV
Planned Parenthood of San Diego & Riverside Counties
Peninsula Beijing Conference Action & Resource Network
Persian Center
Plutonium Free Future Women's Network
Queen's Bench
San Diego Economic Conversion Council
San Francisco American Association of University Women
San Francisco Bar Association
San Francisco Baha'i Assembly
San Francisco Women's Foundation
San Francisco Women's Center - Celebration of Craftswomen
Soroptimist International
State of California Office of Women's Health
Sunrise Fine Arts
The Global Fund for Women
The Women's Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
United Nations Association of San Diego
Winning Opportunities for Women (WOW), San Diego
Women's Bureau, US Department of Labor
Women in Communications, Inc.
Women in Business, San Francisco
Women in International Trade, Northern California
Women of Color Resource Center
Women's Leadership Institute, Mills College
Women's Studies Department, San Diego State University
Zonta International

Coordinating Organization: Women's Intercultural Network (WIN)

A M E R I C A ' S C O M M I T M E N T

The UN Women's Conference One Year Later

The President's Interagency Council On Women invites you to join people across the United States interested in the advancement of women and girls in a national conference via satellite

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1996

On this day Americans will join together in community conferences across the country to:

- ✱ Report on progress since the Women's Conference
- ✱ Share what's working in communities
- ✱ Look ahead to develop a national action agenda to improve the lives of American women and their families

For part of the day, the community conferences will link to a live satellite broadcast in addition to other interactive components.

For more information check out the Council web site at:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/Women/IACW/html/IACWhome.html>
or call (202) 456-7350

CAWA**The California Women's Agenda***a working Assembly to bring the Beijing Platform for Action* to the grassroots of California***TELFAX TRANSMISSION**

DATE: June 17, 1996

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NOTES: Dear Leslie, Attached is further information about CAWA Assembly: Registration materials with the format, an Op Ed article for the San Francisco Chronicle that gives a sense of the Assembly and our organizing process which has been to reach across the State to women at every level of grassroots, business, religious, academic and media organizations - across cultures, age, life style, and economic means. The list of participating associations reflect that also. The press release may help, though it is a bit outdated. We had also invited President Clinton and Sec. Donna Shalala, neither of whom can attend.

Attending will be women representing the over 100 organizations who are bringing with them girls and women who don't have the resources to come... teens, low-income, disabled, immigrant farm workers. Our goal is to give women of California a voice in developing the California Women's Agenda from the Beijing Platform for Action. Hopefully this groundswell will move across America to give the women of the U.S. a voice in their future.

Thanks for your help in making it possible for Mrs. Clinton to share in this effort. Again, we want to invite Chelsea to be a part of the video if possible as we will have many girls and young women with us. We anticipate showing the video around the State following the weekend Assembly. Thank you.

Marilyn Fowler
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*adopted at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women at Beijing, China, September 1995

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And the Thunder Rolls: California's Women's Agenda
Dee Aker
Opinion -San Francisco Chronicle

Thunder rumbles in the distance before rain arrives. Somewhere a great gathering of natural forces takes place to generate it. So it was in September of 1995 in Beijing and Huairou when 40,000 individuals came together intentionally to look at the world from another perspective - that of women. Note, it was not a single woman's point of view, but those of many women that agitated the business-as-usual atmosphere from China to good old boys regimes everywhere.

Included were the voices and vision of laborers, refugees, octogenarians, businesswomen, women who had been sold into sexual slavery, political leaders, lawyers, teachers, mothers with babies in their arms, indigenous women whose lands had been subsumed and whose wisdoms were being discarded by the corporate global market, scientists, women dying of nuclear fallout encounters, farmers and young women - bright, articulate, diverse young women from every region of the world.

The UN Fourth World Conference on Women combined with the "Look at the World Through Women's Eyes" NGO Forum was more than a colorful, historic global gathering near the end of another violent, male dominated century. It was a confluence of concern and action that rattled heaven and earth.

Reverberations will be heard here at The California Women's Agenda Assembly (CAWA), June 28-30 on the San Francisco State University campus. This working assembly of representatives of over 100 California women's organizations is the first US statewide effort to interpret the Beijing Platform for Action in terms of local needs and actions for a state women's platform. Grassroots organization and implementation is taking place around the globe to produce the showers needed to save this desiccating planet, however.

How? It isn't easy. The familiar G 7 (or 8 or 9), basically guys in corporate tailoring, power-from-on-high, approach this is not. Listening

to all the voices who have alternative priorities (sustainable development; future generations' viability; religious tolerance; human rights inclusive of women, children and men regardless of ethnicity, clan or tribe), or hearing those who live with the consequences of the industrial power quest (sudden mass unemployment of women; communities where 75% of pregnant women have serious health problems due to environmental degradation; girls as young as eight being sold for factory or brothel labor), is just not the conventional modus operandi.

Plus, it means confronting a desert of nothing less than thousands of years of women having had responsibility without power while too many men had power without responsibility.

By simply coming together and articulating the global crises faced daily on local and international levels, women went beyond their official, limited, age-old charge to keep families functioning, surviving, and together, in spite of wars, famine and chattel status. They lifted their heads up to see what chaos was abroad in all the lands and undertook to work for change in a new way. It started with five years of local and regional meetings of women from every station in life. They articulated 12 areas of concern that women must address. A Platform for Action was diplomatically wrangled amid dust storms of the male determined priorities and alliances such as that of the Vatican and Islamic Fundamentalists. In the end, a basic agreement on guidelines to achieve more just and balanced civilizations was signed by 189 nations.

The Platform derives its power from locally informed and active citizens. The critical areas of poverty, education, health, violence armed conflicts, economic disparity, power-sharing, institutional development, human rights, mass media, environment and the improved treatment of the girl child can only be addressed by an involved public. History and global studies confirm that media and governmental bodies do not prioritize balanced information distribution. Local, national and international bodies of women and men are charged, therefore, to work together to bring marginalized voices and alternative solutions to the fore.

Marilyn Fowler, President of the Women's Intercultural Network (WIN) and organizer of CAWA notes two additional outcomes sought by this assembly: inclusion of girls and young women in all considerations and an agenda that can be presented to the state legislature and political conventions this summer. The exchanges among representatives of Center for Community Solutions in San Diego, Wages for Housework in Los

Angeles, Black Women Stirring the Waters from San Francisco, and the Suscol Indian Council will help formulate action plans that can be supported by all the organizations, great and small, according to Fowler.

Voices from around the state will determine the platform. As Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, a member of MANA, San Diego explains, "In as much as Latinos represent a growing 20 % of California's population, it has been too long that Latinas have been silent and our voices not listened to. It is important that we be seen and heard as strong partners." Larita Davis of the Women's Economic Agenda Project (a women's leadership project for women who do not normally have access to development training) in Oakland, will bring the perspective of those "AFDC women who must fit the rules that come down, but who have no voice to explain what they must face without education, language skills, and child care, but facing the demand they just get off welfare in two years."

Jene McCovey, President of the Humbolt Access Project and a member of the Yurok tribe makes it quite clear why her community voices will and must be heard. "Compelling environmental abuse (pesticides and uranium dumping) and unemployment (80% unemployment) of the indigenous peoples prejudice my comments to focus on all indigenous people, not just women. The bottom line is that voices of the indigenous people need to be heard and consulted because of their ties to the earth, to their ancestors and their descendants which may be the source for all people to survive." Aileen Hernández, Chair of CAWA, sums up the goal, "When we are finished we will be a great force to be reckoned with - thousands of California women, well organized and working together for equality, development and peace."

Over the last five months groups meeting throughout California have gathered the local perspectives and responses. A draft agenda for June 28's working assembly was formed. From the work of immigration lawyers seeing the challenges of women abused at the border to the on-going work of the Association of American University women on educational needs, plumbing the communities is the source and resource for getting this thunder to roll and the rains to come down. END

Dee Aker, Ph.D., anthropologist, journalist and documentarian recording the role of women in leadership and reconstruction of Uganda, is co-convenor of the Media Task Force for the California Women's Agenda.

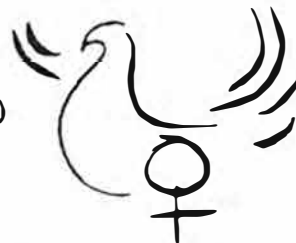
A CALL TO ACTION

The Women's Intercultural Network (WIN)
invites you to the Assembly to create

CAWA

The California Women's Agenda

Bringing the Beijing Platform for Action to the Grassroots of California
Dedicated to: The Girls and Young Women of California



Please join with over 100 California women's organizations in drafting the California Women's Agenda (CAWA), the State plan for implementing the *Platform for Action* endorsed by 189 countries in September 1995 at the Fourth United Nations Conference on Women in Beijing, China. On June 28, 29 and 30, 1996, over a thousand women and girls representing the participating organizations will assemble at San Francisco State University to compile CAWA from local plans being drafted in communities throughout California.

Please copy the enclosed registration form and other information to distribute to members of your organization and colleagues. The advance registration deadline (at a reduced rate) is:
JUNE 10, 1996.

