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City of West Hollywood Commemorates Women's Equality Day with Gloria Allred

*Celebration will Take Place on Sunday, August 26 at the
Council Chambers at the West Hollywood Library*

*There will be a Documentary Screening of 'Seeing Allred' with
Remarks from Gloria Allred, as well as a Discussion and Reception*

*Event Marks the Anniversary of the Ratification of the
19th Amendment, Granting Women the Right to Vote*

WEST HOLLYWOOD, August 21, 2018 – The City of West Hollywood, its Women's Advisory Board, and its Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will host the City's annual celebration of Women's Equality Day. The day is an opportunity to honor the optimism, tenacity, and unrelenting spirit of the people who worked to secure women's right to vote, and to illustrate how much can be achieved in a democratic society by the collective efforts of citizens committed to political reform.

A Women's Equality Day community event will take place on Sunday, August 26, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the City of West Hollywood's Council Chambers/Public Meeting Room at the West Hollywood Library, located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard. The event is free and open to the public. Free parking will be available at the adjacent five-story structure with validation.

There will be a screening of *Seeing Allred*, about the life and work of noted civil rights attorney and women's equality advocate Gloria Allred. The documentary film, which was an official selection of the Sundance Film Festival and is now streaming on Netflix, will be introduced by Sophie Sartain, the co-director and producer of the documentary. Gloria Allred will speak and answer questions from the audience about the film and what actions she thinks should be

taken now to protect our rights. This is a free event, but it is anticipated that the event will quickly reach capacity; early RSVPs are encouraged by calling (323) 848-6823 or at www.whwomensequalityday2018.eventbrite.com.

“The City has a long-standing commitment to advocating for and supporting women — just like our featured speaker, Gloria Allred,” said City of West Hollywood Mayor John J. Duran. “Women’s Equality Day is not just a celebration of the anniversary of women’s right to vote, it’s also a reminder that rights are under attack. In light of the spirit and passion of our recent Women’s Marches, we must keep fighting to guard reproductive rights and access to healthcare, to fight for equal pay for equal work, and to maintain women’s full equality under the law.”

Following the screening, there will be a panel discussion with special guest speakers about a number of timely issues, including current efforts to pass the Equal Rights Amendment. *We are the Change - The Intersection of Movements* will be moderated by Caroline Heldman, Ph.D., Survivor Activist and #ERANow Director. The discussion will include panelists: Rashad Beal, Schools Over Violence Program Manager at Peace Over Violence; Juana Rosa Cavero, Director of the California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom; Amanda Goad, the Audrey Irmas Director of the LGBTQ, Gender & Reproductive Justice Project at the ACLU of Southern California; and Jenny C. Pizer, Law and Policy Director of Lambda Legal.

Attendees will have the opportunity to take actions regarding key issues affecting the full equality of women including: efforts to pass the Equal Rights Amendment; efforts to oppose the nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States; and efforts to support voter education and participation.

Participating organizations include: Feminist Majority + MS Magazine; Planned Parenthood Los Angeles; #ERANow; League of Women Voters Los Angeles; Hollywood NOW; Los Angeles LGBT Center – Audre Lorde Program; and UN Women (USNC L.A. Chapter).

For more than two decades, the City of West Hollywood has commemorated Women’s Equality Day in a variety of ways. The City of West Hollywood was the first city in the nation to declare itself pro-choice and it has continually supported

state and federal legislation protecting and advancing women's reproductive rights and access to healthcare. The City has a strong record of supporting initiatives that call for equal pay for equal work. The City's Women's Advisory Board is involved in a myriad of programming and events that recognize and support women in the community.

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