

# SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND INEQUALITY



## **Strategies to Promote Opportunity**

We will focus on how race, gender and class interact to render women and girls of color vulnerable to various forms of violence, criminalization and deep poverty.

**Friday, November 6 | 1:00-4:00pm**

Weingart YMCA Wellness & Aquatic Center  
9900 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90044

## **AGENDA**

### **Welcome/Opening Remarks**

Chair, Holly J. Mitchell

### **PANEL ONE – *Personal Stories***

Women of color who have been exposed to various forms of violence, criminalization, and deep poverty

### **PANEL TWO – *Overview of Issue***

Claudia Pena, J.D., Co-Founder - Repair  
Sharon Rapport, Corporation for Supportive Housing

### **PANEL THREE – *Creative Solutions***

Carol Chodroff, Director - Opportunity Youth Collaborative at Alliance for Children's Rights  
Rev. Deborah K. Manns, Founder - Virtuous Woman Ministries, Inc.  
Judge John C. Lawson II, Los Angeles Superior Court

## **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

### **CLOSING**

Chair, Holly J. Mitchell

## **Background**

Budget actions during the great recession targeted programs that low-income women rely on to support their families and gain the education and skills they need to find and retain jobs. Alleviating inequality and creating opportunity for women and families is the best way to help children realize their potential and our society to make opportunity real. The Committee focuses on women and extreme inequality, women in poverty and women's equity as it intersects with race and ethnicity.

## **Members**

Senator Holly Mitchell (Chair)

Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson

Senator Ricardo Lara

Senator Connie M. Leyva

Senator Carol Liu

Senator Mike McGuire

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