ABOUT THE ASSEMBLY

- WHEN** June 28, 29, 30, 1996 **WHERE** San Francisco State University
- WHAT** A working Assembly of women leaders and representatives of California-based grassroots organizations will gather to create and adopt a California-focused action plan to address the twelve platform issues identified at the Beijing Conference.
- Platform Issues**
- Poverty
 - Education & Training
 - Health
 - Violence
 - Peace
 - Economic Justice
 - Power sharing
 - Institutional Mechanisms
 - Human Rights
 - Media
 - Environment
 - Girl-Child
- Cross-cutting Issues**
- Racism • Disabled Women • Immigration • Gay & Lesbian Rights • Religion
 - Globalization • Indigenous women
- WHO** Honorary Chairs (Partial List): Sen. Barbara Boxer, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., San Diego Mayor Susan Golding, Hon. Bella Abzug, Dr. Robert Corrigan, Susie Tompkins, Mme. Wen Chi Chow, Hon. Susan Davis and Hon. Pam Slater

CAWA Chair: Aileen C. Hernandez

Advisory Council Chair: Lili Li-Luo Lim

Coordinator: Marilyn Fowler

A thousand women and girls gathered at San Francisco State University and 10,000 women and girls linked by video conferencing at other State University campus sites and by Internet Chat Rooms, and Discussion Boards.

- HOW** Coordinated by the Women's Intercultural Network (WIN), nine coalitions of over 100 women's organizations throughout California are adapting the Beijing Platform for Action to meet their local needs and will channel their action plans to the June 28-30 Assembly at San Francisco State University. Women's Studies Department at other state university campuses will coordinate simultaneous assemblies and link into the San Francisco deliberations via Internet Chat Rooms and Discussion Boards. Delegates will work all day on June 29 in twelve separate task forces, each addressing a Beijing Platform issue, to integrate the information received from all these sources into the CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S AGENDA (CAWA). The draft agenda will be adopted on June 30 and implemented through the participating organizations. (If you are interested in working with your local CalState campus to hold a simultaneous Assembly, contact Assembly Coordinator Marilyn Fowler.)

FUNDING

The CAWA process and Assembly are being funded by socially responsible corporations, foundations and individuals. A partial list of donors includes:



Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program; Wells Fargo Bank; San Francisco State University; Bass Ticketmaster; Barbary Coast Brewing Company; Konica Business Machines; Loral Corporation; Lotus Printing; Survival Skills Education and Development, Inc.

YOUR personal donations can also help make it possible for women and girls, who do not have the financial resources, to attend and participate in creating CAWA.
 Become a CAWA Sister: "Big Sister" (\$101 and up); "Sister" (\$100); "Little Sister" (under \$100) or make a generous contribution to "scholarship assistance." (See registration form.)

ASSEMBLY AGENDA

JUNE 28-30, 1996

Friday evening, June 28, 1996 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

- San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. will welcome participants and invited political leaders and entertainers. President Bill Clinton and his daughter Chelsea have been invited to keynote this opening session.

Saturday, June 29, 1996 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

- The Hon. Bella Abzug will keynote the Plenary Session that prepares the delegates to convene in working sessions on the critical areas of concern in the *Beijing Platform for Action*.

Saturday, June 29, 1996 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Participants at San Francisco State University will work in 12 separate meeting rooms on the platform issues.
- Women and girls attending concurrent assemblies at other campus sites throughout the state will be linked by Internet Chat Rooms and Discussion Boards.

Saturday, June 29, 1996 5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- Participants will meet in a plenary session to close the work of the task forces.

Saturday, June 29, 1996 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

- **CARNIVAL TIME: Bringing Beijing Back - Taking California Forward**
 Buffet Supper and Entertainment - a Celebration of California Cultures

Sunday, June 30, 1996 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

- Participants will meet in plenary session to discuss the recommendations from each of the task forces and to adopt the overall action plan, the **California Women's Agenda**.

Sunday, June 30, 1996 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Closing Plenary Session: California Governor Pete Wilson and Donna Shalala, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, have been invited to close the Assembly. As Chair of the President's Interagency Council on Women, Secretary Shalala will launch a National Agenda for Women on September 28 and 29, 1996 in Washington, D.C.

Note:

- Plenary sessions will be linked by Video Conference to other campus sites. Task Forces will get input through the Internet in Chat Rooms or on Discussion Boards. Schedules will be noted on our own Web site, which will be up and running on June 1 at: WWW.WOWWOMEN.com/WINCAWA

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS RECOMMENDED. The site will only accommodate 1200 people.

If registration form is received at the Assembly office by June 10, 1996:

The \$50.00 advance registration fee applies and includes: Assembly materials, Continental Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday morning (8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.), refreshments during breaks, Saturday lunch and a copy of the final published CAWA Platform. The \$75.00 advance registration fee includes all the above, plus the Carnival (Buffet Supper and Entertainment) on Saturday evening.

After June 10, 1996, add \$10.00 per delegate to the fees shown above.

Non-delegates may attend the Carnival at \$35 per person. Reservations are required.

Return your completed registration form (a separate one for each person), along with your check or money order, to the address shown on the form. You will be sent confirmation of your reservation, if your form is received by June 14. After that date, reservation status can be confirmed by phone or on site on June 28. (Please keep a copy of your registration form for yourself.)

REFUNDS/CANCELLATIONS: No refunds will be made after June 20.



GENERAL INFORMATION

HOUSING

A limited number of rooms and apartments are available at the SFSU Seven Hills Conference and Guest Center on campus, on a first-come, first-served basis. Most of the rooms are double occupancy (\$35 per night per person); a few are single occupancy (\$70 per night); the minimum stay is two (2) nights. A first night's deposit for each occupant is required with your reservation.

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- Southwest Airlines, in cooperation with *Cardiff By the Sea Travel*, is offering CAWA participants a very special discount on restricted and unrestricted fares. Reservations must be made through Cynthia Morris at *Cardiff by the Sea Travel* (1-800-435-1172). Call no later than June 21, 1996 and refer to Identifier Code #P4246.

CHILD CARE is available for those who need it. Reservations must be made by June 21, 1996.

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VIDEO ARCHIVES: Cynda Burton is coordinating a Video Archive for us. Please send a non-returnable, complimentary copy of your video to the WIN office by June 10, along with a 1/2 page description of the video content; include ordering information and cost. A catalogue of the videos will be prepared for distribution at the Assembly and beyond.



JOIN IN THE CARNIVAL FUN!

Remember the tents in Huairou!
We invite you to participate in our "BIG TENT PARTY"
on Saturday evening!

Help rekindle the spirit of Huairou for those who went to China
and share the joy with those who were not able to be there!

BRING YOUR BANNERS AND POSTERS TO HANG IN THE
CALIFORNIA TENT AT SFSU, AS WE HUNG OUR STATEMENTS
AND ART IN HUAIROU!



Bring your musical instruments,
your dances, your songs and join with us to:
Bring Beijing Back and
Take California Forward!



After working all day in task forces to write our action platform,
we will help the CAWA Bird take flight in a joyous celebration
at the Saturday night CARNIVAL!

To celebrate CAWA, GIZ (GIRLS INTERNATIONAL ZINE)
is planning an evening of entertainment from Bay Area
young women's performing arts groups
(Rebecca Riots, Taiko Drummers from San Jose
and lots of BIG Surprises)!

THE CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S AGENDA

Bringing the Beijing Platform to the Grassroots of California

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**California Grassroots Women Organize State-Wide and Cyber-Wide
to Implement Beijing Platform for Action**

San Francisco — More than 1,000 women will convene at San Francisco State University June 28-30 to draft the California Women's Agenda (CAWA) — a plan to implement the Beijing Platform for Action adopted in September 1995 by 189 countries at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women held in China.

Delegates from more than 100 California grassroots organizations will work in separate task forces to address 12 critical areas identified in Beijing as main obstacles to women's advancement worldwide and will tailor strategies that meet the needs of Californians. The areas are: poverty, education and training, health, violence, peace and conflict resolution, economic justice, power-sharing, institutional mechanisms, human rights, media, environment, and girl-child.

"This assembly is unprecedented in the history of the state," said CAWA chair Aileen C. Hernandez, "because it brings together women and girls from all cultural backgrounds and economic classes to set in motion an action plan that will make the future brighter for them and their families. They have been working together on-the-ground and on-the-Internet. This is the beginning of a global strategy for enhancing the ability of women to contribute fully to our society."

Video conference and the Internet will link the assembly sessions to other campuses of the California State University system, expanding involvement in the drafting process to an estimated 10,000 participants. This convergence of high-tech and low-tech means to organize for action is a model that is being replicated nation-wide.

The assembly will open June 28 with a welcome by San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr. (invited), followed by a keynote address by President Bill Clinton, who has been invited along with his daughter Chelsea. Former Congresswoman Bella Abzug will keynote the June 29 session. Secretary of Health and Human Services and Chair of the President's Interagency Council of Women Donna Shalala has been invited to speak at the closing session, June 30 as the assembly adjourns and participants return to their communities to implement California Women's Agenda.

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On June 29 each delegate will work in a separate task force on one of the 12 planks from the Beijing Platform for Action. The next day task forces will report on their deliberations and delegates will ratify a comprehensive plan of action, the CAWA.

World conferences on women took place in Mexico City (1975), Copenhagen (1980), Nairobi (1985) and Beijing (1995). Over the decades, meetings of nongovernmental organizations (NGO Forums) have had significant impact on the debates and actions taken at the official conferences, as well as on the progress made towards achieving equality between men and women. The unanimous adoption of Beijing Platform for Action was the culmination of two decades of international discussions.

To remove the main obstacles to women's advancement, specific strategic objectives and action steps were identified to be implemented during the next five years by governments, the international community, NGOs and the private sector. California is the first state in the United States to mobilize California grassroots organizations and individuals statewide to write local action plans from the Beijing Platform and combine them as a state-wide agenda.

