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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
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Subject: Recommendation of Supervisor Linda Parks and Supervisor Robert Huber to Dissolve the Women's Economic Roundtable Effective November 30, 2020; Authorize the Auditor Controller to Process the Necessary Budgetary Transactions to Include Funds of \$5,000 for a One-Year Membership for Five Board-appointed Memberships, One Member Per Supervisorial District, on Women United of the United Way of Ventura County; Direct the County Executive Office to Include Recommended Funding of \$5,000 to Women United of the United Way of Ventura County for memberships in Subsequent Fiscal Year Budgets (Recommendation #2 Requires 4/5ths vote).

Recommendations:

1. Dissolve the Women's Economic Roundtable effective November 30, 2020;
2. Authorize the Auditor Controller to process the necessary budgetary transactions to include funds of \$5,000 for a one-year membership for five Board-appointed memberships, one member per Supervisorial district, on Women United of the United Way of Ventura County (requires 4/5^{ths} vote) as follows:

INCREASE	UNIT 1050-1050	Services and Supplies	\$5,000
DECREASE	UNIT 1100-1100	General Fund Contingency	\$5,000

3. Direct the County Executive Office to include recommended funding of \$5,000 to Women United of the United Way of Ventura County for memberships in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	General Fund Contingency
Funding Match Required:	No

Impact on Other Departments: Minimal

Summary of Revenue and Costs:		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenues:		\$0	\$0
<u>Costs:</u>			
Direct		\$5,000	\$5,000
Indirect-Dept		\$0	\$0
Indirect-County CAP		\$0	\$0
Total Cost		\$5,000	\$5,000
Net County Cost		\$5,000	\$5,000
Recovered Indirect Costs		\$0	\$0

FY 2020-21 Budget Projection for CEO - Special Accounts and Contributions – Div/Unit 1050				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 59,955,764	\$ 56,102,504	\$ 56,102,504	\$ 0
Revenue	\$ 8,362,796	\$ 8,362,796	\$ 8,362,796	\$ 0
Net Cost	\$ 51,592,968	\$ 47,739,708	\$ 47,739,708	\$ 0

Discussion:

The Women's Economic Roundtable (WER) was established by the Board of Supervisors in 2013 as a ten-member group, two appointees per Supervisor. WER was given the focused task of addressing economic and career advancement issues facing women in Ventura County and convening conferences to further networking, career and educational opportunities.

Since its formation, the WER has held two conferences that concentrated on career and mentorship opportunities for young women in Ventura County, and created a resource catalogue of contacts, events, and opportunities for women seeking information. The WER has made a valuable contribution to uplifting young women. We applaud their efforts and truly appreciate all of their hard work over the years.

On October 24, 2017 the Board of Supervisors approved the authorization of funds for a one-year membership for WER members to join Women United of the United Way of Ventura County. The goal was to partner WER with Women United to further their combined goals of supporting women. Women United has focused their efforts on low-income single mothers who directly gain from their assistance and career guidance to help lift them out of poverty and provide greater opportunities for their children. We would like to continue pursuit of this partnership with Women United by creating an opportunity for the County to appoint five members, one from each Supervisorial district, to join the leadership on Women United.

As a first step, we recommend dissolving the WER, with the possibility of transitioning the two remaining WER members to Women United if they are interested. While WER has been a beneficial group for advancing women's economic issues since 2013, current WER membership is far below meeting a quorum, with several of the seats having been vacant for the length of the two-year term. The WER is unable to continue planning and executing events and does not have dedicated staff support to assist with their efforts. Transitioning this committee to United Way's Women United, with its focus on impoverished single mothers (many of whom live in Cabrillo Economic Development housing), along with their countywide annual conferences for women and their staffing to assist its members, will further the County's goal of providing support to women and girls in need.


The second recommendation asks the Board to authorize funds of \$5,000 to pay the cost for five Board-appointees, one member per Supervisorial district, to receive a one-year leadership level membership to Women United. Membership to Women United is \$1,000 for one year. Recommendation three requests that the County Executive Office include recommended funding of \$5,000 to Women United of the United Way of Ventura County in subsequent fiscal year budgets to continue funding Women United membership dues for five appointees.


The appointees to Women United would be required to regularly attend meetings of the Women United Board and participate in the planning and execution of projects and events organized by Women United, as is customary for membership involvement. The appointees would also have the responsibility of providing annual updates to their appointing Supervisor on activities and future opportunities for partnership with Women United to assist the careers and economic standing of women in Ventura County.

Finally, we are requesting the establishment of a one-year appropriation from General Fund Contingency for the membership cost for five appointees. Women United is committed to improving the lives of single mothers in Ventura County by providing financial and educational support, and by transitioning to a partnership with Women United, the County is continuing its goal of supporting women in need. This partnership will also continue the conference format to engage and educate women, and help them to achieve future success.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, and Auditor-Controller. Thank you for your consideration, and if you have any questions please contact Supervisor Parks at (805) 214-2510 or Supervisor Huber at (805) 955-2300.

Sincerely,


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