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WOMEN'S MARCH ON CHICAGO ANNOUNCES NEW RALLY SITE AND MARCH ROUTE
Changes Due to Expectations of 50,000+ Marchers

CHICAGO, IL (Jan. 19, 2017) – The expected number of attendees for the Women's March on Chicago continues to grow exponentially. Due to the large crowds expected for Jan. 21 march, organizers today announced a new rally site and march route. So far, more than 50,000 people have confirmed attendance on march social media channels, and many more are expected. The new rally location is at the intersection near the Petrillo Bandshell. Updated and more detailed information can be found at the march website: www.womens121marchonchicago.org.

NEW RALLY SITE/START OF MARCH: Intersection of Columbus Drive and Jackson Boulevard

DIRECTIONS FOR MARCHERS: Marchers should enter the rally area from the south on Congress Parkway or Balbo Drive

ACCESSIBILITY DROP-OFF SITE: Persons with disabilities should enter southbound on Columbus Drive from Randolph Street

NEW MARCH ROUTE: West on Jackson Boulevard to Federal Plaza

STREET CLOSURES: Jackson will be closed at 7 p.m. on Jan. 20
Columbus will be closed at 12 a.m. on Jan. 21

TIMING: 9:15 a.m. Live Music
10 a.m. Rally
11:30 a.m. March Start

NOTE: Due to expected crowds, the City estimates that it will take two hours to complete the march route.

RALLY SPEAKERS/PERFORMERS:

Ari Afsar, Karen Olivo, & Samantha Marie Ware: *From the cast of Hamilton, Performance*

Jaquie Algee: *Director of External Relations, SEIU Healthcare of Illinois* & **Marilyn Katz:** *Co-Founder of Chicago Women Take Action*

Jean Albright: *Master Sergeant (retired) U.S. Air Force*

Eman Hassaballa Aly: *Muslim community Activist, TRUST Collective*

Faith Arnold: *SEIU Healthcare Illinois, Fight for \$15*

Khadine Bennett: *American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois*

Eloise Diaz Bahrmassel: *RISE Movement*

Ann Christophersen & Lynn Mooney: *Women & Children First*

Cleopatra Cowley-Pendleton: *Hadiya Pendleton Foundation*

Rabbi Shoshanah Conover: *Temple Sholom of Chicago*

Pat Dowell (3rd), Susan Garza (10th), & Michele Smith (43rd): *Alderwomen, City of Chicago*
The Full Court Press Second Line Drummers: Performance
Kids Off The Block & Diane Latiker: *Speaking and Performing*

Eva Lewis, Maxine Aguilar, Maxine Wint, and Yahair Tarr: *Youth For Black Lives*
Lights of Zion: Performance

Tamar Manasseh: *Mothers Against Senseless Killings*

Fawzia Mirza: *Actor/Producer, Emcee*

Sara Paretsky: *Author, Sisters in Crime Creator*

Channyn Lynne Parker: *Transgender activist, TransLife Project Manager*

Rahnee Patrick: *Independent Living at Access Living*

Aislinn Pulley: Lead Organizer for Black Lives Matter Chicago

Maria Socorro Pesqueria: *President, Mujeres Latinas en Accion*

Tiffany Pryor: *Executive Director, Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health*

Liz Radford, Ann Scholhamer, and Jessica Scheller: *Co-Chairs of the Women's March on Chicago*

Lucy Smith: Performance

Shani Smith: *Lead Marshall of Women's March on Chicago, Safety Instruction, SEIU Healthcare Illinois*

So Chi Voices: Performance

Opal Staples: Performance

Katie Thiede: *Vice President of Development, Planned Parenthood of Illinois*

Kimberly Wasserman: *Executive Director, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization*

Reyna Wences: *Organized Communities Against Deportations*

Rev. Dr. Janette C. Wilson, Esq.: *National RainbowPUSH Coalition*

MEDIA INSTRUCTIONS:

Please register for credentials on our website at <http://womens121marchonchicago.org/press-room/>.

Television trucks will be allowed to park on Monroe, east of Columbus, BEFORE 7 a.m. (NOTE: Enter onto Columbus from Randolph).

Media check-in tent is located on Columbus, south of Monroe (near stage).

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