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22nd Annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference

The Lesbian and Gay Psychotherapy Association of Southern California, Inc. (LAGPA) announces its Twenty-Second Annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference. The conference is a one-day event co-hosted and co-sponsored by Mount Saint Mary's University. The conference is being held Sunday November 12, 2017 in Los Angeles and presents academic research and expertise on LGBTQI issues and concerns to professionals working with these clients in their counseling practices. The conference is designed to meet the educational needs of psychiatrists, psychologists, LCSW, LMFT, MSW, interns, and students of psychology, and earns continuing education credits from APA. Approximately 130 professionals are expected to attend.

This year is LAGPA's 25th Anniversary since its inception in 1992. To honor that achievement Lorri L. Jean will be the keynote speaker. Jean is nationally recognized as one of the most effective leaders in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender ("LGBT") civil rights movement. Jean serves as CEO of the Los Angeles LGBT Center, the world's largest LGBT organization. Previously, Jean served as the Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. *OUT Magazine* has twice named her one of the 50 most powerful gay people in the nation, *Los Angeles Magazine* named her one of L.A.'s 100 most influential people and in 2014 it named her one of the ten most inspiring women in Los Angeles.

Jean has been an activist on LGBT issues since 1979. She was one of the lead plaintiffs in the successful landmark lawsuit against Georgetown University in the 1980s to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. She also was the first openly LGBT person to receive a top-secret security clearance from the Central Intelligence Agency. In 1989, with her appointment as Deputy Regional Director of the Federal Emergency



Lorri L. Jean
Chief Executive Office
Los Angeles LGBT Center

Management Agency ("FEMA"), she became the highest-ranking openly LGBT person in the Federal government. While serving at the helm of the Center, Jean has driven a period of unprecedented expansion, increasing revenues from \$8 to \$97 million and the numbers of people served every month to more than 42,000. While running the Task Force, Jean oversaw an organizational turnaround that brought the organization to financial solvency and increased annual revenues to an all-time high.

Sponsors in prior years include: Sexual Recovery Institute, Elements Behavioral Health, The Institute for Sexual Health, The Trevor Project, Vista Del Mar, PFLAG, Twin Town Treatment Centers, the Los Angeles LGBT Center Mental Health Services, Michael's House, Antioch University, University of Southern California, and many others.

About LAGPA

The Lesbian and Gay Psychotherapy Association of Southern California, Inc. (LAGPA) was established in 1992 as an organization of mental health professionals interested in the psychological well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals. This year represents its Silver 25th Anniversary. LAGPA provides a wide variety of activities designed to strengthen professional knowledge and competence in the provision of mental health services. LAGPA exists to join mental health professionals together for academic and social events, to provide educational community outreach, and to foster and promote a positive identity for members of the LGBT community. LAGPA events include: academic forums, social events, professional women's events, and the annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference. Members also receive a quarterly newsletter, a membership listing on the LAGPA website and the on-line directory. LAGPA is an accredited provider of continuing education for Clinical Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT) through the American Psychological Association (APA). For further information, visit our Website at: www.lagpa.org.

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