

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

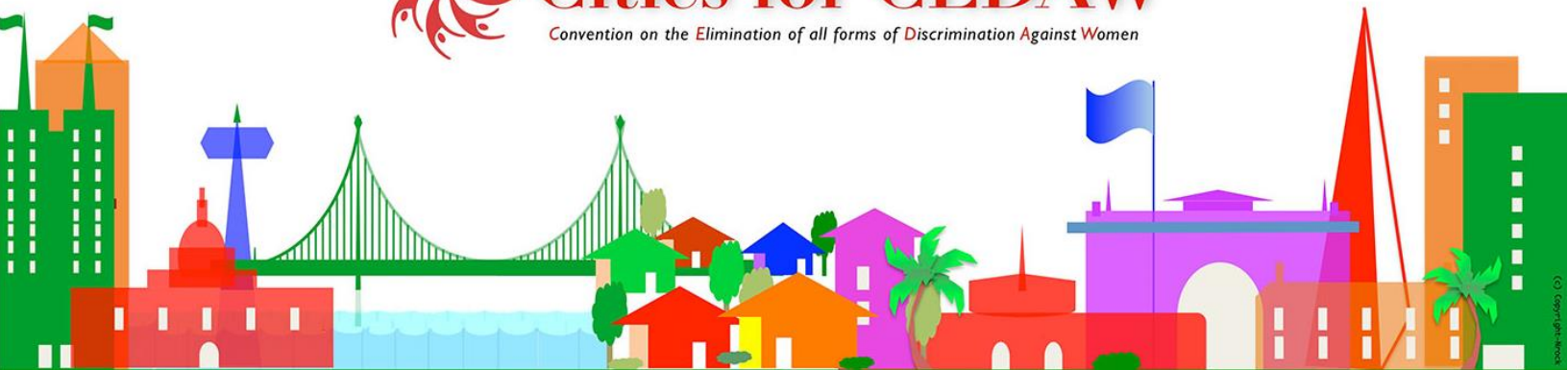
END GENDER DISCRIMINATION

in my city today!



Cities for CEDAW

Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women



Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As your constituent, I urge you to support the **Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women** (CEDAW). This international treaty, approved by the United Nations in 1979, provides a universal definition of discrimination against women so that those who would discriminate on the basis of sex could no longer claim that no clear definition exists. It affirms that women's rights are human rights – and human rights are women's rights.

Gender discrimination is present in our country, our community, and our city.

1 in 3 women in the world will experience physical or sexual violence.

2,000,000 American women are injured by intimate partners every year.

Nearly **22 million** US women have been victims of rape or attempted rape.

US women make **78¢** for every dollar a man makes.

CEDAW is important in advancing global women's rights. It has brought progress in expanding educational opportunities for women and girls, eliminating gender-based violence, improving marriage and family laws, and increasing women's political participation.

The time has come for our city to insure that women's rights are human rights. I urge you to join **Cities for CEDAW** and pass legislation establishing the principles of CEDAW in our city.

"Make the global local!" today!

Sincerely,

(signature)

(date)

Cities for CEDAW is a **Women's Intercultural Network** campaign.

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