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## **Board of Equalization Chair Dr. Judy Chu Kicks Off Clothing & Cell Phone Drive in Honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

LOS ANGELES, CA – State Board of Equalization Chair Dr. Judy Chu, along with the National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles and Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park, have announced the start of a month-long collection drive to benefit victims of domestic violence.

All through the month of October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and through Nov. 10, individuals are encouraged to drop off new or gently used women's and children's clothing and old cell phones at collection boxes at the NCJW/LA office on the west side and at various Kaiser Permanente locations on the east side. In addition, personal necessity items are being sought, such as diapers, nylons, shampoo, soap, and other toiletries.

Drop-off location addresses are as follows:

- \* **National Council of Jewish Women** (Parking is available from the alley off Clinton Street, behind the office building):  
543 N. Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles.
- \* **Kaiser's Baldwin Park Medical Center:**  
1011 Baldwin Park Boulevard, Baldwin Park
- \* **Kaiser Diamond Park Medical Offices:**  
1336 Bridge Gate Drive, Diamond Bar
- \* **Kaiser Montebello Medical Offices:**  
1550 Town Center Drive, Montebello
- \* **Kaiser San Dimas Medical Offices:**  
1255 West Arrow Highway, San Dimas
- \* **Kaiser West Covina Medical Offices:**  
1249 S. Sunset Avenue, West Covina

At the end of the collection drive, volunteers will sort through the donations and distribute them to domestic violence survivors through local shelters and service providers.

“Whenever domestic violence victims make that fateful decision to break the cycle of violence and leave their abuser, they and their children are forced to literally leave their home and all of their possessions behind,” said Dr. Chu, who has been teaming up with Kaiser on the Domestic Violence Awareness Collection Drive since her days in the state Assembly. “So every item of clothing, every cell phone, is a small but incredibly significant step to helping these victims and their families take the first steps toward liberation and empowerment.”

Local service centers and shelters that will receive the donated goods are: Sojourn Services for Battered Women and Their Children in Santa Monica; Center for the Pacific Asian Family in Los Angeles; Gramercy Place, a program of Jewish Family Services in Los Angeles; Asia Pacific Women’s Center in Alhambra; the San Gabriel Valley Center in El Monte; and YWCA-WINGS in West Covina.

Domestic violence victims who need immediate assistance may also call the 24-hour crisis hotlines at Sojourn Services at (310) 264-6644 or at CPAF at (800) 339-3940. Assistance through the CPAF hotline is provided in 15 Asian languages.

According to Department of Justice Statistics, nearly a quarter of American women will be sexually or physically assaulted by a current or former spouse, intimate partner, or acquaintance within their lifetime. Thirty-three percent of all female murder victims in the United States are killed by an intimate partner. And a staggering 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner every year.

Dr. Chu has long been an advocate on behalf of domestic violence victims. As an Assemblywoman, she sponsored AB 2018, a law which prohibits convicted abusers from sharing in the retirement benefits of their former spouses. As chair of the BOE she has also sponsored legislation that would authorize the state to collect monetary restitution for domestic violence victims who have won civil judgments against their abusers in court, as well as reduce the number of times victims have to confront their abusers during trial.

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