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Los Angeles Unites for Environmental Justice at NCJW | LA on Thursday, December 7

Environmental Justice Leaders Come Together in a Night of Storytelling & Taking Action for Healthy Neighborhoods

Los Angeles, CA (November 17, 2017) - Recognizing that inequities across Los Angeles in exposure to toxins in our air, soil, and consumer products is not just one neighborhood's public health problem, but everyone's problem, the National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles invites Angelenos to join us and top environmental justice leaders at ***Inequity & the Rise of Environmental Justice! A Night of Storytelling + Action for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods***. This evening of action will take place from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the NCJW | LA headquarters at 543 N Fairfax Ave, Los Angeles, CA.

What does it mean to have a safe and healthy neighborhood? In a powerful night of storytelling and activism, NCJW | LA will be joined by leading L.A. advocates and organizations for environmental justice to learn about the inequities our communities face and how we can all help to turn them around.

Special guest speakers include: **Martha Dina Argüello**, Executive Director, Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles; **Strela Cervas**, Statewide Organizing Director, California Environmental Justice Alliance and CEJA Action; **Marissa Chan**, Environmental Research and Policy Coordinator, Black Women for Wellness; **Monique López**, Social Justice Planner & Policy Advocate; and more.

As Rosalind Helfad explains, "NCJW | LA is committed to social justice for women, children, and families and we're concerned about the public health crisis caused by exposure to pollution and toxins in Los Angeles and beyond. We recognize that climate change is also disproportionately impacting low-income communities and people of color, and we're partnering with those fighting for environmental justice to educate and activate our community to support their frontline work."

"Environmental racism is a core issue that impacts low-income communities and people of color first and worst. As our nation slides backward in progress we have made to confront the climate change crisis, California has a tremendous opportunity to lead the nation to transition away from fossil fuels and to address the environmental inequities that have long burdened communities of color. I am excited to share the stories of victory of the California Environmental Justice Alliance and to discuss how Los Angeles is a strategic leader in the environmental justice movement," shares Strela Cervas, Statewide Organizing Director, California Environmental Justice Alliance.

Environmental justice organization leaders and officials will be on hand to educate about environmental justice issues in and around Los Angeles and connect audiences with their next actions. Participating organizations include:

- Black Women for Wellness
- California Environmental Justice Alliance
- California League of Conservation Voters
- California State Assemblymember Cristina Garcia
- Center for Biological Diversity
- ClimatePlan
- Coalition for a Better Environment
- Heal the Bay
- Healthy Active Streets
- LA Forward
- Physicians for Social Responsibility

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PRESENTER: National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles

DATE: Thursday, December 7, 2017

TIME: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

LOCATION: 543 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036

RSVP: This is a free community event. RSVP to Maya Paley at maya@ncjwla.org or 323-852-8536.

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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. All donations to our eight Council Thrift Shops support the programs and services of NCJW | LA. NCJW | LA is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization (Tax ID #95-1641433). To get help call 877-655-3807 or for more info visit www.ncjwla.org, call 323-651-2930, or email info@ncjwla.org. Donate today to Council Thrift 800-400-6259.

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