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BODY:

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SAN FRANCISCO, May 28

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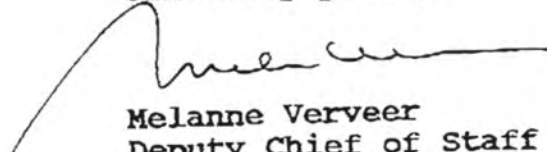
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Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

cc: Theresa Loar, President's Interagency
Council on Women

AMERICA'S COMMITMENT



The UN Women's Conference One Year Later

The President's Interagency Council On Women invites you to join people across the United States interested in the advancement of women and girls in a national conference via satellite

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1996

On this day Americans will join together in community conferences across the country to:

- ✱ Report on progress since the Women's Conference
- ✱ Share what's working in communities
- ✱ Look ahead to develop a national action agenda to improve the lives of American women and their families

For part of the day, the community conferences will link to a live satellite broadcast in addition to other interactive components.

For more information check out the Council web site at:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/Women/IACW/html/IACWhome.html>
or call (202) 456-7350

DRAFT: REMARKS FOR CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S AGENDA

Hello. I wish I could be there with you today as you gather to develop the California Women's Agenda. Having had the privilege of taking part in the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, I am heartened to know that you are continuing the very important work begun last September in Beijing. Your emphasis on girls as future leaders is an inspired translation of the ideas that came out of the UN Conference.

I want to thank the delegates to the NGO Forum and the World Conference who are present for continuing to discuss and explore the ideas and strategies you helped formulate in China. The fact that you are gathered here today is a statement of your interest and engagement in the issues facing us on the eve of an exciting and challenging new century.

The UN Conference focused world attention on issues that matter most in the lives of women, girls and their families: access to education, credit, health care, basic legal and human rights, the opportunity to participate in the political life of their countries and the chance to be leaders. The work you are doing now in developing a California Agenda is a move towards realizing the goals of the conference.

Many of you know of the September 28 conference via satellite that the President's Interagency Council on Women is putting together. On this day Americans will join together in community conferences - such as yours - across the country to report on progress since the Women's Conference, share ideas on what's working in communities and look ahead to develop a National Action Agenda to improve the lives of American women and girls. I encourage your participation in this conference as the next step in Bringing Beijing Home to the women and girls of California.

Each of you plays a vital role in converting words into concrete actions. What you do at a local level does not just affect your community, it has a ripple effect that can change the status and conditions of women and girls around the world. Let us create a world in which every family has the hope of a strong and stable future, every woman is treated with respect and dignity, and every boy and girl is loved and cared for equally.



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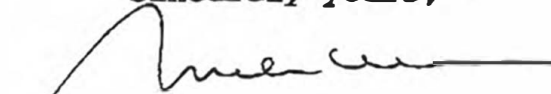
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to the First Lady

cc: Theresa Loar, President's Interagency
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February 15, 1996

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Chelsea Clinton
The White House
1600 Independence Avenue
Washington, D.C.

RE: Assembly for the California Women's Agenda

Dear Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea:

On behalf of the leaders and constituents of the major California-based women's associations who are participating in the implementation of the Beijing Platform, it is our sincere pleasure to invite you to serve as Honorary Chairs of *The California Women's Agenda*, a working assembly of women who will come together June 28, 29, 30, 1996 in the Bay Area to create a California Platform for Action that will be implemented throughout California, and we especially invite you, together, to keynote our opening on Friday evening, June 28.

We are expecting San Francisco State University to host the weekend Assembly in late June and to convene *The California Agenda* on their campus. President Robert Corrigan has indicated his enthusiasm to have you return to the SFSU campus. A hosted dinner will be held in your honor prior to the 7:00 p.m. Keynote.

Our focus for *The California Women's Agenda* is girls ... the future leaders of our state. Therefore, we ask you to talk about your visions for the future of the young women of America and the linkages between the generations.

Over fifty organizations are already involved in Northern California, including San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma Counties, the Peninsula and East Bay, and coalitions are forming in Los Angeles, San Diego and Central California. There are women in every hamlet in the state meeting in groups of all sizes to discuss bringing the spirit and power of Beijing to our backyards. The working Assembly in San Francisco will be linked by Internet, teleconference and Narrowcast to an estimated 10,000 women and girls throughout California.

The California Agenda effort is being coordinated by The Women's Intercultural Network (WIN), a non-profit organization based in San Francisco, that links women across cultures globally and in U.S. communities. WIN coordinated the UNSO conference in San Francisco in June, 1995. "Women and the UN: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".

Attached is a summary of our vision and a current list of California organizations participating to date. We look forward to your participation as we bring women of California together from all sectors, cultures, ages and classes to make our state a more equitable place for all Californians.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Fowler
President/CEO WIN
Coordinator, California Women's
Agenda

Aileen C. Hernandez
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THE CALIFORNIA AGENDA: BRINGING THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION TO THE GRASSROOTS

Dedicated to: The Girls and Young Women of California

WHAT A working assembly of California women coming together at the grassroots to implement the *Beijing Platform for Action*.

Platform Issues:

- Economic Justice & Poverty
- Power Sharing, Political Action & Institutions
- Access to Education
- Environmental Sustainability
- Mass Media & Communications
- Girl/Child
- Health
- Violence Against Women
- Peace
- Human Rights

Cross-Cutting Issues:

- Racism • Immigration • Sexism • Disabled Women
- Gay & Lesbian Rights • Religion • Globalization

WHY To develop a *California Agenda* for women with issues from the 4th World Conference on Women, Beijing, and implement them at all levels in California.

- GOALS:**
- To bring women of California together from all sectors, ages, cultures and classes to implement the *California Agenda* - a platform for action.
 - To involve the future women leaders of California...girls and young women... in the planning of the Assembly and the creation of the *California Agenda*.
 - To develop strategies for implementation of state and local action agendas.
 - To educate public officials, the media, business leaders, decision makers, etc. about resolving women's concerns, which affect all people of California.
 - To identify and get commitments from various resources for the implementation.

WHO California women representing the spectrum of issues as voiced in the Beijing Platform, including women who did not attend the Beijing conferences and organizations already addressing these issues through local and regional meetings being held in California. Over 50 women's organizations are already working together in Northern California and are linking with working coalitions in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas.

HOW Coalitions of women's organizations networking throughout California, will be coordinated by the Women's Intercultural Network, San Francisco, and funded by socially responsible corporations, foundations and individuals.

The Beijing Platform will be translated into working language and circulated to women's organizations throughout California, vis-a-vis the coalitions for review and adaptation to their local needs. Their Platforms of Action will be incorporated into a *California Agenda* at the June Assembly in San Francisco.

Marketing will be coordinated by the Women in Communications, Inc, San Francisco and Chavez & Associates, San Diego.

WHEN June 28, 29, 30, 1996

WHERE San Francisco State University

**EVENTS
SCHEDULE**

Friday evening, June 28, 1996, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

- Assembly opens with Keynote to 1000 to 1200 San Francisco attendees.
~~Also participating will be Honorary Chairs and other California dignitaries.~~
- The program will be Narrowcast on Closed Circuit TV or Satellite to selected campus sites throughout California to an estimated 10,000 girls and women.

~~Saturday, June 29, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.~~

- Plenary Session for 1000-1200 representatives in San Francisco to be Narrowcast to outstate campus Assemblies.

10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Participants will work in 15-20 separate rooms on the platform issues.
- Women and girls attending concurrent assemblies at campuses throughout the state will be linked by Internet Chat Rooms and Discussion Boards.

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

- Participants will meet at a Plenary Session for reports on the Platform Issues and Narrowcast to outstate campuses.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Buffet Supper and Entertainment

Sunday, June 30, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- Participants will meet again in breakout rooms in regional groups.
- These sessions will be linked to campus sites in corresponding regions by the Internet.
- Coffee and pastries will be served.

12:00 noon - 1:00 pm.

- Closing Plenary Session followed by Lunch.

- All Plenary sessions will be linked by Closed Circuit TV, Narrowcast and/or the Internet to outstate campus sites.

TECHNICAL AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION:

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 28, 29, 30, 1996

- Four Plenary Sessions for 1000-1200
Closed circuit Narrowcast or Satellite to 10 to 15 selected campus sites in California.

Saturday, June 29, 1996, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Breakout Rooms: 15-16 rooms for 50 to 150 participants in San Francisco will be linked to concurrent meetings at 10 to 15 outstate campus sites on Internet lines.

Sunday, June 30, 1996, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- Breakout Rooms: 8 to 10 rooms for 100-150 participants in San Francisco will be linked to Regional groups at corresponding outstate campus sites on Internet lines.

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 Center for Citizen Initiatives
 Center for Women and Religion
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 Commission on the Status of Women, San Francisco
 Commission on the Status of Women, San Diego
 Commission on the Status of Women, County of San Diego
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 Disabled Women's Network
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 Federally Employed Women
 International Services Assistance Fund
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 Planned Parenthood of San Diego & Riverside Counties
 Peninsula Beijing Conference Action & Resource Network
 Persian Center
 Plutonium Free Future Women's Network
 Queen's Beach
 San Diego Economic Conversion Council
 San Francisco American Association of University Women
 San Francisco Bar Association
 San Francisco Bahá'í Assembly
 San Francisco Women's Foundation
 San Francisco Women's Center - Celebration of Craftswomen
 Soroptomist International
 State of California Office of Women's Health
 Sunrise Fine Arts
 The Global Fund for Women
 The Women's Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council
 Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
 United Nations Association of San Diego
 Winning Opportunities for Women (WOW), San Diego
 Women's Bureau, US Department of Labor
 Women in Communications, Inc.
 Women in Business, San Francisco
 Women in International Trade, Northern California
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 Women's Leadership Institute, Mills College
 Women's Studies Department, San Diego State University
 Zonta International

Coordinating Organization: Women's Intercultural Network (WIN)

**CAWA**

a working Assembly to bring the Beijing Platform for Action* to the grassroots of California

The California Women's Agenda

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DATE: 6-2-96

TO: Helene Vever

PHONE: 302-456-6266

FAX: 302-456-6244

FROM: Marilyn Fowler

PHONE: 415-221-4841

FAX: 415-221-4989

PAGES INCLUDING THIS COVER PAGE: 9

NOTES:

Helene,
Attached, per your
request are some suggestions
for the First Lady's video.
Thanks for your
help.
Marilyn

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VIDEO

CAWA**The California Women's Agenda***a working Assembly to bring the Beijing Platform for Action* to the grassroots of California*

May 24, 1996

Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: CAWA - The California Women's Agenda

Dear Melanne:

Thank you for notifying us regarding the First Lady and Chelsea's schedule for the last weekend of June. We are terribly disappointed that they cannot be with us to launch the California Women's Agenda.

