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**SECOND ANNUAL**  
State of Women & Girls Address  
and Young Women's Assembly

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# BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION

**8AM - 9AM**

## PROGRAM

**9AM - 10AM**

Welcome Remarks by WeWork

Welcome Remarks by AECOM

First Lady Amy Elaine Wakeland

The City of Los Angeles  
Gender Equity Award Presentation

Mayor Eric Garcetti



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# Priska Neely

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Priska Neely is a senior reporter at KPCC covering issues facing children 0-5 and those who care for them, and the policies and research that shape early childhood. Prior to reporting for KPCC, she was a producer for NPR programs in Culver City and Washington, D.C.



# Amy Elaine Wakeland

## FIRST LADY OF LOS ANGELES

Amy Elaine Wakeland is a political strategist, public policy expert, and advocate for children and families. She uses her platform to champion efforts that protect victims of sexual and domestic violence, especially women and children experiencing homelessness.

As a result of her collaborative work with Mayor Eric Garcetti's office, Amy spearheaded the successful effort to expand L.A.'s Domestic Abuse Response Teams to all 21 police divisions, and empower domestic abuse victims with the social and legal services that they need to leave their abusers. Today, the City of L.A. fully funds the DART program for the first time in L.A. history, and it serves four times as many domestic assault victims as it did five years ago.

Amy has been fighting for the rights of victims of slavery and human trafficking in Los Angeles for more than two decades, and helped to expand the Sexual Assault Response Team, which provides sexual assault survivors with access to medical care, counseling, and legal help -- increasing the likelihood that the crimes against them will be successfully prosecuted. As a foster parent and advocate for children, she has worked to improve services that are delivered to young people aging out of the foster care system, many of whom become homeless.

Amy has also been an aggressive advocate for girls who aspire to enter nontraditional fields, and she has led multiple efforts to grow girls' involvement in STEM education, and in the City's sports and fitness programs — from Girls Fire Camp (which pairs young women with active duty LAFD female firefighter mentors) to the Girls Play L.A. program (which has increased girls' participation in City sports programming from 25% to 42%).

In 2017, Amy hosted the Inaugural Los Angeles State of Women & Girls Address and Young Women's



Assembly, which brought together civic and thought leaders — as well as 700 girls, young women, and trans youth — for in-depth conversations, panels, and presentations on the state of gender equity in Los Angeles.

In addition to holding Engage L.A. and community programming at the Getty House, Amy also launched a Women's Leadership Series to tackle the unique challenges that women and girls face, including homelessness and domestic violence. Among other achievements, those meetings resulted in the City's commitment to double its investment in shelter services for domestic violence survivors. To date, Amy has hosted more than 20,000 visitors at the Getty House.

Amy helped found the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, which builds green spaces in Los Angeles' most park-poor neighborhoods; the Pobladores Fund, a giving circle that contributes to local grassroots social justice causes; and the XX Fund, which makes annual grants to nonprofit organizations that enable women and girls to strive for economic justice and live free of discrimination. She is a past board member of People Assisting the Homeless, Just Detention International, and the Liberty Hill Foundation, among other social justice groups.





## THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES GENDER EQUITY AWARD

# Department of Recreation and Parks

Since the Inaugural State of Women and Girls Address in 2017, the Mayor's Office has recognized a department that demonstrates exemplary leadership in advancing gender equity. This year, the Department of Recreation and Parks is the recipient of the Gender Equity Award for their tireless work to achieve gender parity in RAP sports programs through Girls Play LA (GPLA) and other city-wide initiatives.

In 2015, only 25% of youth sports participants in the City's sports programs were girls. Recognizing the disparity between boys and girls participation in youth sports, Mayor Garcetti's administration and the Recreation and Parks Department (RAP) funded and further developed GPLA to provide more opportunities for girls to participate in youth sports in our City.

The program focuses on ensuring access to sports and play particularly in the areas of the City that are most densely populated, have a high percentage of youth, and whose residents primarily have low household incomes. Public-private partnerships have been instrumental in the growth and success of this program. The cost of uniforms, trophies, awards, game officials, equipment, clinics, special events, and fitness classes are subsidized for girls between the ages of 6-15 years old, which now affords thousands of girls the opportunity to participate in youth sports. GPLA recently held its second Annual Girls Play LA Sports Day at Rancho Cienega Recreation Center with 500 girls from over 100 Recreation Parks participating in different sports tournaments and games with champions like two-time Basketball Olympic Gold Medalist Tina Thompson.

