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## LA County Commission for Women Unites with Representatives, Elected Officials, Residents at Inaugural Women's Civic Engagement Event

*The Los Angeles Commission for Women, the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC), and NWPC LA Metro held their inaugural women's civic engagement event to urge women leaders to fight for and maintain equality by closing the gap in the number of women running for higher office.*

**LOS ANGELES, CA** – On Saturday, January 31, 2026, the LA County Commission for Women, the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC), and NWPC LA Metro hosted an inaugural Civic Engagement event designed to bring together women across Los Angeles County to engage in civic service and community leadership roles.

The event supported women pursuing civic engagement and provided attendees with strategies and tools for success. Led by women leaders from throughout LA County, including Carmen Chang from Empower LA and Dr. Diandra “Dee” Bremond from Close the Gap, the event included educational workshops, leadership training, and wellness resources that empowered women with the tools, support networks, and confidence to step into leadership roles.

“This is more than just a gathering – it’s empowerment through community, action, and civic engagement for women across Los Angeles County,” said **Los Angeles County Board Chair and First District Supervisor, Hilda L. Solis**. “Now more than ever, we must continue to carve out intentional space and movement that builds on the education, resilience, and leadership of women and girls everywhere. Together, we work towards a brighter, more just future.”

“We are thrilled to be a part of a historical event that showcases the resilience and determination of women and girls in Los Angeles County,” said **Dr. Regina Smith, President of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women**. “It is detrimental to ensure the safety and security of Women in all aspects of life! We believe that education and economic empowerment are key to unlocking the full potential of women and girls, and we are committed to helping them achieve their goals.”

Several women's groups and leaders attended this event, including Darcy Totten, Executive Director of the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (CCSWG); the Honorable Alysson Snow, Mayor of the City of Lemon Grove; and Betty Yee, former California State Controller.

This event was in response to recent legislative and legal actions in the United States that resulted in setbacks to women's rights. Speakers emphasized the importance of working together to overcome inequalities and how change starts with leadership roles that aim to achieve comprehensive equality, reproductive rights, economic justice (equal pay, childcare, paid leave), healthcare access (maternal health, affordability), ending gender-based violence, and dismantling systemic barriers to women's political participation. Advocating for these policies improves the lives of all, from single mothers to corporate leaders, and challenges traditional gender roles in governance.

#### **About the Los Angeles County Commission for Women**

The Los Angeles County [Commission for Women](#) seeks to represent the interests and concerns of women of all races, ethnic and social backgrounds, religious convictions, sexual orientation, and social circumstances.

#### **About the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors**

The Los Angeles County Commission for Women is housed within the Executive Office of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The [Executive Office](#) provides a multi-functional support role for the Board of Supervisors in administering and managing technology, staffing, procurement, and facilities resources, as well as the publication of information for the Board, various County departments, and the public. The Executive Office also administers and oversees over 30 County commissions and offices, and its mission is to provide excellent customer service and support the Board in achieving its objectives.

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