



National Council of Jewish Women

Dear NCJW Leader,

We are pleased to report that the NCJW, Inc. Board of Directors has approved, as a pilot program, the formation of a Section Advisory Council (SAC). If you were at Leaders' Retreat in March, you already know that the purpose of this advisory council is to provide section leaders with a voice at the national level as advisors to the NCJW, Inc. Board of Directors on issues that impact sections. The SAC will be comprised of 11–13 members (including co-chairs and board liaison). In addition to our appointments as co-chairs, a member of the NCJW, Inc. Board of Directors, Toni Scherzer, has been assigned by the president to facilitate the communication of the SAC to the board of directors. Toni will help clarify and/or answer questions from the SAC and communicate SAC concerns to the board.

We are now looking to fill openings on the advisory council through a self-nomination process. We, as the appointed chairs, will review the nomination forms, and make recommendations to NCJW President Nancy Ratzan for the initial members to serve on the advisory council. You will receive another message from us once the advisory council members have been confirmed. We encourage each of you to review the attached nomination form to see if this might be a worthwhile opportunity for you, or for someone else in your section/area.

When we select advisory council members to recommend to Nancy Ratzan we will look for broad representation from the various regions, section sizes, and leadership categories (e.g., current and past section leaders, commissioners and executive directors). Please consider passing the word to other officers and board members who might be valuable contributors to the SAC — there is no requirement for council members to have already served as section president.

At the start of its run, half the members of the advisory council will be designated to serve for a one-year term and half will be designated to serve a two-year term. You may indicate your preference (which will be considered) on the attached form. Thereafter, advisory council members will serve two-year staggered terms.

The advisory council will meet via teleconference on a pre-determined and/or as-needed basis. It will send reports to the NCJW, Inc. board of directors as applicable (as board liaison, Toni may present highlights or other information from SAC's work at board meetings if requested by Nancy Ratzan). Toni will report back to the advisory council with any outcomes or feedback from the board for follow up.

We look forward to receiving nomination forms from interested NCJW leaders. If you are interested in being considered for a role on this advisory council, please email a completed form to action@ncjw.org, or fax it to 212 366 9135 by June 26. If you have any questions, please contact our staff partner, Melissa Yekell, NCJW's director of membership and communications, at 212 645 4048 x 152 or via email at action@ncjw.org.

Best regards,

Nancy Berg and Linda Calderón
Section Advisory Council Co-Chairs



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Section Advisory Council Nomination Form

Purpose of advisory council: to provide section leaders with a voice at the national level as advisors to the NCJW, Inc. Board of Directors on issues that impact sections.

The deadline for all nominations is Friday, June 26, 2009. Please return by email to action@ncjw.org or via fax 212 366 9135.

Contact Information

Name: _____ Current title (if applicable): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Section Name (if applicable): _____

Section Size (check one): Large-Large, Large, Medium, Small

Please type responses to the following questions in the space provided.

Please list all positions you have held at your section:

Please list all positions you have held at NCJW, Inc.:

Please explain why you wish to join the advisory council:

Please explain why you feel your background prepares you to serve on this advisory council:

Please check all national meetings you have attended:

- 2009 Leader's Retreat
- 2008 National Convention
- 2007 Leaders' Retreat
- 2007 Washington Institute
- 2006 Leaders' Retreat
- 2006 Leadership Conference
- 2005 National Convention
- 2004 Washington Institute
- 2004 Leaders' Retreat

Please check your preferred duration of service on SAC (will be considered, but not guaranteed):

- One year
- Two years

NCJW member who recommends you for this role:

Name: _____ Section (if applicable): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____