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**COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM****A Free Community Program**

Los Angeles, CA (June 15, 2015) - The National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles (NCJW/LA) announces a free community program to be held on June 24, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at NCJW/LA Council House, 543 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036, to discuss the recent stalling actions of Congress refusing on comprehensive immigration reform.

A panel discussion will be moderated by Jeffrey Kaye, freelance journalist and author of "*Moving Millions: How Coyote Capitalism Fuels Global Immigration*", the panelists include: Amanda Susskind, Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League; Joshua Stehlik, Workers Rights Attorney for the National Immigration Law Center in Los Angeles; Eileen Ma, Executive Director of API Equality-LA; and a representative from CHIRLA, (The Coalition for Human Immigration Rights of Los Angeles.)

The President has acted to allow the parents of US citizens or legal resident children to apply for temporary deportation relief and work permits, as well as to expand the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program for eligibility to youth who came to the US as children. The President's action, which we applaud, would prevent hardworking immigrants - some of whom have been in this country for decades - from being needlessly torn from their homes, jobs, communities, and families.

NCJW/LA Vice President of Advocacy Ruth Zeitzev stated that "*Comprehensive Immigration Reform has been a benchmark of the National Council of Jewish Women since its founding in 1893. We currently seek a bi-partisan, humane political resolution of our existing immigration problems, and the necessary reform of the policies that produced them. The existing obstacles to reform that must first be resolved include (1) the vastness of the problem involved in dealing with the millions of undocumented people who are already in this country; and (2) the potential costs and the related implications of all proposed immigration reform policies on our existing health care, education and social service systems*".

Three-quarters of immigrants to the US are women and children. Immigrant women are the backbone of their families and communities. The ability to remain with and care for their families is the first step to full social, economic, and civic integration into the American community.

Please join us on June 24, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. to learn more about the issues and what you can do to get involved. For more information or to RSVP, contact Ruth Williams, Director of Advocacy, at 323-852-8503

## 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 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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