In June 2017, GPLA was only available at 72 sites city-wide. Now, just one year later, the program's accessibility has increased by almost 40% and is currently available at 100 active sites City-wide. Additionally, the average participation of girls in sports leagues and fitness programs has reached a high of 42%. This is well above 25%, the rate of participation in 2015 when the Department turned its attention to the program, and is a testament to RAP's ability to transform this City program to meet the needs of young Angelenos.



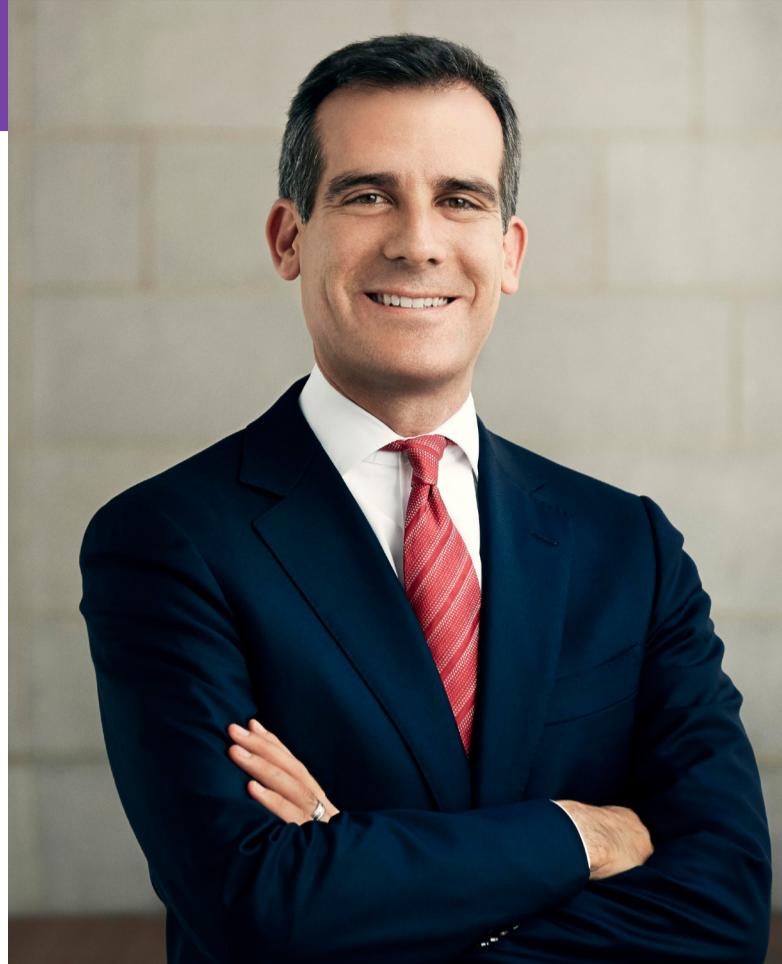
# Eric Garcetti

MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES

Eric Garcetti is a fourth-generation Angeleno and the 42<sup>nd</sup> Mayor of Los Angeles. Born and raised in the San Fernando Valley — the son of public servants and the grandson and great-grandson of immigrants from Mexico and Eastern Europe — Mayor Garcetti's life has been shaped by a deep commitment to the core values of justice, dignity, and equality for all people.

