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NCJW Stands with Planned Parenthood in Response to Attacks

July 29, 2015, Los Angeles, CA - The Los Angeles Section of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) today affirmed its support of Planned Parenthood and the valuable work it has done providing reproductive health care to individuals for nearly a century. Planned Parenthood has been targeted in an undercover smear campaign. Heavily-edited video propoganda was recently released by those who are part of a longstanding effort to discredit Planned Parenthood and restrict access to abortion.

"Planned Parenthood has been the victim of a vicious attack launched by those who have campaigned against the organization for decades. The attack includes allegations that Planned Parenthood profits from the sale of fetal tissue, which is just not the case," said Hillary Selvin, Executive Director. "Some patients do decide to donate such tissue legally for medical research. They do so because they are committed to assisting in vaccine research and in the fight to cure Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's, and heart disease, among other life-threatening conditions," Hillary Selvin added.

"We at NCJW strongly oppose any attempt to eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood and call on our representatives in Congress to vote against any such maneuver," said Donna Benjamin, Vice President of Advocacy. "We also adamantly oppose any such effort by our state lawmakers. As a Jewish organization, we strive to ensure every person's ability to access affordable, quality health care. And Planned Parenthood is an essential part of the health care infrastructure in our Los Angeles community," noted Donna Benjamin. "It is a critical source of health care for people struggling to make ends meet or who, due to other inequities, don't have access to quality, compassionate health information or services, including women, LGBT individuals, and young people."

Planned Parenthood provides 2.7 million women and men annually with a wide range of health services, including birth control and screenings for breast and cervical cancer, STDs, and HIV. The organization also provides safe, legal abortion. Planned Parenthood is the only source of care for many who are uninsured or under-insured. If federal funds for Planned Parenthood are eliminated, low-wage women and families, who today are disproportionately people of color, will suffer most.

The [National Council of Jewish Women](#) (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. 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. More information on [Facebook](#) and on Twitter at [@NCJWLA](#).

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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 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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