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**Our Gender-Related Violence Epidemic
What's Happening and What Can We Do About It?**

A Free Community Program

Los Angeles, CA (Date: October 8, 2015) - The National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles (NCJW/LA) announces a free community program to be held on October 22, 2015 from 11:30am-1:30 p.m. at NCJW/LA Council House, 543 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036, to discuss the ongoing problem of gender-related violence, well as solutions to the problem.

The guest speakers include: Francesca Bessey, Master of Public Diplomacy student, University of Southern California, Founder of USC RISE Student Alliance * Kendall Evans, M.A., M.F.T., Co-Chair, Association of Batters' Intervention Programs and Director of Another Way to Open Paths Counseling Center * Nancy Volpert, Director of Public Policy, Jewish Family Services of Los Angeles * Yolanda Whittington, LCSW, Mental Health Clinical District Chief, County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

There is no question that gender-related violence is an epidemic in our society. From sexual assault on campuses, to violence against LGBTQ individuals, to intimate partner violence, there is still much to be done to shift our culture, improve our legislation, and find ways to make our communities safer for everyone. Join us for an important panel discussion with experts on gender-related violence to learn what's going on and how we can all help stop this epidemic.

Francesca Bessey, Founder of USC RISE Student Alliance stated that: "*In the debate over whether or not gender-based violence is a 'problem' in higher education, campus administrators seem to forget that this question is moot. Society has a problem with gendered violence, as it has throughout time, and that problem is carried into our educational institutions as it is carried everywhere else. It's long past time we acknowledged this issue is an unacceptable problem on every campus. We need to stop having conversations about whether or not it's really that bad and start talking about solutions - now.*"

Please join us on October 22, 2105 at 11:30 a.m. to learn more about this issue and what you can do about it. For more information or to RSVP, contact advocacy@ncjwla.org or call 323-852-8503.

Web link: <http://ncjwla.org/events/287/our-gender-related-violence-epidemic>

Facebook event page: <http://www.facebook.com/events/455998364600382>

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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, call 323-651-2930, or email 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, call 323-651-2930, or email info@ncjwla.org.