We would love to have a video from them with a message for the Assembly. As we mentioned, we are dedicating **CAWA** to the girls and young women of California - our future leaders. If the First Lady, and Chelsea also if appropriate, would direct their comments to their vision for these girls and young women's future we would appreciate it.

Our goal was to reach as many women and girls as possible through organizations throughout our State in the hopes of building a network of thousands of women to be reckoned with - well organized and working together for equality, development and peace. We have done that. I will enclose a partial list of the participating organizations. We have reached women from all cultures, classes, ages, sectors and religions representing the rich diversity of California.

I will also enclose our Assembly registration information so you can see how the weekend will flow. Our Mayor, Willie Brown, will open and welcome the Assembly. We have invited President Clinton. It would be wonderful to have him introduce Mrs. Clinton's video. Saturday twelve task forces will work on the Critical Concerns from the Beijing Platform for Action, adapting them to California. Mrs. Clinton might want to comment on each of the twelve issues briefly, focusing on the **Girl Child**. Her remarks in Huarou about **Human Rights** will never be forgotten and is often quoted during our meetings.

We appreciate your assistance and will show the video as our opening on Friday evening June 28th. If you prefer, we could show it at the closing session Sunday morning following reports from the Task Forces to the Assembly when we launch the platform and it is taken up as a model nationally for other states.

It will be an honor to hear from the First Lady at either point in the weekend gathering that she chooses - to open the Assembly and inspire us as we start our work in drafting **CAWA**, or to close the Assembly by motivating us to take **CAWA** forward for implementation statewide.

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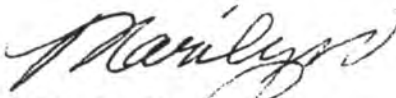
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*adopted at the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women at Beijing, China, September 1995

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Please call me if you need more information about **CAWA** , content for the video or the Assembly schedule. Thank you for your assistance in making it possible for the First Lady and Chelsea to be part of bringing Beijing to the grassroots of California.

With Sincere Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marilyn", written in dark ink.

Marilyn Fowler
Coordinator, **CAWA**
President/CEO **WIN**

Enclosures



THE CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S AGENDA

Bringing the Beijing Platform to the Grassroots of California

HOST INSTITUTION: SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

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Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi • Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. • Mayor Susan Golding • Hon. Bella Abzug •
Dr. Robert Corrigan • Mme. Wen Chi Chow • Susie Tompkins • (partial list)

Regional Coordinators: Jane Bayes, Los Angeles • Li-rong Lilly Cheng, San Diego • Larissa Keet & Judy Kramer, Peninsula • Marilyn Fowler, Bay Area • Sue Carrell, Sonoma County • Anne Baird & Bernice Turoff, Stockton • Sheila McLary & Erin Ramsden, Santa Cruz County • Annette Smail, Marin County • Del Laine, Tahoe

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

American Association of University Women, San Francisco • American Association of University Women - Sunnyvale/Cupertino Branch • American Association of University Women - South Marin • American Association of University Women - Palo Alto Branch • Asian Pacific Environmental Network • Asians & Pacific Islanders for Reproductive Health • Association for Women in Science • Bay Area Homelessness Program • Bay Area Network of Latinas • Bay Area Regional Chapter, Association for Women in Psychology • Beyond Beijing Coalition - Santa Cruz • Black Women Organized for Action • Black Women Stirring the Waters • Business and Professional Women's Association • California Alliance Against Domestic Violence • California American Association of University Women • California National Organization for Women • Center for Community Solutions, Women's Studies, SDSU • Center for Citizen Initiatives • Center for Women and Religion • City Commission on the Status of Women, San Diego • Commission on the Status of Women, County of San Diego • Committee for Universal Security • Conflict Conversion • Disabled Women's Network • Federal Women Program Managers • Federally Employed Women • Feminist Majority Foundation • Financial Women's Association • Global Federation of Chinese Business Women • Global Vision • Girls Scouts of San Francisco • Human Rights Advocates • International Lawyers Campaign for Tibet • Junior League of San Diego, Inc. • Just Economics • International Services Assistance Fund • International Association of Women in Technology • Irish - Italian Art Guild • La Casa de las Madres • League of Women Voters of San Francisco • MANA of San Diego County, A National Latina Organization • Marin Abused Women's Services • Marin Women's Services Coalition • Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute • Ms. Foundation for Women, San Francisco • Mid-Peninsula National Association for the Advancement of Colored People • National Association of Women Business Owners • National Center for Lesbian Rights • National Council of Negro Women • National Women's Political Caucus of California • Northern & Southern California Regional Chapters, Association of Women in Psychology • Office of Mayor Susan Golding, San Diego • Older Women's League • Organization for the Advancement of Women • Overseas Development Network • Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Region IV • Planned Parenthood of San Diego & Riverside Counties • Peninsula Beijing Conference Action & Resource Network • Persian Center • Plutonium Free Future Women's Network • Queen's Bench • San Diego Economic Conversion Council • San Francisco Bar Association • San Francisco Baha'i Assembly • San Francisco NOW Education Fund • San Francisco Women's Center - Celebration of Craftswomen • San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women • San Diego State University College of Health & Human Services • Santa Cruz County Women's Commission • Soroptimist Legislative Workshop, Inc. • Sunrise Fine Arts • Suscol Council • Intertribal NGO • The Conscious Business Group • The Global Fund for Women • The Women's Foundation • Unitarian Universalist Service Committee • United Nations Association of San Diego • United Nations Association -USA East Bay Chapter • University of California, Santa Cruz Women's Center • Valley Women's Club of Boulder Creek • Winning Opportunities for Women (WOW), San Diego • WomanCare Health Center • Women's Bureau, US Department of Labor • Women's Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council • Women for Peace - East Bay • Women in Communications, Inc. • Women in Business, San Francisco • Women in International Trade, Northern California • Women of Color Resource Center • Women's American ORT • Women's Economic Agenda Project • Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, East Bay • Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Peninsula • Women's Leadership Institute, Mills College • World Centre, San Francisco • World Institute on Disability • Zonta, International

Coordinating Organization: Women's Intercultural Network (WIN)
Marilyn Fowler, Coordinator

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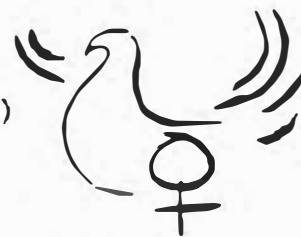
A CALL TO ACTION

The Women's Intercultural Network (WIN)
invites you to the Assembly to create

CAWA

The California Women's Agenda

Bringing the Beijing Platform for Action to the Grassroots of California
Dedicated to: The Girls and Young Women of California



Please join with over 100 California women's organizations in drafting the California Women's Agenda (CAWA), the State plan for implementing the *Platform for Action* endorsed by 189 countries in September 1995 at the Fourth United Nations Conference on Women in Beijing, China. On June 28, 29 and 30, 1996, over a thousand women and girls representing the participating organizations will assemble at San Francisco State University to compile CAWA from local plans being drafted in communities throughout California.

Please copy the enclosed registration form and other information to distribute to members of your organization and colleagues. The advance registration deadline (at a reduced rate) is:
JUNE 10, 1996.

ABOUT THE ASSEMBLY

WHEN June 28, 29, 30, 1996 **WHERE** San Francisco State University

WHAT A working Assembly of women leaders and representatives of California-based grassroots organizations will gather to create and adopt a California-focused action plan to address the twelve platform issues identified at the Beijing Conference.

Platform Issues

- | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| • Poverty | • Peace | • Human Rights |
| • Education & Training | • Economic Justice | • Media |
| • Health | • Power sharing | • Environment |
| • Violence | • Institutional Mechanisms | • Girl-Child |

Cross-cutting Issues

- Racism • Disabled Women • Immigration • Gay & Lesbian Rights • Religion
• Globalization • Indigenous women

WHO Honorary Chairs (Partial List): Sen. Barbara Boxer, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., San Diego Mayor Susan Golding, Hon. Bella Abzug, Dr. Robert Corrigan, Susie Tompkins, Mme. Wen Chi Chow, Hon. Susan Davis and Hon. Pam Slater

CAWA Chair Aileen C. Hernandez

Advisory Council Chair: Lili Li-Luo Lim

Coordinator: Marilyn Fowler

A thousand women and girls gathered at San Francisco State University and 10,000 women and girls linked by video conferencing at other State University campus sites and by Internet Chat Rooms, and Discussion Boards.

