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Several Standout Women to be Inducted into the San Diego Women's Hall of Fame *Community Partners to Hold 9th Annual Ceremony & Dinner March 27, 2010*

San Diego, CA, January 18, 2010- The San Diego County Women's Hall of Fame Selection Committee has announced its selections for induction into this year's Women's Hall of Fame. The announcement came in anticipation of the 9th annual induction ceremony and dinner which is will take place on March 27, 2010 at UC San Diego's Price Center Ballroom East from 5-9PM. In 2001, the four Co-Hosts of the San Diego County Women's Hall of Fame organized the first Hall of Fame event at UC San Diego to honor and acknowledge women who have significantly contributed to the quality of life and have made outstanding volunteer contributions in San Diego County. The purpose of the annual induction of women into the Hall of Fame is to make women's actions and accomplishments visible in San Diego. The induction ceremony is open to the public.

"Those chosen represent and reflect the diversity of our community. They have all selflessly and courageously contributed greatly to San Diego and the world at large" says WHMEC Executive Director Ashley Gardner. "Their lifetime work and achievements have improved the lives of many and have left a lasting impact. They are the unsung heroes of our time whose stories can be inspiring to all of us." Awards are granted in the areas of empowerment, activism, trailblazing, cultural competency and historical preservation. The five selected for induction this year are: Dr. Vivian Reznik, Dr. Gloria Harris, Anna Sandoval, Laura Rodriguez, and Justice Judith McConnell.

Pediatric nephrologist **Dr. Vivian Reznik** has worked to make healthcare more accessible to San Diego's diverse populations. As the first female tribal chief of the Kumeyaay Indian tribe, **Anna Sandoval's** leadership has greatly benefitted her people. Known as the "matriarch of Barrio Logan" **Laura Rodriguez**, being inducted posthumously, for helping create the Logan Heights Family Health Clinic, as well as, establish and preserve Chicano Park. A pioneer for women lawyers in San Diego County and co-founder of the Lawyers Club bar association, **Justice McConnell** has promoted gender equity within the profession. Co-author of the first book published on the subject of women's assertiveness, **Dr. Gloria Harris** has helped numerous women become more assertively confident through groundbreaking workshops and her expert witness testimony has aided victimized women receive compensation in sexual harassment court cases.

The Women's Hall of Fame is a collaboration between the Women's History Museum and Educational Center, the Women's Studies Department at San Diego State University, The Women's Center at UC San Diego, and the San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women. The enduring goal of the Women's Hall of Fame is to recognize and celebrate women's authentic contributions.

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