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Rally to Save Roe: Because Abortion is Your Choice, Not Theirs!
*NCJW | LA and 25+ Co-Sponsoring Organizations Lead Rally and
Training for Reproductive Justice*

Los Angeles, CA (January 6, 2016) — On the eve of the presidential inauguration, the National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles (NCJW|LA) and 25+ co-sponsoring organizations will lead *Rally to Save Roe*, a rally and training to defend women’s reproductive rights in America. In the face of an uncertain political climate, the rally will demonstrate our commitment to upholding the right to abortion that was established 44 years ago in the historic 1973 Supreme Court Case, *Roe vs. Wade*. In addition, the event will provide an Advocacy Training to give participants the tools to put their beliefs into action in their own communities. Hundreds of women and men from across Southern California are expected to attend.

The January 19, 2017 rally will begin at 6 p.m. at the National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles (543 N Fairfax Ave) with an outdoor gathering that will feature notable speakers, practical calls to action, and inspiring performances. Speakers will include elected officials, celebrities, and members of the community.

Following the rally, an indoor training will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will aim to give participants the tools to take action. While the recent election has left many feeling hopeless when it comes to defending their rights, this training will provide next steps for those who will not sit idly by and watch as those rights are endangered.

The Rally to Save Roe will be a definitive, loud statement from the women of Los Angeles, and those who love and support them, that any attack from this new administration will not be tolerated. We are not just speaking for women in Los Angeles—but for all women. We are empowered, we are not afraid, we will boldly move forward.

Hosted by the National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles, co-sponsors currently include:

- * National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles (host)
- * ACLU of Southern California



- * Anti-Defamation League
- * Black Women for Wellness (BWW)
- * California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom (CCRF)
- * California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ)
- * California NOW
- * California Women's Law Center
- * City of West Hollywood
- * City of West Hollywood, Women's Advisory Board
- * Congregation Kol Ami
- * Feminist Majority Foundation
- * Hollywood NOW
- * L.A. for Choice
- * Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz
- * Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
- * NARAL Pro-Choice California
- * National Health Law Program (NHLP)
- * Planned Parenthood Los Angeles
- * Planned Parenthood Young Professionals
- * Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC/URJ)
- * Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC)
- * San Gabriel Valley NOW
- * Temple Israel of Hollywood
- * Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills
- * Together We Will, Los Angeles
- * Women's Reproductive Rights Assistance Project (WRRAP)

The growing list of featured speakers includes:

- * State Senator Holly Mitchell
- * LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
- * Juana Rosa Cavero, California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom, Executive Director
- * Hector Villagra, ACLU of Southern California, Executive Director
- * Hillary Selvin, National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles, Executive Director
- * Remy Holwick, Feminist Activist
- * Marcie Smolin, Actress and Comedian as MC

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. 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. More information at www.ncjwla.org or on Facebook at @NCJWLosAngeles and Facebook event [tiny.cc/NCJWLA-Rally](https://www.facebook.com/events/1015888888888888) or Twitter at @NCJWLA and #RallytoSaveRoe.

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