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San Gabriel Valley Chapter of NOW Calls for National Leadership to Stop Discrimination and Racism

The San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the National Organization for Women was highly discouraged and furious to know and witness discrimination and racism directed toward the CA NOW President Kolieka Siegle and the CA NOW Board of Directors by the leadership of the National Organization for Women.

As one of our members stated:

As a charter member of the Southern California San Gabriel Valley NOW Chapter (established in 1973), I am disappointed and deeply concerned about the ongoing conflict between California NOW and National. It appears this conflict has left the National organization unable to function as necessary to support chapters. The lack of consistent rebates to our Chapter and the inability to get basic but vital info such as membership information makes our work even more difficult in these already tumultuous political times.

Leadership must recognize this severe stain on our global reputation to have infighting that clearly impacts our organization's daily operation. We rely on the image and reputation that NOW has built up over decades of fighting for equality and justice for all to keep pushing our mission politically and legislatively at both national and local levels.

The conflict with California NOW has left chapters, board members, and our grassroots membership discouraged, disheartened, and in some instances, completely abandoned leadership positions or the organization.

It is time for the national leadership to lead and change how it interacts with state and local chapters to keep this organization viable and relevant.

About SGV NOW:

SGV NOW has been active since 1973. As an intersectional grassroots organization, we promote feminist ideals, advocate for women in politics, fight for reproductive justice, challenge discrimination, and condemn violence against women.

National Organization for Women (NOW) is the largest organization of feminist grassroots activists in the United States. NOW has hundreds of chapters and thousands of members and activists in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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