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***MEDIA AVAILABILITY, 1 p.m., WEDS., Oct. 11th, Jackson and Columbus**

ONE YEAR LATER: Women's March on Chicago Returns with "March to the Polls"

Organizers of Historic Event Set Saturday, January 20, 2018

CHICAGO—Women's March on Chicago, the historic and broad-reaching coalition which drew more than 250,000 people to Grant Park in January, 2017, is launching "March to the Polls." On January 20, 2018 marchers will come together in downtown Chicago to celebrate the spirit of the resistance efforts over the past year and unite to focus on the 2018 elections and beyond.

The fight for women's rights and social justice through political engagement continues. "As we approach local, mid-term, and gubernatorial elections in 2018, it's even more critical that women are engaged and involved. If we want to see progress in this city, state, and country we need women's votes, voices, and leadership," said event organizer Jessica Scheller.

Media availability with march organizers to discuss the new event will take place WEDNESDAY, Oct. 11th at 1 p.m. at the northeast corner of Jackson Drive and Columbus Drive.

The location for the rally has yet to be set, but participants can expect to make their voices heard to city, state, and national administrations. The march will also serve as a kick-off for programming that empowers voters to support women's rights and social justice.

"The fight for women's rights is only becoming more crucial. In 2017, activists, new and seasoned, joined advocates in the fight for women's rights and social justice. In 2018 we celebrate that movement, and march our demands to the polls," said event organizer Jaquie Algee.

Women's March on Chicago brings together women and allies in support of women's rights including equal rights, equal pay, reproductive justice, affordable healthcare, affordable childcare, racial justice, voting rights, freedom from violence, LGBTQ+ rights, immigrant rights, fair wages, access for persons with disabilities, environmental protections, and other critical areas of focus.

WHAT: Media availability to discuss 2018 Women's March on Chicago to support widespread voter activation, women's rights, and social justice

WHEN: 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11th

WHERE: Southwest corner of Jackson Street and Columbus Drive

WHO: Organizers of the historic 2017 Women's March on Chicago