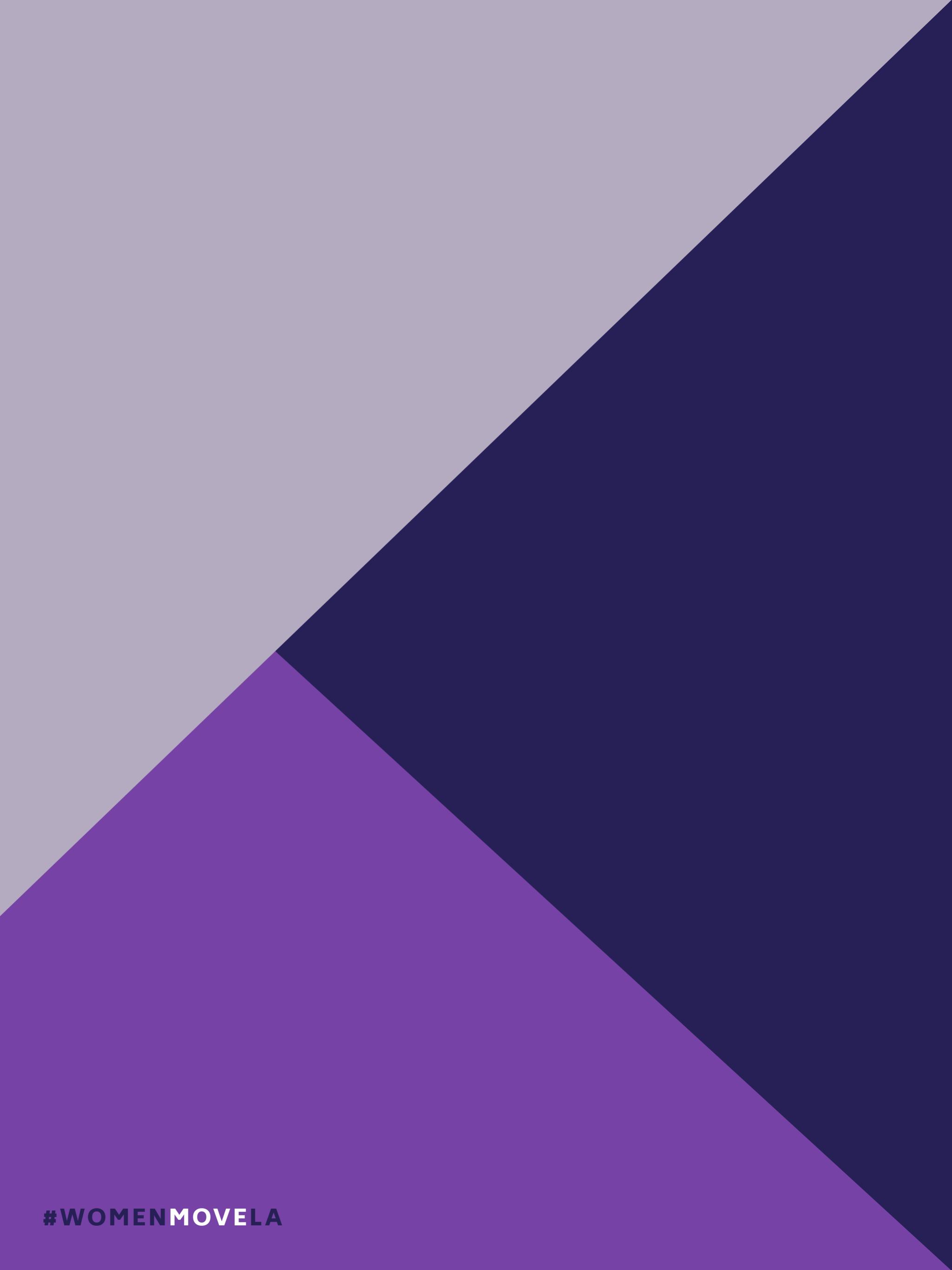
These ideals have fueled the Mayor's relentless drive to fulfill our common obligation: to give children and families of every race, faith, background, and income the chance to get a good education, live on safe streets, earn a decent wage, breathe clean air and drink clean water, receive affordable medical and child care, and build a future of their own choosing.

Angelenos are experiencing the remarkable results of his vision and leadership: the Mayor led and won a campaign to pass the boldest local infrastructure initiative in American history, funding a once-in-a-generation expansion of public transportation. He launched the L.A. College Promise,



the most ambitious higher education access program in the nation — serving more than 4,000 students, many of whom are overcoming poverty and are the first in their families to pursue the dream of higher education. He is confronting a homelessness crisis by leading an unprecedented regional alliance committed to getting people off the streets and ending chronic homelessness. He put more money in workers' pockets by raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, and cut business taxes to help drive a historic economic recovery that has created a record number of jobs in legacy industries like entertainment and aerospace. And in 2018, he formed a historic partnership with the philanthropic sector to refurbish nearly 350 athletic courts across the city — to support his plan for universal sports and fitness programs that are both free and local for all children in Los Angeles.





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