HOW Coordinated by the Women's Intercultural Network (WIN), nine coalitions of over 100 women's organizations throughout California are adapting the Beijing Platform for Action to meet their local needs and will channel their action plans to the June 28-30 Assembly at San Francisco State University. Women's Studies Departments at other state university campuses will coordinate simultaneous assemblies and link into the San Francisco deliberations via Internet Chat Rooms and Discussion Boards. Delegates will work all day on June 29 in twelve separate task forces, each addressing a Beijing Platform issue, to integrate the information received from all these sources into the CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S AGENDA (CAWA). The draft agenda will be adopted on June 30 and implemented through the participating organizations. (If you are interested in working with your local CalState campus to hold a simultaneous Assembly, contact Assembly Coordinator Marilyn Fowler.)

FUNDING



The CAWA process and Assembly are being funded by socially responsible corporations, foundations and individuals. A partial list of donors includes:

Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program; Wells Fargo Bank; San Francisco State University; Bass Ticketmaster; Barbary Coast Brewing Company; Konica Business Machines; Loral Corporation; Lotus Printing; Survival Skills Education and Development, Inc.

YOUR personal donations can also help make it possible for women and girls, who do not have the financial resources, to attend and participate in creating CAWA.
 Become a CAWA Sister: "Big Sister" (\$101 and up); "Sister" (\$100); "Little Sister" (under \$100) or make a generous contribution to "scholarship assistance." (See registration form.)

ASSEMBLY AGENDA

JUNE 28-30, 1996

Friday evening, June 28, 1996 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

- San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. will welcome participants and invited political leaders and entertainers. President Bill Clinton and his daughter Chelsea have been invited to keynote this opening session.

Saturday, June 29, 1996 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

- The Hon. Bella Abzug will keynote the Plenary Session that prepares the delegates to convene in working sessions on the critical areas of concern in the *Beijing Platform for Action*.

Saturday, June 29, 1996 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Participants at San Francisco State University will work in 12 separate meeting rooms on the platform issues.
- Women and girls attending concurrent assemblies at other campus sites throughout the state will be linked by Internet Chat Rooms and Discussion Boards.

Saturday, June 29, 1996 5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- Participants will meet in a plenary session to close the work of the task forces.

Saturday, June 29, 1996 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

- CARNIVAL TIME: *Bringing Beijing Back - Taking California Forward*
 Buffet Supper and Entertainment - a Celebration of California Cultures

Sunday, June 30, 1996 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

- Participants will meet in plenary session to discuss the recommendations from each of the task forces and to adopt the overall action plan, the California Women's Agenda.

Sunday, June 30, 1996 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Closing Plenary Session: California Governor Pete Wilson and Donna Shalala, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, have been invited to close the Assembly. As Chair of the President's Interagency Council on Women, Secretary Shalala will launch a National Agenda for Women on September 28 and 29, 1996 in Washington, D.C.

Note:

- Plenary sessions will be linked by Video Conference to other campus sites. Task Forces will get input through the Internet in Chat Rooms or on Discussion Boards. Schedules will be noted on our own Web site, which will be up and running on June 1 at: WWW.WOWWOMEN.COM/WIN/CAWA.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS RECOMMENDED. The site will only accommodate 1200 people.

If registration form is received at the Assembly office by June 10, 1996:

The \$50.00 advance registration fee applies and includes: Assembly materials, Continental Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday morning (8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.), refreshments during breaks, Saturday lunch and a copy of the final published CAWA Platform. The \$75.00 advance registration fee includes all the above, plus the Carnival (Buffet Supper and Entertainment) on Saturday evening.

After June 10, 1996, add \$10.00 per delegate to the fees shown above.

Non-delegates may attend the Carnival at \$35 per person. Reservations are required.

Return your completed registration form (a separate one for each person), along with your check or money order, to the address shown on the form. You will be sent confirmation of your reservation, if your form is received by June 14. After that date, reservation status can be confirmed by phone or on site on June 28. (Please keep a copy of your registration form for yourself.)

REFUNDS/CANCELLATIONS: No refunds will be made after June 20.



GENERAL INFORMATION

HOUSING

A limited number of rooms and apartments are available at the SFSU Seven Hills Conference and Guest Center on campus, on a first-come, first-served basis. Most of the rooms are double occupancy (\$35 per night per person); a few are single occupancy (\$70 per night); the minimum stay is two (2) nights. A first night's deposit for each occupant is required with your reservation.

You will be notified immediately if rooms are no longer available when your reservation is received, and a list of SFSU-recommended hotels or motels near the campus or at the airport will be sent to you.

A limited number of "homestays" are available in the Bay Area (see registration form). If you are in the Bay Area and are willing to host a guest, please call the WIN office at (415) 221-4841.

PARKING/TRANSIT/AIR TRAVEL

- Parking is free on all SFSU lots on weekends, and on Fridays after 5:00 p.m.
- Muni Bus Line #28 and Muni Metro "M" Line serve the campus directly. A Muni schedule and campus map will be sent to you on receipt of your registration.
- Southwest Airlines, in cooperation with *Cardiff By the Sea Travel*, is offering CAWA participants a very special discount on restricted and unrestricted fares. Reservations must be made through Cynthia Morris at *Cardiff by the Sea Travel* (1-800-435-1172). Call no later than June 21, 1996 and refer to Identifier Code #P4246.

CHILD CARE is available for those who need it. Reservations must be made by June 21, 1996.

DISABLED SERVICES: SFSU facilities are accessible to the disabled. Signing interpretation will be available for registered participants, if requested by June 14.

VIDEO ARCHIVES: Lynda Burton is coordinating a Video Archive for us. Please send a non-returnable, complimentary copy of your video to the WIN office by June 10, along with a 1/2 page description of the video content; include ordering information and cost. A catalogue of the videos will be prepared for distribution at the Assembly and beyond.



JOIN IN THE CARNIVAL FUN!

Remember the tents in Huairou!
We invite you to participate in our "BIG TENT PARTY"
on Saturday evening!

**Help rekindle the spirit of Huairou for those who went to China
and share the joy with those who were not able to be there!**

**BRING YOUR BANNERS AND POSTERS TO HANG IN THE
CALIFORNIA TENT AT SFSU, AS WE HUNG OUR STATEMENTS
AND ART IN HUAIROU!**



**Bring your musical instruments,
your dances, your songs and join with us to:
Bring Beijing Back and
Take California Forward!**



**After working all day in task forces to write our action platform,
we will help the CAWA Bird take flight in a joyous celebration
at the Saturday night CARNIVAL!**

**To celebrate CAWA, GIZ (GIRLS INTERNATIONAL ZINE)
is planning an evening of entertainment from Bay Area
young women's performing arts groups
(Rebecca Riots, Taiko Drummers from San Jose
and lots of BIG Surprises)!**



CAWA -California Women's Agenda

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Platform Committee

Rita Maran, Chair

CAWA Task Forces to convene on the 12 Platform issues below taken from the Beijing Declaration (original titles in parentheses)*

Poverty Ethel Long-Scott Convenor	Education & Training Deirdre Araujo Edna Mitchell Co-Convenors	Health Roma Guy Somo Aibe Co-Convenors	Violence Nina Jo Smith Esta Soler Co-Convenors	Peace & Conflict Resolution (Armed Conflict) WILPF** N. Sharifah Ihsan, Co-Convenors	Economic Justice (Economy) Sonia Melara Renee Williams, Co-Convenors
Power-sharing (Decision-making) Patti Chang Convenor	Institutional Mechanisms Sue Carrell Convenor	Human Rights Rita Semel Julianne Traylor Co-Convenors	Media Dee Aker Helen Tao Co-Convenors	Environment Claire Greensfelder Convenor	The Girl-child Charleen Maghzi Tam Stevenson Co-Convenors

joined by CAWA Task Forces from the following regional coalitions with their co-ordinators

Sacramento/ Tahoe Del Laine	Peninsula Judy Kramer & Larissa Keet	Sanoma County Sue Carrell	Santa Cruz Shella DeLany Erin Ramsden	Stockton Bernice Turoff Anne Baird	San Diego Li-rong Lilly Cheng	Bay Area Marilyn Fowler	Marin County Annette Small	Los Angeles Jane Bayes
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*and representatives from more than 85 California Women's organizations***at a working Assembly hosted by*

San Francisco State University - June 28, 29, 30, 1996

The Assembly's mission: to draft a CAWA Platform for Action (bringing the Beijing Platform to the Grassroots of California) and to charge regional coalitions and local organizations with the Platform's implementation, and/or strategy for implementation, statewide.

*based in San Francisco

**Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

***some with State affiliates

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SAN FRANCISCO



WILLIE LEWIS BROWN, JR.

March 6, 1996

Marilyn Fowler
California Women's Agenda
c/o Women's Intercultural Network
1950 Hayes Street, Suite Two
San Francisco, CA 94117

Dear Marilyn:

Thank you for writing my office to discuss the California Women's Agenda. I am pleased that our fine city will be the host for this event.

Furthermore, I consider the goals of the Beijing Platform for Action central to the city of San Francisco and the State of California. We must work together to make a better community. The Agenda's conference is vital to developing a plan in accordance thereof.

To that end, I am pleased to accept your offer to be an Honorary Chair of the California Women's Agenda. I am looking forward to our working together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Willie L. Brown, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Mayor

OFFICE OF SCHEDULING FOR THE FIRST LADY

DATE _____

ORGANIZATION/ EVENT	The California Women's Agenda
DATE	June 28
LOCATION	
EVENT DESCRIPTION	Conference
STATUS	ACCEPT _____ REGRET _____ PENDING _____ VIDEO _____ LETTER _____
CONTACT	 Marilyn Fowler 415-221-4841
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 18, 1996

Marilyn Fowler
Women's Intercultural Network
1950 Hayes #2
San Francisco, CA 94117

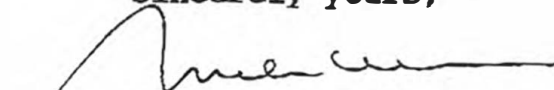
Dear Ms. Fowler,

Thank you for your kind invitation to the First Lady and her daughter to attend the Assembly of the California Women's Agenda in June. I regret that they will be unable to attend due to schedule conflicts.

