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## 38TH ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION HONOREES: “CELEBRATING WOMEN WHO TELL OUR STORIES”

On Monday, March 13, 2023, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Commission for Women will hold its 38th Annual Women of the Year Awards and Commemorative Celebration, “Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories.” This year we will honor 13 exceptional women who have diligently worked to better the lives of women in Los Angeles County. The luncheon will be held at the **Sheraton Grand Los Angeles in Downtown Los Angeles**, 711 S. Hope St., Los Angeles, CA 90017, in the beautiful California Ballroom. Registration and check-in will open at 10:30 a.m. and the event will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.

The following women are saluted for their work to bring about social and economic change:

### President’s Award

Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Karen Bass is the 43rd Mayor of Los Angeles and the first woman elected to hold this prestigious position.

### District Awardees

- First District:** Diana Diaz, Creator/Founder, Mexichic Crafts, the Goddess Mercado, and the Queer Mercado
- Second District:** Valaria M. Lincoln, Retired, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Los Angeles District Office
- Third District:** Emiliana Guereca, Founder, Women’s March Foundation
- Fourth District:** Dr. Monica Sanchez, Councilmember, City of Pico Rivera
- Fifth District:** Jill Zimmerman, Dean of Students, Antelope Valley College

### Community-At-Large Awardees

- Arts/Media:** Tema Staig, Executive Director, Women in Media
- Business/Labor:** Erika Toriz, Founder & Executive Director, Haven Services
- Community Activism:** Naomi Rainey-Person, President, Long Beach Branch NAACP
- Education:** Luz Flores, Director of Operations, Women In Non-Traditional Employment Roles
- Education:** Vivian Ekchian, Superintendent, Glendale Unified School District
- Health:** Andrea Piazza, Director of Virtual Programming, Discovery Behavioral Health
- Law/Public Safety:** Muluemebet Alemayehu, Immigration Attorney, Law Offices of Muluemebet Alemayehu

A portion of the proceeds from these events will be used to provide education scholarships for young at-risk women. To purchase tickets or a table, or to become a sponsor, please visit <https://connect.eventpro.net/EP/Default.aspx>.

Join us and show your appreciation for these exceptional women! For more information to become a sponsor or have questions about this event, please contact Commission Staff at [laccw@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:laccw@bos.lacounty.gov) or 213-974-1431.

Thank you. We look forward to your participation on March 13, 2023, at the **Sheraton Grand Los Angeles Hotel, Downtown Los Angeles.**

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