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Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls

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February 7, 2022

Dear Sir or Madam:

Let this serve as a notice pursuant to Open Meeting Law, M.G.L.c. 30A sections 18-25 of a meeting of the Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls (HCCSWG).

On April 25, 2017, the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women inaugurated nine commissioners to a newly formed regional commission created to study and report the status of women and girls in Hampden County. The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is "a state-established body charged with reviewing the status of women in Massachusetts and offering recommendations regarding policy that would improve access to opportunities and equality." The regional commissions have been created to target specific geographical regions to make sure that the needs of women across the state are met.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 10, 2022, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. In light of current public health recommendations for social distancing and state restrictions around public gatherings, and in observance of the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Required Provisions of the Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. c.30A, §20 dated March 12, 2020), this meeting will take place online at:

<https://zoom.us/j/6895726626?pwd=aDdCTEpPSlkwa2pxd29VZDRqZStkQT>

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Attendees are asked to contact hccswg@gmail.com in advance of the meeting to receive the meeting password.

This meeting is open to the public, and we encourage members of the community to attend. The first fifteen minutes of the meeting will be set aside for members of the public to present anything they wish the Commission to consider. Anyone who wishes to speak during this allotted time should email the HCCSWG Chairperson, Gabrielle Jackson, at HCCSWG@gmail.com with their intention so the HCCSWG may plan accordingly. Members of the public will only be recognized by the Commission to speak during the opening public presentation segment, and only if prior notice is provided.

Sincerely,

Tara Marshall
Secretary, HCCSWG



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February Public Meeting Agenda

February 10, 2022 16:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Online via Zoom: [Zoom Meeting Link](#)

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Facebook Livestream: [Link](#) Please contact hccswg@gmail.com for the meeting password

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

**II. Discussion with our featured guest, City of Chicopee Councilwoman
Delmarina Lopez, Esq.**

III. Public Speak Out (15 min.)

IV. Approval of minutes from January 2022

V. Chair Report - Gabrielle Jackson

VI. Vice-Chair Report - Jackie

VII. Old Business

b. Commission Updates / Role Changes

VIII. New Business

a. Hampden County Applicants for 2022- 2023

b. Strategic Planning and Priorities for the year
i. Calendar of events

c. Next Meeting- March 10, 2022

d. Commission Women Send Off - (Tentative) Feb. 28th

VIII. Mass Commission Updates

a. Commonwealth Heroines Call for Submissions

“The Commonwealth Heroines are *those who don't make the news but make the difference*. Each year the Commission partners with state legislators to identify women who make outstanding contributions to their organizations and communities. Each legislator is encouraged to submit one woman from their constituency as a means of

recognizing their invaluable community efforts. Please visit the website for more information on Commonwealth Heroines or to access the Commonwealth Heroine Programs. **While the public and Commissioners cannot nominate a Commonwealth Heroine directly, we strongly encourage you to reach out to your legislators if you know of an ideal candidate or why it is essential to recommend and recognize community leaders in their district.**

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About Our Featured Guest:

HAMPDEN COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS PRESENTS:

***February
Public Meeting***

Thursday February 10th
6:00PM

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***Delmarina Lopez, Esq.
City Councilwoman
City of Chicopee***