Mrs. Clinton would be happy to provide a video message for the conference. If you are interested, please contact my office and we will make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you again for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

cc: Theresa Loar, President's Interagency
Council on Women

February 15, 1996

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Chelsea Clinton
The White House
1600 Independence Avenue
Washington, D.C.

RE: Assembly for the California Women's Agenda

Dear Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea:

On behalf of the leaders and constituents of the major California-based women's associations who are participating in the implementation of the Beijing Platform, it is our sincere pleasure to invite you to serve as Honorary Chairs of *The California Women's Agenda*, a working assembly of women who will come together June 28, 29, 30, 1996 in the Bay Area to create a California Platform for Action that will be implemented throughout California, and we especially invite you, together, to keynote our opening on Friday evening, June 28.

We are expecting San Francisco State University to host the weekend Assembly in late June and to convene *The California Agenda* on their campus. President Robert Corrigan has indicated his enthusiasm to have you return to the SFSU campus. A hosted dinner will be held in your honor prior to the 7:00 p.m. Keynote.

Our focus for *The California Women's Agenda* is girls ... the future leaders of our state. Therefore, we ask you to talk about your visions for the future of the young women of America and the linkages between the generations.

Over fifty organizations are already involved in Northern California, including San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma Counties, the Peninsula and East Bay, and coalitions are forming in Los Angeles, San Diego and Central California. There are women in every hamlet in the state meeting in groups of all sizes to discuss bringing the spirit and power of Beijing to our backyards. The working Assembly in San Francisco will be linked by Internet, teleconference and Narrowcast to an estimated 10,000 women and girls throughout California.

The California Agenda effort is being coordinated by The Women's Intercultural Network (WIN), a non-profit organization based in San Francisco, that links women across cultures globally and in U.S. communities. WIN coordinated the UNSO conference in San Francisco in June, 1995, "Women and the UN: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".

Attached is a summary of our vision and a current list of California organizations participating to date. We look forward to your participation as we bring women of California together from all sectors, cultures, ages and classes to make our state a more equitable place for all Californians.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Fowler
President/CEO WIN
Coordinator, California Women's
Agenda

Aileen C. Hernandez
Chair, California Women's
Agenda

Lili Li-Luo Lim
Chair, Advisory Council
California Women's
Agenda

cc: Sen. Barbara Boxer
Sen. Dianne Feinstein
Rep. Nancy Pelosi

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THE CALIFORNIA AGENDA: BRINGING THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION TO THE GRASSROOTS

Dedicated to: The Girls and Young Women of California

WHAT A working assembly of California women coming together at the grassroots to implement the *Beijing Platform for Action*.

Platform Issues:

- Economic Justice & Poverty
- Power Sharing, Political Action & Institutions
- Access to Education
- Environmental Sustainability
- Mass Media & Communications
- Girl/Child
- Health
- Violence Against Women
- Peace
- Human Rights

Cross-Cutting Issues:

- Racism • Immigration • Sexism • Disabled Women
- Gay & Lesbian Rights • Religion • Globalization

WHY To develop a *California Agenda* for women with issues from the 4th World Conference on Women, Beijing, and implement them at all levels in California.

- GOALS:**
- To bring women of California together from all sectors, ages, cultures and classes to implement the *California Agenda* - a platform for action.
 - To involve the future women leaders of California...girls and young women... in the planning of the Assembly and the creation of the *California Agenda*.
 - To develop strategies for implementation of state and local action agendas.
 - To educate public officials, the media, business leaders, decision makers, etc. about resolving women's concerns, which affect all people of California.
 - To identify and get commitments from various resources for the implementation.

WHO California women representing the spectrum of issues as voiced in the Beijing Platform, including women who did not attend the Beijing conferences and organizations already addressing these issues through local and regional meetings being held in California. Over 50 women's organizations are already working together in Northern California and are linking with working coalitions in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas.

HOW Coalitions of women's organizations networking throughout California, will be coordinated by the Women's Intercultural Network, San Francisco, and funded by socially responsible corporations, foundations and individuals.

The Beijing Platform will be translated into working language and circulated to women's organizations throughout California, vis-a-vis the coalitions for review and adaptation to their local needs. Their Platforms of Action will be incorporated into a *California Agenda* at the June Assembly in San Francisco.

Marketing will be coordinated by the Women in Communications, Inc, San Francisco and Chavez & Associates, San Diego.

WHEN June 28, 29, 30, 1996

WHERE San Francisco State University

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday evening, June 28, 1996, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

- Assembly opens with Keynote to 1000 to 1200 San Francisco attendees.
~~Also participating will be Honorary Chairs and other California dignitaries.~~
- The program will be Narrowcast on Closed Circuit TV or Satellite to selected campus sites throughout California to an estimated 10,000 girls and women.

Saturday, June 29, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

- Plenary Session for 1000-1200 representatives in San Francisco to be Narrowcast to outstate campus Assemblies.

10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Participants will work in 15-20 separate rooms on the platform issues.
- Women and girls attending concurrent assemblies at campuses throughout the state will be linked by Internet Chat Rooms and Discussion Boards.

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

- Participants will meet at a Plenary Session for reports on the Platform Issues and Narrowcast to outstate campuses.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Buffet Supper and Entertainment

Sunday, June 30, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- Participants will meet again in breakout rooms in regional groups.
- These sessions will be linked to campus sites in corresponding regions by the Internet.
- Coffee and pastries will be served.

12:00 noon - 1:00 pm.

- Closing Plenary Session followed by Lunch.
- All Plenary sessions will be linked by Closed Circuit TV, Narrowcast and/or the Internet to outstate campus sites.

TECHNICAL AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION:

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 28, 29, 30, 1996

- Four Plenary Sessions for 1000-1200
Closed circuit Narrowcast or Satellite to 10 to 15 selected campus sites in California.

Saturday, June 29, 1996, 10:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

- Breakout Rooms: 15-16 rooms for 50 to 150 participants in San Francisco will be linked to concurrent meetings at 10 to 15 outstate campus sites on Internet lines.

Sunday, June 30, 1996, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- Breakout Rooms: 8 to 10 rooms for 100-150 participants in San Francisco will be linked to Regional groups at corresponding outstate campus sites on Internet lines.

THE CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S AGENDA

Bringing the Beijing Platform to the Grassroots of California

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Coordinating Organization: Women's Intercultural Network (WIN)

**CAWA****The California Women's Agenda***a working Assembly to bring the Beijing Platform for Action* to the grassroots of California***TELFAX TRANSMISSION**

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NOTES: Dear Leslie, Attached is further information about CAWA Assembly: Registration materials with the format, an Op Ed article for the San Francisco Chronicle that gives a sense of the Assembly and our organizing process which has been to reach across the State to women at every level of grassroots, business, religious, academic and media organizations - across cultures, age, life style, and economic means. The list of participating associations reflect that also. The press release may help, though it is a bit outdated. We had also invited President Clinton and Sec. Donna Shalala, neither of whom can attend.

Attending will be women representing the over 100 organizations who are bringing with them girls and women who don't have the resources to come... teens, low-income, disabled, immigrant farm workers. Our goal is to give women of California a voice in developing the California Women's Agenda from the Beijing Platform for Action. Hopefully this groundswell will move across America to give the women of the U.S. a voice in their future.

Thanks for your help in making it possible for Mrs. Clinton to share in this effort. Again, we want to invite Chelsea to be a part of the video if possible as we will have many girls and young women with us. We anticipate showing the video around the State following the weekend Assembly. Thank you.

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And the Thunder Rolls: California's Women's Agenda
Dee Aker
Opinion -San Francisco Chronicle

Thunder rumbles in the distance before rain arrives. Somewhere a great gathering of natural forces takes place to generate it. So it was in September of 1995 in Beijing and Huairou when 40,000 individuals came together intentionally to look at the world from another perspective - that of women. Note, it was not a single woman's point of view, but those of many women that agitated the business-as-usual atmosphere from China to good old boys regimes everywhere.

Included were the voices and vision of laborers, refugees, octogenarians, businesswomen, women who had been sold into sexual slavery, political leaders, lawyers, teachers, mothers with babies in their arms, indigenous women whose lands had been subsumed and whose wisdoms were being discarded by the corporate global market, scientists, women dying of nuclear fallout encounters, farmers and young women - bright, articulate, diverse young women from every region of the world.

The UN Fourth World Conference on Women combined with the "Look at the World Through Women's Eyes" NGO Forum was more than a colorful, historic global gathering near the end of another violent, male dominated century. It was a confluence of concern and action that rattled heaven and earth.

Reverberations will be heard here at The California Women's Agenda Assembly (CAWA), June 28-30 on the San Francisco State University campus. This working assembly of representatives of over 100 California women's organizations is the first US statewide effort to interpret the Beijing Platform for Action in terms of local needs and actions for a state women's platform. Grassroots organization and implementation is taking place around the globe to produce the showers needed to save this desiccating planet, however.

