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***"The Hunting Ground" A Documentary on Sexual Assaults on Campuses  
A Free Community Program***

Los Angeles, CA (May 8, 2015) - The National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles proudly presents a must see free screening of ***"The Hunting Ground,"*** Wednesday, May 8, 2015 at 6:30pm at the NCJW/LA Council House at 543 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles, CA. Following the film will be a brief Q & A with Alexa Schwartz a graduate from USC, class of 2014. At USC, Alexa co-founded the Student Coalition Against Rape, and in 2013, she co-filed a Title IX complaint against USC for mishandling sexual violence cases.

"The Hunting Ground" is a documentary shocker about rape on American college campuses. A blunt movie, it derives its power largely from the many young women and some men recounting on camera how they were raped at their schools and then subsequently denied justice by those same schools. Their stories - delivered in sorrow and rage, with misting eyes and squared jaws - make this film a must-watch work, one that should be seen by anyone headed to college and by those already on campus.

*"Over the past two years, college students have pushed the issue of campus sexual assault to the national forefront. Highlighting personal stories and using statistics that underscore universities' negligence across the board, The Hunting Ground incites viewers to take action to support survivors of sexual violence. This movie should be seen by parents, grandparents, and students alike, because sexual assault affects all of us",* stated Alexa Schwartz, Founder, Student Coalition Against Rape

The movie arrives in the midst of a vigorous, sometimes furious and at times crudely simplistic national discussion about sexual assault. Fueling the [discussion](#) is the Obama administration, which has made the issue a priority. In 2014, the White House released [guidelines](#) on how campus rapes are to be treated. In a move that continues to make waves, it also [released](#) the names of [55 schools](#) - from Harvard College to the University of California, Berkeley - that were under investigation by the Department of Education for their handling (or mishandling) of rape accusations. Also, at issue is whether they violated federal laws under Title IX, which bans gender discrimination at colleges receiving federal money.

The film takes audiences straight to the heart of a shocking epidemic of violence and institutional cover-ups sweeping college campuses across America. Join us on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to see "The Hunting Ground"

For more information or to RSVP, contact Ruth Williams, Director of Advocacy, at 323-852-8503

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NCJW/LA serves more than 12,000 individuals each year. Our community services include, but are not limited to, art and literacy programs for youth, community mental health services, scholarships, intern training programs and our clothing assistance projects. NCJW/LA social justice programs and workshops provide education, awareness 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. NCJW/LA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (Tax ID #95-1641433). All donations to Council Thrift Shops support the programs and services of NCJW/LA.

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