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## Downtown Women's Center Honors Angel City Football Club and MTA CEO Stephanie Wiggins at Every Woman Housed Gala

Special guests included Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, LAHSA Commission Vice Chair Wendy Greuel, LAHSA Commissioner Sasha Renee Perez, actress Kristen Stewart

LOS ANGELES – On October 8, Downtown Women's Center (DWC) hosted the 2023 Every Woman Housed Gala at LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes in Downtown Los Angeles. DWC honored Angel City Football Club and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) CEO Stephanie Wiggins for their commitment to furthering DWC's mission of ending homelessness for women in Skid Row through housing, wellness, employment, and advocacy.

"With over 22,000 women currently experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles, DWC's efforts to expand throughout Los Angeles County and increase the number of available permanent supportive housing units is more critical than ever," said Amy Turk, CEO of Downtown Women's Center. "Earlier this year, DWC helped launch the 2022 Los Angeles County Women's Needs Assessment, synthesizing the feedback and experiences of over 600 women. The Nation's largest ever study delivers a policy blueprint that is designed to effectively assist women in securing housing and obtaining necessary support services, validating DWC's approach to empowering women. DWC is grateful for the community of supporters who consistently show up to realize our mission to end women's homelessness."

DWC's Every Woman Housed Gala, emceed by actress and writer Natasha Rothwell, was attended by Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, LAHSA Commission Vice Chair Wendy Greuel, and Alhambra City Councilmember and LAHSA Commissioner Sasha Renee Perez, as well as actress Kristen Stewart.

The annual gala raised critical funds for the over 5,700 women experiencing homelessness served annually by DWC and the organization's wide range of supportive services. Presenting sponsors of the gala included: Angel City Football Club, Lulu and Georgia, Los Angeles County MTA, Marylouise Oates and Robert Shrum, and Andrea Van de Kamp.

## **About Downtown Women's Center**

The Downtown Women's Center (DWC) is the only organization in Los Angeles focused exclusively on serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness and formerly unhoused women. DWC envisions a Los Angeles with every woman housed and on a path to personal stability. Its mission is to end homelessness for women in greater Los Angeles through housing, wellness, employment, and advocacy. Founded in 1978, DWC was the first permanent supportive housing provider for women in the U.S. Learn more at www.DowntownWomensCenter.org.