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DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY LEADERS JOIN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE IN CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SUFFRAGE

(SAN FRANCISCO, CA) – The Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco is honored to host an upcoming celebration of 100 years of women's suffrage, in partnership with the League of Women Voters of San Francisco, with a distinguished panel of leaders discussing women in politics today. This event will take place on Wednesday, August 26th at 5pm via as part of the virtual programming at Mechanics' Institute.

"Mechanics' Institute is very honored to host these phenomenal women leaders for this exciting event, and we appreciate everyone's willingness to come together and share their experiences," said Kimberly Scrafano, the Executive Director of Mechanics' Institute. "At this very pivotal moment in politics, it is vital to remember our history and celebrate the spirit of those who have pathed so many roads to equality by showcasing where we are today. As an institute with its doors always open to women as members and presenters since our founding in 1854, celebrating the U.S. Women's Suffrage Movement at the Mechanics' Institute feels like sharing part of our history as well."

The Women in Politics Today: A Progress Report event celebrates our current leaders and representatives and features Congresswoman Jackie Speier, California Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis, and Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, along with Aimee Allison (Founder and President of She the People) and Alison Goh (President of the League of Women Voters of San Francisco). The event will be moderated by Marisa Lagos (KQED Political Correspondent), with journalist Elaine Elinson and Suffrage historian Jennifer Helton offering commentary. The distinguished panelists will offer perspectives from their engagement in government and civic work, talk about their inspirations and aspirations, and discuss how women can lead our country and preserve democratic values.

This program is a nonpartisan event that is part of a series on the history of the U.S. Women's Suffrage Movement and its impact today. The event is cosponsored by the Mechanics' Institute and the League of Women Voters of San Francisco. It is free and open to the public. To learn more and register, please visit us at <https://www.milibrary.org/events/suffrage-100-centennial-celebration-zoom-cosponsored-league-women-voters-sf-aug-26-2020>.

Mechanics Institute. Founded in 1854, the Mechanics' Institute is one of the oldest institutions on the West Coast of the United States. Its mission is to provide a center for intellectual and cultural advancement. Located in downtown San Francisco, it serves individuals and families throughout the Bay Area, offering a vibrant library, historic chess room with classes and tournaments, and a full calendar of engaging cultural events, programs, and classes. For more information about Mechanics' Institute, please visit our website at www.milibrary.org.

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