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**MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI AND FIRST LADY AMY ELAINE WAKELAND
ANNOUNCE THE INAUGURAL LOS ANGELES STATE OF WOMEN & GIRLS ADDRESS
AND YOUNG WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY**

March 14 conference will take place at the University of Southern California, and focus on issues of gender equality in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Women's achievements, challenges, and future opportunities will be at the center of a historic conference to be hosted by Mayor Eric Garcetti and First Lady Amy Elaine Wakeland at the University of Southern California (USC). The Inaugural Los Angeles State of Women & Girls Address and Young Women's Assembly will be held on March 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The event will bring together Angelenos — including civic and thought leaders, as well as 700 girls, young women, and trans youth — for in-depth conversations, panels, and presentations on the state of gender equality in Los Angeles.

The Inaugural Los Angeles State of Women & Girls Address and Young Women's Assembly is comprised of two major components:

The Inaugural Los Angeles State of Women & Girls Address will run from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and features two keynote addresses, one by Mayor Eric Garcetti and the other by First Lady Amy Elaine Wakeland. The speeches will be open to invited city leaders and community members. It will take place at the Town and Gown Ballroom, 665 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90089.

The Inaugural Los Angeles Young Women's Assembly will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is for invited young people from across the city. The programming features workshops, leadership training, and panel discussions with top women leaders in the business, entertainment, finance, technology, and public sectors. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a resource fair that will include 25 non-profit and public-sector organizations.

Mayor Eric Garcetti and First Lady Amy Elaine Wakeland will deliver closing remarks. The Inaugural Los Angeles Young Women's Assembly will take place at Ronald Tutor Campus Center, 3607 Trousdale Parkway, Los Angeles, CA 90089.

Speakers include:

Mayor Eric Garcetti

First Lady Amy Elaine Wakeland

City Councilmember Nury Martinez

Eva Longoria, actress and philanthropist

Janice Bryant Howroyd, CEO of the ACT-1 Group

Carmelita Jeter, three-time Olympic medalist

"Women have always been a driving force in L.A.'s growth and prosperity, and we are strengthening that legacy by empowering women and girls in our time," said Mayor Garcetti. "Our progress is clear: my administration achieved gender parity on our boards and commissions for the first time in history, more women are in positions of power and influence than ever before, and we're taking new steps to improve services for

women and girls. This conference is about taking stock of where we are — and setting new goals to build on the momentum that this moment in history has put before us.”

In 2015, Mayor Garcetti issued an executive directive on gender equity, which called on every City department to implement the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) — and directed them to study how their services affect women and girls, set goals for improvement, and measure success. He also asked the Commission on the Status of Women to order a report that could help guide policymaking around the economic, social, and other inequities faced by women. “The Report on the Status of Women and Girls in Los Angeles,” the first study of its kind, was prepared by Mount Saint Mary’s University and can be viewed at www.lamayor.org/statusofwomen.

“Mayor Garcetti has put gender equality at the center of his administration’s work to build a better Los Angeles — and we are making extraordinary progress in supporting women’s leadership and broadening the number and quality of opportunities for girls across the City,” said First Lady of Los Angeles Amy Elaine Wakeland. “I was proud to partner with the Mayor to initiate the Report on the Status of Women and Girls, and this conference is an important step toward deepening our understanding of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.”

WeWork is the presenting sponsor of The Inaugural Los Angeles State of Women & Girls Address and Young Women’s Assembly. Partner sponsors include Azteca, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, and AT&T. The event is a program of the Mayor’s Fund for Los Angeles and Mayor Garcetti’s Innovation Team (i-team), which is supported by a \$2.55 million grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies.

“At WeWork we transform buildings into innovative spaces and communities that empower people to create, explore new ideas, and boldly pursue their life’s work,” said Adam Neumann, CEO and Co-Founder, WeWork. “We are honored to announce our support of The Inaugural Los Angeles State of Women & Girls Address and Young Women’s Assembly, and look forward to working with Mayor Garcetti and First Lady Amy Elaine Wakeland to continue the important work of advancing gender equity and supporting women in entrepreneurship.”

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