

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**LIFTING WOMEN UP IN TODAY’S ECONOMY:  
A Forum on Economic Justice**

**WHAT:** In this panel discussion, leading policy experts from across California will delve into the economic inequities women face in California and throughout the United States. The dialogue will focus on the gender wage gap, the impact of predatory lending on women, and the barriers to success that women face in the workplace including lack of access to paid family leave, inflexible scheduling, and other factors. The forum will include a call to action.

*“Two out of three of the elderly poor in the United States are women. There is no doubt that misogyny is the primary reason women have not achieved economic equity to date. It is imperative that we advocate for real and lasting policy changes that will lift women up, especially women of color and low income women, to where they can achieve economic success equal to that of men in our society. The panelists of Lifting Women Up in Today’s Economy will shed light on the policies we must advocate for so that the upcoming generations of women do not continue to face such enormous economic inequities.” –Rosalyn Siegel, Board Member, NCJW |LA*

**WHO:** Community members, media, educators

**DETAILS:** Wednesday, October 24, 2018  
6:00-8:00 pm  
NCJW | LA Council House  
543 N. Fairfax Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90036  
Free parking available in lot off of Clinton Ave.

**PANELISTS:**

**Moderated by:** MELISSA ETEHAD, *LA Times Reporter*

**Featured Speakers include:**

GRACIELA APONTE-DIAZ, *Director of California Policy, Center for Responsible Lending*

ANA GRANDE, *Assistant Dean, Mount Saint Mary’s University*

KOLIEKA SEIGLE, *President, California NOW*

**CO-SPONSORED BY:** SAG-AFTRA Los Angeles Women’s Committee, ACLU of Southern California, City of West Hollywood Women’s Advisory Board, LA Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE), California Work and Family Coalition, Mount Saint Mary’s University, CODEPINK, California National Organization for Women, Hollywood National Organization for Women, Junior League of Los Angeles, Women of Temple Israel of Hollywood, and UFCW 770.

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