How? It isn't easy. The familiar G 7 (or 8 or 9), basically guys in corporate tailoring, power-from-on-high, approach this is not. Listening

to all the voices who have alternative priorities (sustainable development; future generations' viability; religious tolerance; human rights inclusive of women, children and men regardless of ethnicity, clan or tribe), or hearing those who live with the consequences of the industrial power quest (sudden mass unemployment of women; communities where 75% of pregnant women have serious health problems due to environmental degradation; girls as young as eight being sold for factory or brothel labor), is just not the conventional *modus operandi*.

Plus, it means confronting a desert of nothing less than thousands of years of women having had responsibility without power while too many men had power without responsibility.

By simply coming together and articulating the global crises faced daily on local and international levels, women went beyond their official, limited, age-old charge to keep families functioning, surviving, and together, in spite of wars, famine and chattel status. They lifted their heads up to see what chaos was abroad in all the lands and undertook to work for change in a new way. It started with five years of local and regional meetings of women from every station in life. They articulated 12 areas of concern that women must address. A Platform for Action was diplomatically wrangled amid dust storms of the male determined priorities and alliances such as that of the Vatican and Islamic Fundamentalists. In the end, a basic agreement on guidelines to achieve more just and balanced civilizations was signed by 189 nations.

The Platform derives its power from locally informed and active citizens. The critical areas of poverty, education, health, violence armed conflicts, economic disparity, power-sharing, institutional development, human rights, mass media, environment and the improved treatment of the girl child can only be addressed by an involved public. History and global studies confirm that media and governmental bodies do not prioritize balanced information distribution. Local, national and international bodies of women and men are charged, therefore, to work together to bring marginalized voices and alternative solutions to the fore.

Marilyn Fowler, President of the Women's Intercultural Network (WIN) and organizer of CAWA notes two additional outcomes sought by this assembly: inclusion of girls and young women in all considerations and an agenda that can be presented to the state legislature and political conventions this summer. The exchanges among representatives of Center for Community Solutions in San Diego, Wages for Housework in Los

Angeles, Black Women Stirring the Waters from San Francisco, and the Suscol Indian Council will help formulate action plans that can be supported by all the organizations, great and small, according to Fowler.

Voices from around the state will determine the platform. As Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, a member of MANA, San Diego explains, "In as much as Latinos represent a growing 20 % of California's population, it has been too long that Latinas have been silent and our voices not listened to. It is important that we be seen and heard as strong partners." Larita Davis of the Women's Economic Agenda Project (a women's leadership project for women who do not normally have access to development training) in Oakland, will bring the perspective of those "AFDC women who must fit the rules that come down, but who have no voice to explain what they must face without education, language skills, and child care, but facing the demand they just get off welfare in two years."

Jene McCovey, President of the Humbolt Access Project and a member of the Yurok tribe makes it quite clear why her community voices will and must be heard. "Compelling environmental abuse (pesticides and uranium dumping) and unemployment (80% unemployment) of the indigenous peoples prejudice my comments to focus on all indigenous people, not just women. The bottom line is that voices of the indigenous people need to be heard and consulted because of their ties to the earth, to their ancestors and their descendants which may be the source for all people to survive." Aileen Hernandez, Chair of CAWA, sums up the goal, "When we are finished we will be a great force to be reckoned with - thousands of California women, well organized and working together for equality, development and peace."

Over the last five months groups meeting throughout California have gathered the local perspectives and responses. A draft agenda for June 28's working assembly was formed. From the work of immigration lawyers seeing the challenges of women abused at the border to the on-going work of the Association of American University women on educational needs, plumbing the communities is the source and resource for getting this thunder to roll and the rains to come down. END

Dee Aker, Ph.D., anthropologist, journalist and documentarian recording the role of women in leadership and reconstruction of Uganda, is co-convenor of the Media Task Force for the California Women's Agenda.

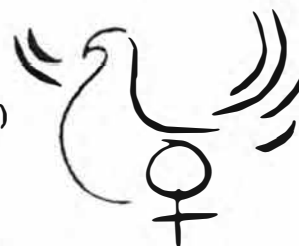
A CALL TO ACTION

The Women's Intercultural Network (WIN)
invites you to the Assembly to create

CAWA

The California Women's Agenda

Bringing the Beijing Platform for Action to the Grassroots of California
Dedicated to: The Girls and Young Women of California



Please join with over 100 California women's organizations in drafting the **California Women's Agenda (CAWA)**, the State plan for implementing the **Platform for Action** endorsed by 189 countries in September 1995 at the Fourth United Nations Conference on Women in Beijing, China. On June 28, 29 and 30, 1996, over a thousand women and girls representing the participating organizations will assemble at San Francisco State University to compile CAWA from local plans being drafted in communities throughout California.

Please copy the enclosed registration form and other information to distribute to members of your organization and colleagues. The advance registration deadline (at a reduced rate) is:
JUNE 10, 1996.

ABOUT THE ASSEMBLY

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| WHEN | June 28, 29, 30, 1996 | WHERE | San Francisco State University |
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- WHAT** A working Assembly of women leaders and representatives of California-based grassroots organizations will gather to create and adopt a California-focused action plan to address the twelve platform issues identified at the Beijing Conference.
- Platform Issues**
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| • Poverty | • Peace | • Human Rights |
| • Education & Training | • Economic Justice | • Media |
| • Health | • Power sharing | • Environment |
| • Violence | • Institutional Mechanisms | • Girl-Child |
- Cross-cutting Issues**
- Racism • Disabled Women • Immigration • Gay & Lesbian Rights • Religion
• Globalization • Indigenous women
- WHO** **Honorary Chairs (Partial List):** Sen. Barbara Boxer, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., San Diego Mayor Susan Golding, Hon. Bella Abzug, Dr. Robert Corrigan, Susie Tompkins, Mme. Wen Chi Chow, Hon. Susan Davis and Hon. Pam Slater
- CAWA Chair: Aileen C. Hernandez Advisory Council Chair: Lili Li-Luo Lim Coordinator: Marilyn Fowler
- A thousand women and girls gathered at San Francisco State University and 10,000 women and girls linked by video conferencing at other State University campus sites and by Internet Chat Rooms, and Discussion Boards.
- HOW** Coordinated by the Women's Intercultural Network (WIN), nine coalitions of over 100 women's organizations throughout California are adapting the Beijing Platform for Action to meet their local needs and will channel their action plans to the June 28-30 Assembly at San Francisco State University. Women's Studies Departments at other state university campuses will coordinate simultaneous assemblies and link into the San Francisco deliberations via Internet Chat Rooms and Discussion Boards. Delegates will work all day on June 29 in twelve separate task forces, each addressing a Beijing Platform issue, to integrate the information received from all these sources into the CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S AGENDA (CAWA). The draft agenda will be adopted on June 30 and implemented through the participating organizations. (If you are interested in working with your local CalState campus to hold a simultaneous Assembly, contact Assembly Coordinator Marilyn Fowler.)

FUNDING



The CAWA process and Assembly are being funded by socially responsible corporations, foundations and individuals. A partial list of donors includes:

Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program; Wells Fargo Bank; San Francisco State University; Bass Ticketmaster; Barbary Coast Brewing Company; Konica Business Machines; Loral Corporation; Lotus Printing; Survival Skills Education and Development, Inc.

YOUR personal donations can also help make it possible for women and girls, who do not have the financial resources, to attend and participate in creating CAWA.
 Become a CAWA Sister: "Big Sister" (\$101 and up); "Sister" (\$100); "Little Sister" (under \$100) or make a generous contribution to "scholarship assistance." (See registration form.)

ASSEMBLY AGENDA

JUNE 28-30, 1996

Friday evening, June 28, 1996 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

- San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. will welcome participants and invited political leaders and entertainers. President Bill Clinton and his daughter Chelsea have been invited to keynote this opening session.

Saturday, June 29, 1996 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

- The Hon. Bella Abzug will keynote the Plenary Session that prepares the delegates to convene in working sessions on the critical areas of concern in the *Beijing Platform for Action*.

Saturday, June 29, 1996 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Participants at San Francisco State University will work in 12 separate meeting rooms on the platform issues.
- Women and girls attending concurrent assemblies at other campus sites throughout the state will be linked by Internet Chat Rooms and Discussion Boards.

Saturday, June 29, 1996 5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- Participants will meet in a plenary session to close the work of the task forces.

Saturday, June 29, 1996 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

- **CARNIVAL TIME: *Bringing Beijing Back - Taking California Forward***
 Buffet Supper and Entertainment - a Celebration of California Cultures

Sunday, June 30, 1996 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

- Participants will meet in plenary session to discuss the recommendations from each of the task forces and to adopt the overall action plan, the *California Women's Agenda*.

Sunday, June 30, 1996 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Closing Plenary Session: California Governor Pete Wilson and Donna Shalala, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, have been invited to close the Assembly. As Chair of the President's Interagency Council on Women, Secretary Shalala will launch a National Agenda for Women on September 28 and 29, 1996 in Washington, D.C.

Note:

- Plenary sessions will be linked by Video Conference to other campus sites. Task Forces will get input through the Internet in Chat Rooms or on Discussion Boards. Schedules will be noted on our own Web site, which will be up and running on June 1 at: WWW.WOWWOMEN.COM/WIN/CAWA

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS RECOMMENDED. The site will only accommodate 1200 people.

If registration form is received at the Assembly office by June 10, 1996:

The \$50.00 advance registration fee applies and includes: Assembly materials, Continental Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday morning (8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.), refreshments during breaks, Saturday lunch and a copy of the final published CAWA Platform. The \$75.00 advance registration fee includes all the above, plus the Carnival (Buffet Supper and Entertainment) on Saturday evening.

After June 10, 1996, add \$10.00 per delegate to the fees shown above.

Non-delegates may attend the Carnival at \$35 per person. Reservations are required.

