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Subject: AAUW releases its “Report from the AAUW San Jose Court Watch” addressing Domestic Violence judicial proceedings.

San Jose – San Jose Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Community Project “Court Watch” was established in 2006 to provide an impartial assessment of Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Court Proceedings and to identify best practices. We are now pleased to issue our Findings and Recommendations.

In general, we found our County Courts to be efficiently run and the Court employees and officers to be professional, courteous and accommodating to all participants.

Our Report makes four primary recommendations in the following areas:

- Insure that both victims and defendants have a better understanding of their rights and the judicial process.
- Insure that victims’ input regarding “no contact orders” are freely given and guaranteed consideration by the Court.
- Insure that victims receive written information about Court processes, victims’ rights and victims’ resources in all Court proceedings that they attend.
- Continuing to educate Santa Clara County citizens about the problems of domestic violence in our community.

The AAUW, with approximately 100,000 members nationwide and 350 members in the San Jose Branch, advocates education and equity for women and girls. Since its founding in 1881, members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day - educational, social, economic and political. AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. The San Jose Branch of AAUW (AAUW San Jose) is committed to the mission through its programs, community action projects and advocacy. For more information about AAUW please visit our website at www.aauw.org

For a copy of our “Report from the AAUW San Jose Court Watch Project”, please access our website at www.aauwsanjose.org.

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