

## 2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission

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| <b>1. Department or Agency</b>         | <b>2. Fiscal Year</b>        |
| Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission | 2021                         |
| <b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>    | <b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b> |
| Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission | 84567                        |

|   |                           |                                 |                              |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b> | <b>5. Current Charter</b> | <b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b> | <b>7. Expected Term Date</b> |
| No  | 10/29/2018                | 10/29/2020                      | 04/15/2021                   |

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|---|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b> | <b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b> | <b>8c. Actual Term Date</b> |
|   | P.L. 115-31                               |                             |

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| <b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b> | <b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b> | <b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b> |
| Continue   |   |                                  |

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

|   |                           |                           |                           |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b> | <b>13. Effective Date</b> | <b>14. Committee Type</b> | <b>14c. Presidential?</b> |
| P.L. 115-31                                 | 05/05/2017                | Continuing                | No                        |

**15. Description of Committee** Other Committee

|                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b> | 2                                   |
| <b>16b. Report Date</b>             | <b>Report Title</b>                 |
| 11/05/2020                          | 2020 Final Agency Report, WSCC      |
| 11/05/2020                          | 2020 WSCC Forward Into Light Report |

**Number of Committee Reports Listed:** 2

|                    |                      |                                |                           |                     |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>17a. Open</b> 0 | <b>17b. Closed</b> 0 | <b>17c. Partially Closed</b> 0 | <b>Other Activities</b> 0 | <b>17d. Total</b> 0 |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|

**Meetings and Dates**  
No Meetings

|   | <b>Current FY</b> | <b>Next FY</b> |
|---|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>      | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>          | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>            | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>   | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b> | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>     | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>       | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |

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| <b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>          | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b> | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18d. Total</b>   | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>                          | 0.00   | 0.00   |

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

In April 2017, the United States Congress created the Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission to commemorate a major milestone in American history—the 100th anniversary of women’s constitutional right to vote in 2020. With this centennial came an unparalleled opportunity to amplify women’s stories and to recognize one of the longest social movements in U.S. history, which culminated in a massive extension of democracy, individual rights, and justice. Women leaders and their allies began the organized movement for the vote in 1848, holding the first official women’s rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York. For the next 72 years, women lobbied, marched, and picketed for the right to vote. The suffragists set precedents in protest, civic organization, and civil disobedience that inspired generations to come. Congress finally passed the 19th Amendment on June 4, 1919. After the necessary 36 states voted to ratify, the amendment was officially certified on August 26, 1920, marking the largest single expansion of voting rights in American history. In this long fight for voting rights equality, the 19th Amendment stands as a critical victory. We are grateful to the United States Congress for recognizing the importance of the centennial and, through the Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission Act (S.847), creating the Commission to ensure this history would reach Americans far and wide throughout 2020 and beyond. In the coming pages, discover how the Commission honored the centennial and amplified suffrage history through commemorative legislation, National Women’s Suffrage Month celebrations, suffrage history podcasts, public art projects, educational programs, and more. Even in the face of a global pandemic, the Commission found creative ways to bring the pivotal story of American women’s fight for the vote to communities across the country during the centennial year. Through its major campaigns and initiatives, the Commission leaves a legacy of statues, memorials, murals, historic markers, exhibits, memorabilia, and resources that will continue to reach millions of Americans and will keep the story of the trailblazing suffragists alive for generations to come.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Commission shall be composed of 14 members as designated in its enabling statute, Pub. L. 115-31 Appendix C. a) Two members shall be appointed by the President; b) Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; c) Two members shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; d) Two members shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; e) Two members

shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; f) One member shall be the Librarian of Congress, or the designee of the Librarian; g) One member shall be the Archivist of the United States, or the designee of the Archivist; h) One member shall be the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, or the designee of the Secretary; and i) One member shall be the Director of the National Park Service, or the designee of the Director.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

At the call of the Chair (in consultation with the DFO), the Commission will meet at least once every 6 months.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

As authorized by the Act, the Commission will provide advice on activities relating to the commemoration of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment, and plan activities and develop recommendations for Congress and the President for commemorating the centennial. The Commission also is authorized to award grants to States and the District of Columbia to support programs and activities related to commemorating the centennial.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings are open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

The WSCC held 4 meetings during FY 2020. The Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission was created by Congress to mark the 100-year anniversary of women's right to vote in 2020 and to ensure that the untold stories of women’s decades-long battle for the ballot are recognized and celebrated across the U.S. The Commission was committed to telling an inclusive, diverse, and complete history of the fight for the vote, and was proud to lead the nationwide commemorations of this historic centennial.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Stephanie Marsellos DFO

| <b>Committee Members</b> | <b>Start</b> | <b>End</b> | <b>Occupation</b>   | <b>Member Designation</b>                |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|---|--|
| Carranza, Jovita         | 10/29/2018   | 04/15/2021 | Administrator, Small Business Administration  | Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member |
| Combs, Susan             | 10/29/2018   | 04/15/2021 | Former Assistant Secretary for Policy Management & Budget, Department of the Interior | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Dannenfelser, Marjorie   | 10/29/2018   | 04/15/2021 | President, Susan B. Anthony List  | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Higgins, Heather         | 10/29/2018   | 04/15/2021 | CEO, Independent Women's Voice  | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |

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| Hill, Karen       | 10/29/2018 | 04/15/2021 | President and CEO, Harriet Tubman Home                                 | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| James, Kay        | 10/29/2018 | 04/15/2021 | President, Heritage Foundation   | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Marenco, Julissa  | 10/29/2018 | 04/15/2021 | Assistant Secretary for Communications & External Affairs, Smithsonian | Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member |
| Mikulski, Barbara | 10/29/2018 | 04/15/2021 | Senator (Retired)  | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Miner, Nicola     | 10/29/2018 | 04/15/2021 | Assistant Professor, College of San Mateo                              | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Mitchell, Clea    | 10/29/2018 | 04/15/2021 | Partner, Foley & Lardner LLP   | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Nance, Penny      | 12/24/2018 | 04/15/2021 | CEO & President, Concerned Women for America                           | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Newsom, Jennifer  | 10/29/2018 | 04/15/2021 | Co-Founder, The Representation Project                                 | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Shogan, Colleen   | 10/29/2018 | 04/15/2021 | Deputy Director, Library of Congress                                   | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Wall, Debra       | 10/29/2018 | 04/15/2021 | Deputy Archivist, National Archives                                    | Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member |

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 14**

**Narrative Description**

During the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which secured women’s right to vote in the U.S. Constitution, the Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission amplified the story of women’s fight for the vote and investigated a more complete and full history of the suffrage movement than has been traditionally told. The Commission leaves a legacy of public art, educational resources, and scholarship that will ensure the visibility of women's stories for the next 100 years, acknowledging the complexities of an imperfect but powerful movement for change and motivating a new generation of leaders. Suffragists did more than secure passage of the 19th Amendment. They broke barriers and changed perceptions of women’s role in public life. By speaking out and succeeding in their decades-long grassroots movement, the suffragists opened up new opportunities for women in all fields and inspired future generations to fight for progress. Today, more than 68 million American women vote in elections because of the suffragists who never gave up the fight for equality. We stand on their shoulders, and we will never forget their courage.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making

- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

**Cost Savings Comments**

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

61

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

WSSC Recommendations: \* Ongoing Federal Legislation \* Commemorative Suffrage Medal \* White House Rose Garden Ceremony \* One Woman, One Vote" Documentary Film Screening \* Berkshire Conference \* Congressional Baseball Game/Softball Game \* Independence Day Celebration \* First Ladies Program \* Library of Congress National Book Festival \* Kennedy Center Honors \* Suffrage Day \* Library of Congress/National Archives/Portrait \* Gallery/NPS Exhibits \* Occoquan Workhouse/Turning Point Memorial/Lucy Burns Museum \* Send Commissioners to Speak at State Events \* Print Materials to Provide for State Events \* Purchase "Votes for Women" Lapel Pins and other SWAG for State Events \* Record the History of the 2020 Women's Suffrage Centennial \* Host an Event at the Hermitage Hotel in Nashville \* Partner with Project 19's 100 Women Skydive in Tennessee \* Partner with the Grand Ole Opry \* Partner with the Justice Bell

Tour and Toast to Tenacity \* Partner with the Votes for Women Trail \* Coordinate Local Media Events in Several Communities \* Place Op-Eds in Major Newspapers in Each State \* Event in a Box \* Outreach to State Governments to Encourage Commemorative Activities \* Outreach to Organizations, Member Networks, and Communities throughout States \* Media Outreach \* Social Media Engagement and Recommendations \* Partnerships with Mission-Aligned Organizations \* Suffrage Podcasts \* Dolly Parton's Imagination Library \* Library Donation Program \* Project Runway \* Book Festivals \* Partnerships with National/Celebrity Book Clubs \* One Woman, One Vote Film in a Box \* Women's History Smithsonian Initiative \* Google Doodle \* Facebook Frame \* Curated Content, Streaming Services \* Content Creation \* Peer Review \* National Contest Partnership \* Ongoing State and Federal Project Support with Collateral \* Sports Teams \* Sorority/Fraternity Relationships \* Branding with Original Suffragist Partners \* Merchandise/SWAG \* Web Store \* Educational Announcement Partnerships \* Suffrage Centennial Packaging \* Suffrage Theater \* Washington D.C. Public Art Project \* Library of Congress/National Archives/Portrait Gallery/NPS Exhibits \* Record the History of the 2020 Women's Suffrage Centennial \* Host an Event at the Hermitage Hotel in Nashville \* Coordinate Local Media Events in Several Communities \* Suffrage Podcasts \* Suffrage Theater \* Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts/American Heritage \* \* \* Girls/Frontier Girls

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

95%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

**Action Comments**

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

**Access Comments**

Public can contact the Designated Federal Officer or Executive Director for WSCC documents.