Return your completed registration form (a separate one for each person), along with your check or money order, to the address shown on the form. You will be sent confirmation of your reservation. If your form is received by June 14. After that date, reservation status can be confirmed by phone or by site on June 28. (Please keep a copy of your registration form for yourself.)

REFUNDS/CANCELLATIONS: No refunds will be made after June 20.



GENERAL INFORMATION

HOUSING

A limited number of rooms and apartments are available at the SFSU Seven Hills Conference and Guest Center on campus, on a first-come, first-served basis. Most of the rooms are double occupancy (\$35 per night per person); a few are single occupancy (\$70 per night); the minimum stay is two (2) nights. A first night's deposit for each occupant is required with your reservation.

You will be notified immediately if rooms are no longer available when your reservation is received, and a list of SFSU-recommended hotels or motels near the campus or at the airport will be sent to you.

A limited number of "homestays" are available in the Bay Area (see registration form). If you are in the Bay Area and are willing to host a guest, please call the WIN office at (415) 221-4841.

PARKING/TRANSIT/AIR TRAVEL

- Parking is free on all SFSU lots on weekends, and on Fridays after 5:00 p.m.
- Muni Bus Line #28 and Muni Metro "M" Line serve the campus directly. A Muni schedule and campus map will be sent to you on receipt of your registration.
- Southwest Airlines, in cooperation with *Cardiff By the Sea Travel*, is offering CAWA participants a very special discount on restricted and unrestricted fares. Reservations must be made through Cynthia Morris at *Cardiff by the Sea Travel* (1-800-435-1172). Call no later than June 21, 1996 and refer to Identifier Code #P4246.

CHILD CARE is available for those who need it. Reservations must be made by June 21, 1996.

DISABLED SERVICES: SFSU facilities are accessible to the disabled. Signing interpretation will be available for registered participants, if requested by June 14.

VIDEO ARCHIVES: Lynda Burton is coordinating a Video Archive for us. Please send a non-returnable, complimentary copy of your video to the WIN office by June 10, along with a 1/2 page description of the video content; include ordering information and cost. A catalogue of the videos will be prepared for distribution at the Assembly and beyond.



JOIN IN THE CARNIVAL FUN!

Remember the tents in Huairou!
We invite you to participate in our "BIG TENT PARTY"
on Saturday evening!

Help rekindle the spirit of Huairou for those who went to China
and share the joy with those who were not able to be there!

BRING YOUR BANNERS AND POSTERS TO HANG IN THE
CALIFORNIA TENT AT SFSU, AS WE HUNG OUR STATEMENTS
AND ART IN HUAIROU!



Bring your musical instruments,
your dances, your songs and join with us to:
Bring Beijing Back and
Take California Forward!



After working all day in task forces to write our action platform,
we will help the CAWA Bird take flight in a joyous celebration
at the Saturday night CARNIVAL!

To celebrate CAWA, GIZ (GIRLS INTERNATIONAL ZINE)
is planning an evening of entertainment from Bay Area
young women's performing arts groups
(Rebecca Riots, Taiko Drummers from San Jose
and lots of BIG Surprises)!

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**California Grassroots Women Organize State-Wide and Cyber-Wide
to Implement Beijing Platform for Action**

San Francisco — More than 1,000 women will convene at San Francisco State University June 28-30 to draft the California Women's Agenda (CAWA) — a plan to implement the Beijing Platform for Action adopted in September 1995 by 189 countries at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women held in China.

Delegates from more than 100 California grassroots organizations will work in separate task forces to address 12 critical areas identified in Beijing as main obstacles to women's advancement worldwide and will tailor strategies that meet the needs of Californians. The areas are: poverty, education and training, health, violence, peace and conflict resolution, economic justice, power-sharing, institutional mechanisms, human rights, media, environment, and girl-child.

"This assembly is unprecedented in the history of the state," said CAWA chair Aileen C. Hernandez, "because it brings together women and girls from all cultural backgrounds and economic classes to set in motion an action plan that will make the future brighter for them and their families. They have been working together on-the-ground and on-the-Internet. This is the beginning of a global strategy for enhancing the ability of women to contribute fully to our society."

Video conference and the Internet will link the assembly sessions to other campuses of the California State University system, expanding involvement in the drafting process to an estimated 10,000 participants. This convergence of high-tech and low-tech means to organize for action is a model that is being replicated nation-wide.

The assembly will open June 28 with a welcome by San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr. (invited), followed by a keynote address by President Bill Clinton, who has been invited along with his daughter Chelsea. Former Congresswoman Bella Abzug will keynote the June 29 session. Secretary of Health and Human Services and Chair of the President's Interagency Council of Women Donna Shalala has been invited to speak at the closing session, June 30 as the assembly adjourns and participants return to their communities to implement California Women's Agenda.

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On June 29 each delegate will work in a separate task force on one of the 12 planks from the Beijing Platform for Action. The next day task forces will report on their deliberations and delegates will ratify a comprehensive plan of action, the CAWA.

World conferences on women took place in Mexico City (1975), Copenhagen (1980), Nairobi (1985) and Beijing (1995). Over the decades, meetings of nongovernmental organizations (NGO Forums) have had significant impact on the debates and actions taken at the official conferences, as well as on the progress made towards achieving equality between men and women. The unanimous adoption of Beijing Platform for Action was the culmination of two decades of international discussions.

To remove the main obstacles to women's advancement, specific strategic objectives and action steps were identified to be implemented during the next five years by governments, the international community, NGOs and the private sector. California is the first state in the United States to mobilize California grassroots organizations and individuals statewide to write local action plans from the Beijing Platform and combine them as a state-wide agenda.

Chair of the Advisory Council to CAWA is Lili Li-Luo Lim, president, World Centre — San Francisco, and CAWA Coordinator is Marilyn Fowler, president and CEO of the Women's Intercultural Network (WIN), which links women globally and locally across cultures.

A partial list of the honorary chairs of the assembly includes: U.S. Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein; Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.; San Diego Mayor Susan Golding; San Francisco State University President Robert Corrigan; Mme. Wen Chi Chow, president of Global Federation of Chinese Business Women; Hon. Bella Abzug, head of Women's Environment and Development Organization; and Esprit Corp. CEO Susie Tompkins. A Legislators Council of elected California officials who support the Platform for Action is in formation.

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ON IMPLEMENTATION OF BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION;
San Francisco State University Hosts First Statewide Assembly

BODY:

More than a thousand women will convene at San Francisco State University June 28-30, 1996 to draft the California Women's Agenda (CAWA), a plan for implementing the "Beijing Platform for Action," unanimously adopted in September 1995 by 189 countries at the United Nation's Fourth World Conference on Women held in China. Delegates, representing more than 100 grassroots organizations in California, will work in twelve separate task forces to address the critical areas of concern identified in Beijing as main obstacles to women's advancement worldwide and will tailor strategies that meet the needs of Californians.

Assembly sessions will also be linked by Video Conference and the Internet to other campuses of the State University system, expanding involvement in the drafting process to an estimated 10,000 participants.

"This Assembly is unprecedented in the history of the state," declared Aileen C. Hernandez, Chair of the California Women's Agenda, "because it brings together women and girls from all cultural backgrounds and economic classes to set in motion an action plan that will make the future brighter for them and their families. This is the beginning of a global strategy for enhancing the ability of women to contribute fully to our society."

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28

The Assembly will open Friday evening, June 28 with a welcome by San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. and a keynote address by President Bill Clinton, who has been invited, along with his daughter Chelsea and other dignitaries.

Former Congresswoman Bella Abzug will keynote the Saturday, June 29th session. Each delegate will work Saturday in a task force on one of the twelve "planks" from the Beijing Platform for Action: (Poverty, Education & Training, Health, Violence, Peace and Conflict Resolution, Economic Justice, Power-Sharing, Institutional Mechanisms, Human Rights, Media, Environment, and the Girl-Child).

On Sunday morning, task forces will report on their deliberations and

delegates will ratify a comprehensive plan of action, the California Women's Agenda (CAWA). Secretary of Health and Human Services and Chair of the President's Interagency Council on Women, Donna Shalala, has been invited to speak at the closing session, noon, Sunday, June 30 as the Assembly adjourns and participants return to their local communities to implement CAWA.

World conferences on women were held in Mexico City (1975), Copenhagen (1980), Nairobi (1985) and Beijing (1995). Over the decades, meetings of Nongovernmental Organizations (NGO Forums) have had significant impact on the debates and actions taken at the official conferences and on the progress made towards achieving equality between men and women. The unanimous adoption in Beijing of the Platform for Action was the culmination of two decades of international discussions. Specific strategic objectives and action steps were identified -- to be implemented over the next five years by governments, the international community, nongovernmental organizations and the private sector -- to remove the main obstacles to women's advancement. The California Women's Agenda is mobilizing California grassroots organizations and individuals to initiate local action plans and combine them as a state agenda.

Chair of the Advisory Council to CAWA is Lili Li-Luo Lim, President, World Centre - San Francisco, and CAWA Coordinator is Marilyn Fowler, President and CEO of the Women's Intercultural Network (WIN), which links women, globally and locally, across cultures.

A partial list of the Honorary Chairs of the Assembly includes: United States Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein; Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi; Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.; Mayor Susan Golding, San Diego; San Francisco State University President Robert Corrigan; Mme. Wen Chi Chow, President, Global Federation of Chinese Business Women; former Congresswoman Bella Abzug, who heads the Women's Environment and Development Organization, and Susie Tompkins, Chief Executive Officer of Esprit Corporation. A Legislators Council of elected officials who support the Platform for Action is in formation.

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