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APRIL 21ST IS DENIM DAY IN LOS ANGELES

Councilmember Eric Garcetti will join Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski in a presentation in tomorrow morning's City Council meeting declaring Wednesday, April 21st "Denim Day" to raise awareness, increase dialogue, and challenge harmful attitudes about sexual violence.

The Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women (LACAAW) will attend Council to accept the Denim Day Resolution along with the Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women and the City's Domestic Violence Task Force. A rally sponsored by LACAAW, will be held in Downtown Los Angeles in front of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, following the Council presentation. Together, Councilmembers Garcetti, LaBonge, Miscikowski, Villaraigosa and Weiss have planned event downtown and throughout the City to raise awareness of sexual assault.

"The choice of denim stems from an Italian Court Case where a victim of rape was accused of assisting in her assault because she was wearing tight jeans and must have assisted the perpetrator in removing them. This case plays in to misconceptions like 'women encourage rape by wearing sexy-suggestive clothing' and 'those who dress conservatively are less likely to be raped'," Miscikowski stated.

"This is a day for Angelenos to reflect on how important it is that we share this struggle with people throughout the world," said Councilmember Eric Garcetti. "Justice has never been won through silence, but through standing together."

Councilmembers Miscikowski, Garcetti, LaBonge, Villaraigosa and Weiss encourage residents throughout the City to join them and participate by wearing denim on Wednesday.

Persons interested in attending the rally or with questions about sexual assault may contact the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women (LACAAW) at 800-NO-RAPE-8 or by going to www.denimdayinla.org

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