

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

BOARD AGENDA # \*A-7

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE January 30, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF LYNDA RODRIQUEZ TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST COMMISSION**

STAFF  
RECOMMEN-  
DATIONS:

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LYNDA RODRIQUEZ TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST COMMISSION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF ALIS SOLIS WHICH ENDS ON AUGUST 31, 2002

FISCAL  
IMPACT: None.

BOARD ACTION

No. 2001-59

On motion of Supervisor Simon, Seconded by Supervisor Blom,  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

Motion:

*Christine Ferraro*

File No.

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**DISCUSSION:** The Children and Families First Commission is a new local government entity that was established by the voters through passage of Proposition 10 in November 1998. The law provides for the Board to make appointment to the Commission. Five of these are permanent by virtue of their position as outlined in the law and four are public members that serve terms.

Lynda Rodriguez will be representing District 3 since that district has no representation at this time.

Attached is a brief report on the Commission membership, its current make up, other applicants and a description of the efforts taken to obtain the maximum number of applicants.

**POLICY**

**ISSUE:**

The person recommended meets all requirements of the law and is consistent with the Board's desire to have geographic representation as well.

**STAFFING**

**IMPACT:**

None



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January 18, 2001

TO: Christine Ferraro-Tallman

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Children and Families First Commission



SUBJECT: **APPOINTMENT TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST COMMISSION**

On December 8, 1998, the Board of Supervisors implemented the provisions of Proposition 10, (known as the California Children and Families First Act of 1998), by adopting an urgency ordinance which established the Stanislaus County Children and Families First Commission. The Commission is to have no more than nine (9) members, the maximum allowed by the proposition. On December 8, 1998, the Board appointed the first five (5) permanent positions. They were:

Board of Supervisors – Pat Paul  
District One

Community Service Agency Director – Jeff Jue

Health Services Agency Director – Bev Finley

Director of Mental Health – Larry Poaster, PhD  
(Now Behavioral Health & Recovery Services)

County Health Officer – John Walker, M.D.

Through the spring/summer 1999, applications were solicited for the four (4) remaining positions. After receiving and reviewing some twenty-six applications, the following committee members were appointed:

District One – Alice Solis

(term through 8/31/02) Resident of Oakdale, Parent of one child. Employee of the Modesto City Schools, Teaching credential in social studies. Coordinator of the Airport Neighbors United Project in Modesto.

District Two – Sallie Perez

(term through 8/31/01) Resident of Turlock, Parent of four daughters. Employee of the Turlock Unified School District. Past employee of Public Health in family planning, women's health care, health education with youth and pre-natal education. Past president of the Hispanic Leadership Council. Coordinator of the Wakefield Elementary School Healthy Start.

District Four – Beatrice Acosta

(term through 8/31/03) Resident of Modesto. Currently raising a three year old grand-child. Part-time employee of the Patterson Unified School District. Founding member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and American GI Forum of Modesto Community Outreach Worker for the Grayson Elementary School Healthy Start.

District Five – Nathaniel Green

(term through 8/31/02) Parent of four children. Resident of Ceres. Pastor of Christ Unity Baptist Church in Modesto. Member of the Greater Modesto Ministerial Alliance, West Modesto Afro-American Ministerial Alliance and the NAACP. He works as a Family Group conference Coordinator for the Stanislaus Multi-Cultural Community Health Coalition.

Effective October 1, 2000, Alis Solis resigned her position, creating a vacancy in an unexpired term of ending August 31, 2002. Since that time, 200 applications have been distributed throughout Stanislaus County, and announcements have been sent to all the local newspapers.

The "Committee Fact Sheet" revised 8/8/2000 and published through your office, indicates that the remaining four (4) members of the commission shall be either:

- ❖ A recipient of program services
- ❖ An educator specializing in early childhood development
- ❖ A representative of the local childcare resource and referral agency or local child care coordinating group

- ❖ A representative of a local organization for prevention or early intervention for families at risk
- ❖ A representative from a community-based organization that has a goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood development
- ❖ A representative of a local school district; or
- ❖ A representative of local medical; pediatric or obstetric association or society

To date the following applications have been received:

Aspasia Christy – District Two

Resident of Turlock. Has taught First Grade for 15 Years in Turlock. Has worked as a case manager and job developer for the Center for Senior Employment in Modesto. Is an advocate for children and adults with disabilities.

Herlinda Gonzalez – District Five

Resident of Patterson. Has worked 28 years for the Patterson Unified School District as a Community Aide. Member of the CRLA Board of Directors and Westside Chair of the Salvation Army.

Norma Munoz – District Five

Resident of Patterson. Member of the Area Agency on Aging. Volunteered with the Westside Community Alliance and the Youth Group of her Church.

Esther Rosario – District One

Resident of Riverbank. Employed by Riverbank Unified School District. Member of the Child Care Planning Council. Coordinator of the Rio Altura Elementary School Healthy Start in Riverbank. Member of the Hispanic Leadership Council.

The Commission has not interviewed these applicants and is in no position to make a recommendation. However, the Commission requests that the appointee be like the other three, a representative from a community-based organization that has a goal to promote nurturing and early childhood development.