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**NON PARTISAN POLITICAL ORGANIZATION HOSTING WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN
SEEKING PUBLIC OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019**

Palo Alto, Calif., August 29, 2019 – WIRE for Women (Women Who Identify, Recruit, and Elect) announces its next meeting will be held in Palo Alto, CA on October 2 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at the offices of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. The public is invited to attend and learn more about WIRE for Women, how to prepare oneself for running for elected office, and how to obtain City & County appointments to commissions and advisory councils. The meeting is free, but registration is required. **RSVP** at: <https://www.wireforwomen.com/events-1>

WIRE for Women believes our communities are strengthened when more women serve in appointed and elected office. WIRE recruits women to run or seek appointed nonpartisan offices in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. It helps women candidates succeed by hosting campaign workshops and connecting them to volunteer mentors who provide free campaign consulting services.

At the meeting, elected and appointed women in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties will discuss why they decided to run or seek an appointed position, how they organized their campaigns, who helped them, how they juggle time between family, work and public service, and what assistance WIRE for Women can provide. Attendees will have a chance to meet WIRE members and others who will stand behind them and help them achieve their goals.

2018 was a banner year with 188 women on the ballot for elected non-partisan offices in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. In November 2018, 108 of these female candidates were elected to city council, school boards, special districts, or county-wide offices. Now, the number of women serving on city councils in the two counties is close to parity with the number of male city council members, while the number of women on local school boards exceeds the number of men.

The participants include: Stacey Ashlund, former member, Palo Alto Parks and Recreation Commission; Virginia Chang Kiraly, Board President, Menlo Park Fire District, and member of the San Mateo County Harbor Board of Commissioners; Linda Koelling, former Mayor of Foster City and former President of the San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women; Emily Lo, former Mayor of Saratoga and member of the Santa Clara County Commission on Consumer Affairs; Laura

Parmer-Lohan, San Carlos City Council; and Marico Sayoc, Los Gatos Town Council Member and former Mayor.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

5:30-8:00 pm

WHERE: Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
650 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto

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