IGNITE to host 6th Annual Bay Area Young Women’s Political Leadership Conference

San Francisco: Over 250 high school and college women from across the region convene to build their political power.

In a political climate where more young women than ever are declaring their political ambition, IGNITE is hosting its annual Young Women’s Political Leadership Conference on Saturday March 4, 2017 at The Village in San Francisco. This year’s keynote is the newly appointed Bart Board Director Lateefah Simon, a local activist and MacArthur Genius award recipient, who will share her path to politics and the experiences that inspired her to serve. Lateefah will fire up and rally young women with her message: “No one is going to step up for you. Superwoman isn't coming from beyond to be the voice for women. Sorry to tell you, but Superwoman is in the mirror."

Since the election, IGNITE has been flooded by young women across the country who are inspired and emboldened to run for office! Anne Moses, IGNITE’s Founder and President reflects the need for this conference, “Given this extraordinary moment in our nation’s history, there is no better time than now to tell young women we want them to be the next generation of political leaders, and that we are here to help them start their careers now. Our powerhouse line-up of expert panels, dynamic workshops, and inspiring elected women will set young women on the right course to bring their ambitions to life.”

Throughout the day participants will learn the ins and outs of running for office, while digging deep on timely policy issues like immigration and women’s health. Over 20 elected women will join conference participants at lunch to encourage them to step into political leadership. IGNITE national spokesperson, Emmy nominated actress Vanessa Vasquez, will close out the conference with a call to action for all young women to rise up and own their fair share of political power.

Special thanks to The Village and AT&T for sponsoring this event. For more information on the conference program visit: http://www.ignitenational.org/california_conference_2017

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About IGNITE
IGNITE is building a national movement of young women who are ready and eager to become the next generation of political leaders. As a nonpartisan 501c3, IGNITE builds political ambition in high school and college-aged young women in their own communities. IGNITE provides civic education, exposure to women in political leadership, hands on training, work opportunities, and a peer network of women who support and nurture each other’s aspirations for civic and political leadership.

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