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MEDIA ALERT

Dr. Willie Parker Joins NCJW|LA for *Roe at 45: When Rights ≠ Access*

Over 20 Reproductive Justice Organizations Unite to Tackle Barriers to Abortion Access in California and Nationwide for the 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade on Sunday, January 14, 2018

What On Sunday, January 14, 2018, Dr. Willie Parker, nationally renowned OB/GYN and abortion access advocate, will address hundreds of Southern Californians for *Roe at 45: When Rights ≠ Access*. Hosted by the National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles (NCJW|LA) and co-sponsored by over 20 organizations. Black Women for Wellness in partnership with Skylight Books will also host a signing with guest speaker Dr. Willie Parker of his new book, *Life's Work: A Moral Argument for Choice*.

In addition to Dr. Parker's appearance, the evening will feature an interactive program that powerfully illustrates the experiences of women seeking abortions and the barriers they face together with the consequences of these obstacles. Participants will also have access to Across the Line, an immersive virtual reality experience to put viewers in the shoes of a patient entering a health center for a safe and legal abortion.

Where NCJW|LA Council
543 N. Fairfax Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90036

When Sunday, January 14, 2018
5 PM to 7:30 PM

Who **Guest speaker: Dr. Willie Parker, MD** is the physician plaintiff in the federal lawsuit preventing the closure of Mississippi's only abortion clinic, a case currently in request for hearing by the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a reproductive justice advocate and author of the book *Life's Work: A Moral Argument for Choice*.

Sponsors: Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns (ACWC), ACLU of Southern California (ACLU/SC) Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Black Women for Wellness (BWW), California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom (CCRF), California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ), California NOW, California Women's Law Center (CWLC), City of West Hollywood, City of West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board, Congregation Kol Ami, Feminist Majority Foundation, Hollywood NOW, IKAR, Lenore Wax, LA for Choice, Los Angeles Coalition for Reproductive Justice, NARAL Pro-Choice California, National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles (NCJW|LA), National Health Law Program (NHeLP), Planned Parenthood Los Angeles (PPLA), Planned Parenthood Los Angeles Young Professionals (PPLA YP), Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC), Temple Isaiah, Temple Israel of Hollywood, Woman's Perspective Organization, Women's Reproductive Rights Assistance Project (WRRAP)

Why This event marks the 45th anniversary of the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision protecting a woman's decision to have an abortion, with a call to tackle barriers to abortion access in California and nationwide. **Sandra Fluke**, Voices for Progress, California State Director says, "Our constitutional right to safe and legal abortion hangs by a thread while the ability of women in vulnerable communities to realistically access abortion is being constantly eroded. We must all educate ourselves about these threats and how to take action now."

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About NCJW|LA

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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