



SUPPORT CEDAW!

The Loretto Women's Network Identity Statement states: "We actively oppose all forms of discrimination, including racism, sexism, classism and heterosexism, and endorse the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)." CEDAW is an international treaty that was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1979. It is a flagship treaty that has been referred to as a "Bill of Rights" for women and is the most comprehensive international treaty that focuses on women's rights.

President Jimmy Carter signed CEDAW in 1980 and it received bipartisan support twice in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (1994 and 2002). To bring the treaty into effect, it must be ratified by the U.S. Senate after signed by the President. To date, the treaty has not been brought to the Senate floor for a full vote, which requires a 2/3rds majority vote for ratification. The United States is one of only six states that have failed to ratify the Convention (along with Palau, Tonga, Iran, Sudan, and Somalia).

The Loretto Women's Network encourages you to support **Cities for CEDAW**, a grassroots effort to implement CEDAW at the local level. We're asking that you do the following:

- **WATCH** the PowerPoint presentation from the Louisville Coalition for CEDAW <http://www.louisvillecedaw.org/>.
- **READ** the "fact sheets" below for more information. Review the list of cities where organizations are exploring CEDAW ordinances or resolutions so that you can get in touch with a local group.

Cities for CEDAW

Compiled by the Loretto Women's Network from the various resources.

The United Nations recognizes human rights as universal and fundamental, granted by virtue of our shared humanity, based on fairness and respect for each individual and the dignity of all human beings. This should be applied to all equally, without distinction of any kind whether race, color, gender, language, ability or other status.

Women's rights are violated in many ways by individuals, as well as power structures, cultural attitudes and societal expectations: • Freedom is restricted • Physical safety is violated • Self-determination is not allowed • Equal opportunities are denied • Women's dignity is disrespected • Individual difference is not tolerated.

What is Cities for CEDAW?

- Cities, counties and states are not waiting!
- Cities for CEDAW is a grassroots initiative aimed at implementing CEDAW at the local level through resolutions and ordinances in order to encourage local governments to become more gender equitable and to build support for a national-level ratification of CEDAW by the U.S. Senate.
- Cities for CEDAW was launched in March 2014 during the 58th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Cities for CEDAW is a combined effort of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women (New York), San Francisco's Department on the Status of Women, and the Women's Intercultural Network.
- Implementing CEDAW locally through City Ordinances allows local cities throughout the U.S. to improve gender equality issues and end discriminatory policies and practices.

What does local CEDAW implementation do?

- Local implementation of CEDAW at its minimum includes three elements:
 1. Gender analysis of city operations (workforce, programs, budget) to ensure that they are non-discriminatory
 2. Establishment of an oversight body to monitor CEDAW implementation through local ordinance
 3. Securing funding to support the implementation of CEDAW and its principles

What does CEDAW address?

- Equal pay for women
- Elimination of violence against women
- Support for families and caregivers

Resources (*this document can be found on the LWN webpage of the Loretto website for easy access to the links*)

Cities for CEDAW: A Campaign to Make the Global Local: *A toolkit to help promote human rights for women and girls in your community.* http://citiesforcedaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/CEDAW-toolkit_May-2016.pdf

Cities for CEDAW fact sheet: http://citiesforcedaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/CEDAW-USFact-Sheet_10-22-15.pdf

Find a CEDAW city near you

<http://citiesforcedaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Landscape-Cities-for-CEDAW-Branded-for-Website-January-2017.pdf>

Cities with CEDAW ordinance

San Francisco	http://sfgov.org/dosw/cities-cedaw
Berkeley	Rita Maran, United Nations Association-USA, East Bay Chapter maranrita@gmail.com
Honolulu	http://honolulu-hi.aauw.net/tag/advocacy/
Los Angeles	http://winaction.org/events/wed.html
Miami Dade County	http://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/op-ed/article119064833.html
Washington DC	http://www.zontawashingtondc.org/how-you-can-help.html
Pittsburgh	http://wgfpa.org/cedaw/

