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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### National Sexual Assault Conference begins in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, CA – More than a 1,500 people are expected to attend the National Sexual Assault Conference in Los Angeles on September 2-4 to discuss emerging issues surrounding sexual violence intervention and prevention. Sexual assault advocates, prevention practitioners, survivors, students, activists, and allied professionals will gather to discuss strategies for creating safer college campuses, serving survivors of rape in detention, preventing sexual assault across the lifespan, and ending sexual violence in the military.

The three-day event is hosted by the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA), and co-hosted by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR), and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, and provides premier information, workshops and training opportunities.

Featured plenary speakers to include: Valerie B. Jarrett, Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama; Jackson Katz, Co-Founder, Mentors in Violence Prevention; Mónica Ramírez, Founder, Justice for Migrant Women; and speakers featured in recent films showcasing sexual violence, “The Hunting Ground” and “Rape on the Night Shift”.

“This is our time,” said Sandra Henriquez, Executive Director of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault. “As advocates for survivors of sexual assault, NSAC provides us with the opportunity to reflect on our movement’s accomplishments over the past 40 years, while, at the same time, embracing new partners in our shared purpose of preventing sexual assault.”

For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/qcqz72m> and follow #NSAC2015 on Twitter.

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*CALCASA is the only statewide organization in California whose sole purpose is to promote public policy, advocacy, training and technical assistance on the issue of sexual assault. CALCASA convenes statewide and national training conferences and its primary membership is composed of the 84 rape crisis centers and rape prevention programs in CA. Its affiliate membership is comprised of local, statewide and national organizations, businesses, and individuals committed to the elimination of sexual violence. For more information, visit [www.calcasa.org](http://www.calcasa.org).*

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