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MEDIA ADVISORY

Was 2010 the Year of the Woman? *National Black Women Leaders Host Briefing to Weigh In*

WASHINGTON (November 15, 2010) -- Pundits predicted that the 2010 midterm election cycle would be the year of the woman. Was it truly the year of the woman? Did women gain or lose political power in 2010?

Join an intergenerational group of black women leaders from the civil rights, women's rights, faith, labor and youth leadership communities to discuss how women candidates fared, particularly women of color, in congressional, gubernatorial and state legislative races. Panelists will share their views and outlook on what impact the new political landscape will have on issues of importance to women and families in the lame-duck session, 112th Congress and state legislatures. The issues include the economy, taxes, Social Security, healthcare, work and family rights, redistricting and education.

WHO: The National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (NCBCP) Black Women's Roundtable (BWR)
Co-hosts: A. Philip Randolph Institute, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF), Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (LCCRUL), National African American Clergy Network and National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)

Panelists: Barbara Arnwine, Esq., Executive Director, LCCRUL
Melanie L. Campbell, President & CEO, NCBCP and Convener, BWR
Congresswoman Donna Edwards, Maryland's 4th District (Invited)
Chanelle Hardy, Esq., Senior Vice President & Executive Director, National Urban League Policy Institute
Dr. Avis Jones-DeWeever, Executive Director, NCNW
Carol Joyner, Consultant, Labor Project for Working Families
Illai Kenney, Black Youth Vote! Coordinator, Howard University
Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Chairwoman, Congressional Black Caucus (Invited)
Tamika Mallory, Executive Director, National Action Network
Laura Murphy, Director, ACLU Washington Legislative Office
Dr. Elsie Scott, President & CEO, CBCF
Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, Co-Facilitator, National African American Clergy Network

Moderator: Faye Anderson, Esq., Citizen Journalist, Anderson@Large

WHAT: Black Women's Roundtable Power of the Sister Vote Briefing

WHEN: Wednesday, November 17, 2010, 8:30 a.m.– 10 a.m.

WHERE: Dorothy I. Height Building, National Council of Negro Women Headquarters
633 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

To register, please RSVP to Monifa Bandele or Stacie Royster by Tuesday, November 16

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