



March 29, 2019

Assemblymember Tasha Boerner Horvath  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4130  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Letter of Support for AB 931 (Boerner Horvath) – Increasing Women’s Representation on Public Boards and Commissions**

Dear Assemblymember Boerner Horvath,

The Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women (Hollywood NOW) is pleased to support AB 931, which would require state and local boards and commissions to have equal representation among men and women.

Women to this day remain underrepresented on appointed boards and commissions both in California’s government and within the private sector. It is the policy of the State of California that the general public be represented within the composition of state boards and commissions; however there is no law that requires such representation to be implemented.

Without fair and equal representation in the law, women have often found it unnecessarily difficult to achieve fair and equal representation within the various boards and commissions that govern much of their daily life. It is time for the State of California to fully support the equitable representation of women in government by requiring that state boards and commissions have a composition that accurately represents the state.

The State of California can support the equitable representation of women in government by empowering women who have the necessary experience and knowledge to serve on governing boards and commissions. By doing this, California would ensure women at every level of government have an increased presence in government, and in the policy-making process.

Hollywood NOW is a membership organization committed to institutionalizing intersectional gender equity. Our work transgresses over social boundaries and walls built to imprint, reinforce and protect implicit stereotype biases that damage all of us. As a progressive, intersectional feminist organization we advocate for solutions that recognize that individuals face multiple intersecting discriminations/privileges based on



race, sex, gender, sexuality and other statuses. We stand to work to eliminate institutional privilege, discrimination, and bias.

Thank you for your commitment to furthering equal representation and being an advocate for women's rights. Hollywood NOW is a proud supporter of AB 931.

Sincerely,

John Erickson  
President  
Hollywood NOW