Cities with CEDAW Resolution

Cincinnati	http://www.zontadistrict05.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Cities-for-CEDAW-AREA2-Meeting-031216.pdf
Daly City, CA	
Edina, MN	http://mnbenchbar.com/2016/04/ending-discrimination/
Eugene, OR	http://www.wand.org/2016/04/27/cedaw-jump-on-the-bandwagon/
Kansas City	http://cityclerk.kcmo.org/LiveWeb/Documents/Document.aspx?q=965zz5eAKfeMnpOTEAd5kIQ67iXUjP3LtZAWXrx56A0ynGUOsugIsFoukBbjd6aGAoWLiBBvaiU%2BSCFwFFh5w%3D%3D
Lafayette, CO	
Louisville, KY	http://www.louisvillecedaw.org/
Long Beach, CA	https://womennewsnetwork.net/2015/04/17/mapping-cedaw/
Minneapolis	http://womenspress.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&ArticleID=4999
Mount Vernon	http://unawestchester.weebly.com/uploads/2/2/0/7/22077864/jan2016-mockup.pdf
New Orleans	http://www.nolacitycouncil.com/news/meetingsummary.asp?id=%7BD6336351-EF96-4EBE-8FF1-6E7EE9E8CD88%7D
Salt Lake City	http://www.slcdocs.com/ODHR/SLC_Women_Report.pdf
Santa Monica	http://www.ocregister.com/articles/women-713321-rights-cedaw.html
St. Petersburg	http://unatampabay.org/tampa-st-petersburg-city-councils-pass-cedaw-resolutions/
Tampa Bay	http://unatampabay.org/tampa-st-petersburg-city-councils-pass-cedaw-resolutions/
University City, MI	http://www.ngocsw.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/6.22.2015-U-City-CEDAW-Resolution.pdf

Cities Exploring Possible CEDAW Ordinance or Resolution

Ashland, OR	http://motherslegacy.org/service/increasing-awareness-of-maternal-mortality-%C2%80%C2%93-cape-verde-2/
Boston	
Boulder	http://cedaw-colorado.org/supporting-cities.html
Durham	https://www.change.org/p/nc-cities-for-cedaw-coalition-urge-north-carolina-local-elected-officials-to-end-discrimination-against-women-and-girls
Denver	https://denverforcedaw.co/
Erie	
Fairfax	
Greeley, CO	http://cedaw-colorado.org/supporting-cities.html
Juneau	https://www.culturalsurvival.org/publications/cultural-survival-quarterly/realizing-womens-rights-convention-elimination-all-forms
Longmont, CO	http://cedaw-colorado.org/supporting-cities.html

Louisville, CO	http://cedaw-colorado.org/supporting-cities.html
Monrovia, CA	
Long Beach, CA	https://womennewsnetwork.net/2015/04/17/mapping-cedaw/
New York	http://nyc4cedaw.org/
Palo Alto, CA	http://unamidpen.org/gender-equality-cities-for-cedaw-campaign/
Philadelphia	http://una-gp.org/?s=cedaw
Portland	https://www.facebook.com/oregoncedawcoalition/
Radford, VA	
Raleigh	https://www.change.org/p/nc-cities-for-cedaw-coalition-urge-north-carolina-local-elected-officials-to-end-discrimination-against-women-and-girls
Rapid City, SD	
Richmond	http://www.women-matter.org/about
Santa Clara County	https://www.sccgov.org/sites/owp/Pages/csw.aspx
Sarasota, FL	http://www.elizabethscottosborne.com/2016/07/19/take-a-look-at-sarasota-and-cities-for-cedaw/
Tacoma, WA	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkZdRT4re1U
Winchester, CO	http://cedaw-colorado.org/supporting-cities.html
Ypsilanti, MI	http://www.womenspress.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=233&ArticleID=4999