

**Media Advisory  
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**Celebrate Women's Equality Day  
with a  
CALL TO ACTION:  
Defining the Issues Impacting Women and Girls  
in California and the USA**

**Saturday, August 23, 2014, 9:30 AM-4:00 PM  
Followed by Wine and Cheese Networking to 5:00 PM**

**African American Art & Culture Complex, Hall of Culture  
762 Fulton St, San Francisco (*parking available*)**

San Francisco, CA...Community leaders from the San Francisco Greater Bay Area, Central Valley, North Coast and beyond are gathering at the African American Art and Culture Complex in San Francisco on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to commemorate nationally proclaimed Women's Equality Day. They have invited women leaders from Western Region states to join them and engage in a provocative day of change agent conversation and celebration.

Special guests include Elmy Bermejo, Representing the Secretary of the Department of Labor, who will keynote about DOL's initiatives for US women and their families. She will also moderate a Roundtable with notable women from non-governmental advocacy organizations and corporate business sector for "A Community-Corporate Conversation on Mutual Concerns."

San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon will be awarded the 2014 Jedi Knight Award. Key Social Justice Activists Krishanti Dharmaraj, Jene McCovey and Marily Mondelar will be honored with WIN's *Circle of Courage Award* for their courageous and groundbreaking advocacy and development work.

The Women's Intercultural Network (WIN) is sponsoring this history-making Call to Action referred to as "the new face of networking." WIN also launches their initiative for Community-Corporate Councils to include the voices of all women and girls who have not had an opportunity for dialogue- indigenous, farmworker, corporate, everyday women sharing their agendas and recommended actions on the challenges facing them and their families.

WIN's "Call to Action" agenda will include interactive discussions engaging policy activists, legislators, interested media, corporate partners, and women and girls of all ages from communities around the Bay Area, California and Western Region. Priority issues raised will ramp up agendas for a California and US Women's Plan of Action that goes to the UN Beijing+20 Review. The Anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action runs throughout 2015. In addition, attendees will hear about the milestone Cities for CEDAW Campaign that WIN is Peer Leading with the SF Department on the Status of Women. Closing the day is Thuy Linh Tran singing Jazz at a Networking session.

The dialogues on August 23<sup>rd</sup> will include visual and social media outcomes with participants

videotaped to record their voices for the history making movement in 2015

Attendees will include Co-Sponsors from AAUW SF, UNA SF, California NOW, Black Women for Wellness, Filipina Women's Network, iAngel, El Quinto Sol Del California, the Suscol Intertribal Council, student and business leaders, media and legislators. They will inform the critical dialogue for a California and US Women's Agenda for 2015 and beyond. Great food and networking will also mark this celebration with special thanks to AT&T, Union Bank, the Doris J. Foster Foundation and other Co-Sponsors for their generous support of this special occasion.

***Background:*** This event is a celebration of Women's Equality Day (August 26<sup>th</sup>), which was designated by a Joint Resolution of Congress in 1971 to commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution in 1920 guaranteeing women the right to vote. This day recognizes that women's Constitutional rights were the culmination of a massive, peaceful, national movement by women that had its formal beginnings in Seneca Falls, New York in 1848. This observance also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality.

**To register and view the full agenda, go to the following link where group discounts, student rates and scholarships are available: order tickets online at [http:// bpt.me/686978](http://bpt.me/686978), and for more information [www.win-cawa.org/events/wed.html](http://www.win-cawa.org/events/wed.html).**