



## AAUW Morgan Hill Branch

Santa Clara County Supervisors: Susan Ellenberg, Otto Lee, Sylvia Arenas, Cindy Chavez,  
and Joe Simitian  
[BoardOperations@cob.sccgov.org](mailto:BoardOperations@cob.sccgov.org)

Dear Supervisors Ellenberg, Lee, Arenas, Chavez, and Simitian,

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Morgan Hill branch is excited to support the CEDAW ordinance being adopted during the April 18, 2023 Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors meeting after 24 years of efforts to bring this important legislation to fruition. The adoption of this critical ordinance is of the greatest significance amidst continued attacks on the rights of women and girls in our country.

*As a national organization with a mission of gender equity and economic security, values of intersectionality, inclusivity, and intergenerationality, and overall vision of equity for all, this county-wide ordinance with a comprehensive framework ending all gender-based discrimination and permanently closing intersectional gender gaps, is entirely congruent with our goals.*

Areas managed by the county using public funds include the *Criminal Legal System; Economic Development; Education and Women's Leadership; Gender-Based Violence and Harassment; Healthcare, Housing and Homelessness; Political and Civic Engagement; Environmental Justice and Climate Change; Transportation; Library Services; Parks and Recreation; and Environmental Health Services*. We hope the adoption of this ordinance will be the catalyst to inspire Santa Clara County's private sector to do the same too.

Sincerely,

Suman Ganapathy,  
AAUW Morgan Hill Branch President, on Behalf of the Board of Directors & Over 180 members

April 11, 2023.