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**NCJW/LA Advocates Join National Campaign Demanding  
Hearings on Merrick Garland Nomination**  
*National Council of Jewish Women Campaign to Call on Senate to  
"Do Their Job" and Honor Constitutional Obligation to  
Fill the Supreme Court Vacancy*

March 21, 2016, Los Angeles, CA - In response to US Senate Republican leadership's stated refusal to consider President Obama's Supreme Court nominee, Judge Merrick Garland, 21 women from NCJW | Los Angeles recently participated in a solemn procession on Capitol Hill, as part of a nationwide campaign launched by the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) to demand that the Senate do its job, hold prompt hearings, and vote on the nominee.

During the procession, nearly 400 women marched from the US Supreme Court to the US Capitol bearing copies of the Constitution and a personal message to Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Senator Chuck Grassley. Captioned photos from the demonstration are available at the following [link](#). Video of the procession, which has been viewed by almost 90K people so far, can be watched [here](#).

As part of this campaign, NCJW advocates and affiliates across the country will engage with their senators and their communities in a persistent campaign to raise visibility and public focus on the urgency of filling the US Supreme Court vacancy as soon as possible. The organization represents thousands of members and supporters across the country, with 67 affiliates in 28 states including NCJW's Los Angeles affiliate.

*"NCJW activists and leaders here in California and across the US understand that the Supreme Court must be fully functional. We are mobilized to make sure that our senators rise above partisan politics and perform their constitutionally mandated jobs when it comes to filling the court vacancy," said Hillary Selvin, Executive Director of NCW/LA. "We thank California Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer for promising to support a hearing and urge Senators from other states to do the same".*

Nancy Kaufman, NCJW CEO, added, *"This is an important moment in our nation's history that will expose the core values of our elected senators - namely, whether partisanship overrides public*

*service. Every aspect of our lives and the character of our democracy is impacted by judicial vacancies, none more so than the current vacancy on the Supreme Court. The ability to access contraceptive care and abortion, voting rights, equal opportunity in education and the workplace, and religious freedom are some of the issues on the table before this Supreme Court where one seat stands vacant."*

NCJW's national campaign is calling on senators to hold hearings on the Supreme Court nominee and fill the vacancy as soon as possible. For 15 years, [BenchMark](#): NCJW's Judicial Nominations Campaign has actively educated and mobilized individuals and communities on the importance of the federal judiciary and the judicial nominations process.

Interviews are available upon request with:

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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 rights, 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).