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### **NWPC LA WESTSIDE HONORS 12 WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES FOR ADVANCING OPPORTUNITIES OF WOMEN FOR ELECTED OFFICE**

*Complete list of honorees was announced today to NWPC members, friends and supporters*

**Los Angeles - July 23, 2015** - The National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC), Los Angeles Westside, a grassroots organization dedicated to increasing women's participation in the political process, announced their selection of twelve honorees who have made significant contributions to achieving equality for all women through their political participation. The announcement was made Thursday morning to NWPC leadership and members, as well as friends and supporters at Factor's Famous Deli in Los Angeles.

Also in attendance were three of this year's honorees: UN Women's Committee National Board member Dr. Kristie Holmes, Manhattan Beach Councilmember Amy Howorth and public health advocate Lee Saltz. Other honorees include prominent elected officials, business leaders and creatives who represent the diversity of women in Los Angeles. California State Controller Betty T. Yee, Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl and Ana Guerrero, Chief of Staff to Mayor Eric Garcetti, were among the other remarkable women designated with the honor.

"I am delighted to be included in the 2016 Women Leaders Calendar," said Paula Madison, 2016 honoree and Vice President of the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners. "I proudly support the efforts of the LA Westside Chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus to increase gender equality in the political landscape."

"I'm incredibly honored to be chosen as a 2016 Remarkable Women Leader," said Manhattan Beach Councilmember Amy Howorth, a 2016 honoree. "The bi-partisan work of NWPC is crucial for not only women, but for their children and indeed all people. When women thrive, we all thrive."

Attendees of the event included NWPC board members, current and past honorees.

"Serving as a past board member and President of NWPC LA Westside helped lay the groundwork for my appointment and subsequent election to the West Hollywood City Council," said West Hollywood Mayor Lindsey Horvath. "It was a tremendous honor to be recognized as a 2010

Calendar Honoree, as the work the organization performs to tackle gender parity is extremely worthwhile."

Following the announcement, a keynote speech was made by Jessica Levinson, an election law expert and Professor at Loyola Law School known for her regular appearances on broadcast news programs.

"Women are underrepresented at every level of government across the country. There is a vital need for a substantive discussion about ways to work towards equal representation," said Levinson. "I am thankful to NWPC for providing this platform, and for recognizing the important work these women and this organization perform throughout the community."

The twelve remarkable honorees will be celebrated at the NWPC, LA Westside's Calendar Gala on October 22. The event recognizes the outstanding contributions and remarkable achievements made by the women who live, work and give back to our community. It will be the sixth Calendar event in eight years. For more information, please

visit: <http://www.nwpcwestside.org/CalendarEvent2015.html>

The 2016 honorees include:

- **Madeline Di Nonno**, CEO, Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media
- **Ana Guerrero**, Chief of Staff, Mayor Eric Garcetti
- **Dr. Kristie Holmes**, National Boardmember, United Nations Women's Committee
- **Amy Thomas Howorth**, Councilmember, Manhattan Beach
- **Sheila Kuehl**, Supervisor, Los Angeles County
- **Paula Madison**, Vice President, Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners
- **Nury Martinez**, Councilmember, Los Angeles
- **Mona Pasquil**, Appointments Secretary, Governor Jerry Brown
- **Laura Rosenthal**, Councilmember, Malibu
- **Lee Saltz**, Public Health Advocate
- **Elizabeth Gelfand Stearns**, Founder & Chair, The Judy Fund; Co-Producer, *Still Alice*
- **Betty T. Yee**, California State Controller

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The National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC) is the only multi-partisan organization dedicated to recruiting, training and supporting pro-choice women running for office. Our NWPC LA Westside chapter focuses on supporting pro-choice women seeking elected or appointed positions within local and statewide government in the cities of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica and Malibu, as well as unincorporated parts of Los Angeles County. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nwpcwestside.org/index.html>