



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF LOS ANGELES

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES CELEBRATES 95 YEARS OF RIGHT TO VOTE WITH FUNDRAISER AT ROYCE HALL

New Film **SUFFRAGETTE**, Starring Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham Carter, and Meryl Streep To Be Screened Following Leadership Awards Ceremony

LOS ANGELES – October 1, 2015 -- [The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles](#) (LWVLA), an organization that protects and engages voters, celebrates its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary in an awards ceremony and fundraiser Sunday, November 8, 2015 at Royce Hall on the UCLA campus in Los Angeles from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. followed by a special screening of Focus Features' new film, [SUFFRAGETTE](#) at Westwood Village Theatre, 961 Broxton Avenue in Westwood Village, Los Angeles, 6:00 p.m. Tickets (\$95) on sale to the public include cocktail reception, awards ceremony, and film screening and can be purchased through [Royce Hall/UCLA website](#). All proceeds benefit the LWVLA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

SUFFRAGETTE director Sarah Gavron and screenwriter Abi Morgan will be honored with the LWVLA's Carrie Chapman Catt Leadership Award. Their eagerly awaited new movie, SUFFRAGETTE, is the first feature film to tell the story of the battle for women's voting rights. Academy Award nominees Carey Mulligan and Helena Bonham Carter, and three-time Academy Award winner Meryl Streep, lead the cast of the moving and stirring drama about the women who were willing to lose everything in their fight for equality in early 20<sup>th</sup>-century Britain. SUFFRAGETTE, MPAA-rated "PG-13," also stars Brendan Gleeson, Anne-Marie Duff, Ben Whishaw, Romola Garai, and Natalie Press.

Director Sarah Gavron and screenwriter Abi Morgan will introduce their film and participate in a Q&A after the screening of SUFFRAGETTE.

Monica Horan Rosenthal, the actress best known for playing Amy MacDougal on the Emmy®-winning *Everybody Loves Raymond*, will emcee the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles event and moderate the "living room" conversation with honorees. Along with her husband, Philip Rosenthal, Monica is co-founder of The Flourish Foundation and the Rosenthal Family Foundation.

Yoruba Richen, the director, producer and writer of "[The New Black](#)" accepts the LWVLA's Carrie Chapman Catt Leadership Award. Richen's documentary tells the story of how the African-American community is grappling with gay rights issues in light of the marriage equality movement and fight over civil rights.

Ruth Garcia-Corrales receives LWVLA's Civic Service Leadership Award for her significant business and community service as well as philanthropic support. She

brings this commitment as Public Relations and Community Affairs Manager of Curacao, one of the most trusted names in Hispanic retail sales, and also as Western Region Manager and Los Angeles Chapter President of the National Association of Professional Women.

Linda Goldstein Knowlton, an Emmy®-nominated producer and director is honored for producing the documentary, "[Code Black](#)" (2014), the basis for the new television series premiering on CBS' 2015 fall schedule about life in one of the busiest and most tense emergency rooms in the nation and how doctors cope. Her body of work includes the documentaries, "Makers: Women In Hollywood," and "Somewhere Between" about a group of girls adopted from China and their search for identity, and films including "Whale Rider." Goldstein Knowlton accepts LWVLA's Carrie Chapman Catt Leadership Award.

"Tuesday, November 10, 2015 is Election Day in the United States and we hope every eligible male and female voter will take part in our democracy," says Maria Montero, Co-President, League of Women Voters of Los Angeles. "As the film SUFFRAGETTE beautifully depicts, we have come a long way not only obtaining the right to vote, but educating the public about electoral issues and candidates. Without the League we could not celebrate our honorees and their achievements. We invite the public to support the League and LA-based activities central to our democracy."

The Carrie Chapman Catt Leadership Award is named for the American women's suffrage leader who campaigned for the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, giving American women the right to vote in 1920. The honor pays tribute to those who make unprecedented contributions to the empowerment of women.

*About the League of Women Voters:* The League of Women Voters is a national, nonpartisan grassroots volunteer organization founded in 1920 when women fought for and finally attained the right to vote. Originally designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters and to nurture civic leaders, today's League helps voters, women and men, become informed and engaged citizens. The League continues to engage and empower diverse voices to participate in democracy, defend and expand voting rights, and advocate for better laws and public policy. The League of Women Voters never supports or opposes any political party or candidate.

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