On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, I would like to extend my congratulations to the incoming Board of the National Council of Jewish Women and the 2015 NCJW Award recipients. Your work is helping to fill a much-needed void in our public discourse, and I commend the new Board members and the four honorees for your leadership and advocacy around issues of social justice and women’s rights.

Very few groups today, particularly those involved in women’s advocacy, can claim over a century of work. The National Council has served as a vocal advocate for a variety of underserved groups, including women, children, immigrants, victims of domestic violence, and victims of sex trafficking for over 122 years. Your work, both in the United States and in Israel, has helped unite the cause of progressivism and Jewish ideals in a remarkably effective way, helping raise awareness and effecting vital political change on issues of civil and human rights. The City of San Francisco has been well served by your efforts to end human trafficking and domestic violence, and your efforts to empower Jewish women and girls. I commend the staff, Board, and Award Recipients of the National Council of Jewish Women, and I wish you continued success in the years ahead.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors,

Supervisor Jane Kim, District 6