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NCJW | LA Changes Position on Senate Bill 10: *Moves to Opposition after Strong Advocacy in Favor*

LOS ANGELES – After more than a year of proactively advocating for the passage of SB 10 through visits with legislators, phone banks, and action alerts, National Council of Jewish Women | Los Angeles (NCJW | LA) is deeply disappointed in the proposed amendments to the bill.

“We believe new provisions added just last week will perpetuate racial and socioeconomic disparities and biases in California’s criminal justice system,” Maya Paley, Director of Advocacy & Community Engagement, “The changes allow for substantial discretion at the local and judicial level likely resulting in increased rates of pretrial detention.”

Because NCJW | LA’s work and mission focus on expanding equity and economic justice, we feel it would be irresponsible and counter to our organizational values to support the bill in its current form. We stand in opposition along with Color of Change, Essie Justice Group, The Bail Project, Dignity and Power Now, and Youth Justice Coalition -- organizations that are led by and represent communities which may be disproportionately negatively impacted by the harmful changes in the bill.

“NCJW | LA is proud to have worked closely with an extraordinary community of people dedicated to improving California’s money bail system. We are saddened that the bill has been amended such that its negatives outweigh its benefits,” said Marjorie Gilberg, Executive Director for the organization.

NCJW | LA is committed to reforming the bail system and will continue to work alongside our coalition partners to eliminate the predatory practice of money bail in California.

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ABOUT NCJW | LA: National Council of Jewish Women | Los Angeles (NCJW | LA) has advocated for social justice and equity for over 100 years. We aim to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families and to ensure dignity and respect for all human beings. NCJW|LA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (Tax ID #95-1641433). For more information, visit www.ncjwla.org.

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