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**Bridging the Divide: Tom Bradley and the Politics of Race**  
**With special guest:**  
**Lorraine Bradley (daughter of Tom Bradley)**

**A Free Community Program**

Los Angeles, CA (Date: October 26, 2015) - The National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles (NCJW/LA) announces a free community program to be held on November 5, 2015 at 6:30pm at NCJW/LA Council House, 543 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036. This event will include a reception and free screening of the documentary film *Bridging the Divide: Tom Bradley and the Politics of Race*. The reception will begin at 6:30pm, film screening will begin promptly at 6:45pm, followed by a Q&A session after the film.

The moderator for this event will be Susan Freudenheim, Executive Editor of the Jewish Journal. The panelists include: Lyn Goldfarb (Director, Producer, Writer), Alison Sotomayor (Producer/Research Director/Writer), Bill Boyarsky (former LA Times reporter who covered Tom Bradley when he was mayor), and Lorraine Bradley (Tom Bradley's daughter).

*Bridging the Divide* tells the story of Tom Bradley, the first African American mayor elected in a major U.S. city with an overwhelmingly white majority. In 1973, his extraordinary coalition of African Americans, Jews, white liberals, Mexican Americans and Asian Americans redefined Los Angeles, transformed the national dialogue on race, and encouraged elections of minority candidates nationwide, most notably President Barack Obama. Tom Bradley's story gives us a glimpse of what is possible in America: coalitions, police reform, justice, and raises the question, what remains to be done to bridge the racial divide?

Lorraine Bradley, Tom Bradley's daughter, stated the following about the event: "*I am thrilled about the documentary. I want the young people to know what kind of leader my father was and how he was able to be so successful against all odds.*"

NCJW/LA Vice President of Advocacy Donna Benjamin stated that: "*As a grassroots organization committed to the welfare and well-being of the Los Angeles Community, NCJW/LA feels that it is our*

*privilege to be able to screen this film. Our Advocacy program strives to provide education, awareness and legislative advocacy on issues of social justice. I encourage everyone who cares about these issues to come out to see the film."*

Please join us on November 5, 2105 at 6:30pm for this free community event and film screening. For more information, media inquiries, or to RSVP, contact [maya@ncjwla.org](mailto:maya@ncjwla.org) or call 323-852-8536.

Web link: <http://ncjwla.org/events/283/bridging-the-divide-tom-bradley-and-the-politics-of-race>

Facebook event page: <http://www.facebook.com/events/1023527181015125>

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## **ABOUT NCJW/LA**

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates committed to the welfare and well-being of the Los Angeles Community. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms. NCJW/LA serves more than 12,000 individuals through our Community Mental Health and Supportive Services, Scholarships, Talkline, Youth Educational Programs and Services, Back 2 School Store, intern training programs and our clothing assistance projects. NCJW/LA social justice programs provide education and legislative advocacy on issues that affect and impact women, children and families in the areas of children's rights, economic justice, healthcare, human trafficking, reproductive justice, LGBTQ, and gender related violence. All donations to our 8 Council Thrift Shops support the programs and services of NCJW/LA. NCJW/LA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (Tax ID #95-1641433). Donate Today to Council Thrift (800)400-6259. To Get Help Call 877-655-3807 or for more info visit [www.ncjwla.org](http://www.ncjwla.org), call 323-651-2930, or email [info@ncjwla.org](mailto:info@ncjwla.org). **Donate Today to Council Thrift (800)400-6259. To Get Help Call 877-655-3807** or for more info visit [www.ncjwla.org](http://www.ncjwla.org), call 323-651-2930, or email [info@ncjwla.org](mailto:info@ncjwla.org).