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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
AND
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NURY MARTINEZ
COLLABORATE TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE
WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
WITH A
GALLERY OF CREATIVE EXPRESSION**

Los Angeles – The **City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs** is collaborating with **Los Angeles City Council President Nury Martinez** to co-curate an Instagram multi-media gallery of visual art, literature, music, dance, and performance art created by women and girls from Los Angeles, regardless of their profession, education, experience, or age. The social media-generated gallery, **Create Like a Woman** is part of a series of events Council President Martinez will be hosting to celebrate and amplify the creativity of women and girls during **Women’s History Month** this March. Subthemes include: **mental health and wellbeing; community; and strength** – especially in light of the pandemic.

Women’s History Month is an annual declared month that highlights and celebrates the contributions of women. The National Women’s History Alliance has designated this year’s National Women’s History Month theme as: **Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope**.

“Women bore the brunt of this pandemic as employees, as parents, and as caregivers,” said **Council President Nury Martinez**. “Women’s History Month is a time for us to recognize the women that have influenced history, but also a time to recognize the contributions of women today. This gallery is a celebration of the incredible women of Los Angeles—it’s a space for women to be unapologetically themselves after two years of seemingly nonstop hardship.”

“The Department of Cultural Affairs celebrates and honors the women who have paved the path and shaped the modern arts and cultural environment to ensure equity and equality with opportunities, pay, treatment, and respect for women,” said **Daniel Tarica, DCA Interim General Manager**. “We are proud to

collaborate with Council President Martinez to recognize and celebrate creative expression from women and girls in Los Angeles.”

Priority will be given to entries submitted by **February 28 at 12:00 p.m.** and will be accepted through **March 25, 2022.** Selected entries will be posted on the **Create Like a Woman Gallery** on Instagram on a rolling basis. The call for participants will be open to all women and girls in any profession, regardless of art experience, formal training, age, or background.

A limited number of participants will be invited to display their works in the **Create Like a Woman Gallery** on Instagram. All entries can be uploaded as a post on Instagram with the hashtag: **#CreateLikeAWoman**. Please tag: **@createlikeyawoman** and **@cd6nury**. For inquiries, direct message **@createlikeyawoman**. Artworks can also be submitted by email. To submit by email, attach a JPEG (minimum 300 DPI), your name, title of your work, and a 50-word description to: dca.publicart@lacity.org.

ABOUT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS (DCA)

As a leading, progressive arts and cultural agency, DCA empowers Los Angeles’ vibrant communities by supporting and providing access to quality visual, literary, musical, performing, and educational arts programming; managing vital cultural centers; preserving historic sites; creating public art; and funding services provided by arts organizations and individual artists.

Formed in 1925, DCA promotes arts and culture as a way to ignite a powerful dialogue, engage LA’s residents and visitors, and ensure LA’s varied cultures are recognized, acknowledged, and experienced. DCA’s mission is to strengthen the quality of life in Los Angeles by stimulating and supporting arts and cultural activities, ensuring public access to the arts for residents and visitors alike.

DCA advances the social and economic impact of arts and culture through grant-making; public art; community arts; performing arts; and strategic marketing, development, design, and digital research. DCA creates and supports arts programming, maximizing relationships with other city agencies, artists, and arts and cultural nonprofit organizations to provide excellent service in neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles.

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