



WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

CALL TO ACTION AGENDA

Saturday, August 23, 2014



Western Region Call to Action for California & US Women's
Platforms, 2015
20th Anniversary of the UN 4th World Conference on Women, Beijing



Morning Session

9:30 AM Arrival and Registration – Coffee and pastries, conversation and silent auction

Opening Indigenous Ceremony – Charlie Toledo, Founder and Director of the Suscol Intertribal Council

Welcome & Introduction to Women's Equality Day 2014 WIN Co-Chair Kathleen Cha

Jedi Knight awarded to San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon by Nancy Rock Community Advocate

Circle of Courage awarded to Marily Mondejar, President and Founder, Filipina Women's Network, by Marilyn Fowler, President & CEO, WIN

Briefing Part 1 of 2 – California Women's Agenda Policy Chairs' issue briefing and interactive discussion with participants

Circle of Courage Awarded to Yurok Environmentalist Jene McCovey, by Charlie Toledo

Break

Lunch: Above and Beyond Catering

CHAUTAUQUA Marilyn Fowler, WIN conversation and networking on YOUR priority concerns



Afternoon Session

Circle of Courage awarded to director of iAngel Krishanti Dharmaraj, by Julianne Cartwright Traylor, WIN Co-Chair

Keynote from Elmy Bermejo, Representative to Region 9 from the Secretary of the Department of Labor, with a Q&A, by Kathleen Cha, WIN Co-Chair

Community Corporate Conversation - An interactive roundtable Collaboration on Mutual Concerns with Patricia Bovan, Chantallya Louis, Emma Mayerson, Irma Medillin, Robin Endres, and Ileana Winterhalter moderated by Elmy Bermejo

Briefing Part 2 of 2 California Women's Agenda Policy Chairs' issue briefing and interactive discussion

California County Briefings – CAWA County & US State representatives present their priorities for action 2015+

Break

Cities for CEDAW Campaign Update – Emily Murase, Executive Director, SF Department on the Status of Women and Jessica Buchleitner, WIN Board, US Peer Leaders C4C

Meeting Summary – Julianne Cartwright Traylor and Kathleen Cha, WIN Co-Chairs

Silent Auction – Closing bids on items from around the world including: jewelry, artwork, hats and more, Sandra Pounder Coordinating

Wine and Cheese Gathering with jazz by Thuy Linh Tran



2014 WED Jedi Knight Winner



George Gascon

As San Francisco District Attorney, George Gascon has proven to be a criminal justice visionary and a Jedi for Justice to all women and girls. He is a champion for women addressing issues they face and employing effective juris prudence to support them. As a defender of victims of domestic violence, he has demonstrated he understands the problems the voiceless face, and the importance of keeping kids in school to reduce violence and prevent crime. In partnership with SFUSD, his DA's Office has launched innovative programs to reduce truancy, increase mentoring opportunities, and reduce bullying.

Gascon is a member of Harvard/Kennedy School of Government's Executive Session on Policing and Public Safety, and worked on public safety initiatives in Latin America and the Middle East.

2014 WED Circle of Courage Winners



Jene McCovey

Is a Yurok and Hoopa environmental activist and leader of tribal women and girls. Jene has served 16 years as the Humboldt County representative to CAWA and Environmental Co-Chair. Jene effectively lobbied in Sacramento on behalf of saving the fishing industry on the North coast by blocking Pacific Lumber Company from clear-cutting their bay areas.

She is an advisor to the Yurok Tribe TANF program, Board Vice President of Californians for Alternatives to Toxins, a group whose goal is to protect the earth and the beings who inhabit it.



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Krishanti Dharmaraj

Executive Director of IANGEL and a human rights advocate, Krishanti brings decades of expertise in creating values driven organizations on gender, social justice and human rights. She spearheaded passage of the city CEDAW ordinance in San Francisco in 1998 and created the Dignity Index, a human rights measurement tool and methodology used to reduce discrimination.

She co-founded the Sri Lanka Children's Fund and was founding Executive Director of the Women's Institute for Leadership Development for Human Rights. She was Western Regional Spokesperson for Amnesty International USA and a Director of the Domestic Violence Consortium in San Francisco.



Marily Mondejar

A business and grassroots organization leader with local and global experience providing expertise to prestigious San Francisco commissions such as the Redistricting Task Force. She founded the Filipina Women's Network, an association for women of Philippine ancestry in the U.S. and diaspora, with 10,000+ members. Marily went to the Philippines to provide and support typhoon victims in her home area of Tacloban and put an economic recovery plan in place for women and their families.

Marily chairs the Friends of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women and is a tireless advocate against domestic violence and trafficking.



2014 WED Keynote Speaker



Elmy Bermejo

Recently returned to San Francisco, Elmy now serves as the Region Nine Representative of the Secretary of Labor. Prior to this position, Elmy served as Director of intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Labor in Washington DC. Dedicated to public service for over 25 years, she was California Deputy Secretary for External Affairs and Consumer Services Agency and served as Special Assistant to Senators Don Perata and John Burton.

Elmy's community and civic involvement includes Chair of the California Commission on the Status of Women and of the Women's Foundation of California. She co-founded HOPE – Hispanas Organized for Political Equality. She served on the board of MALDEF, Complete Count for Census 2010, Feed the Hunger and Transparent Democracy.



Previous WIN Award Winners

2013

Princess Leia Award Congresswoman

Nancy Pelosi

Circle of Courage

Lys Anzia

2012

Circle of Courage Award

Lynne Woolsey

Graciela Martinez

Roma Guy

Carol Norberg

Jedi Knight Award

Mark Norberg

2011

Jedi Knight Award

Hon. Willie L. Brown

2010

Circle of Courage Award

Elisa Maria Sanchez

Elahe Amani

Madeline Duckles

Jedi Knight Award

Jeff Adachi

2007

Circle of Courage Award

Yuri Kochiyama

Dian J. Harrison

Dr. Raye Richardson

Gracia Molina de Pick

Jedi Knight Award

Jerry Flynn

Steven Graves

Reginald Major

2006

Circle of Courage Award

Aileen C. Hernandez

2005

Circle of Courage Award

Billie Heller

Olivia Puentes Reynolds

2004

Circle of Courage Award

Congresswoman Barbara Lee

2003

Circle of Courage Award

Senator Barbara Boxer



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