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Statement from San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women President Breanna Zwart on President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris Victory

On behalf of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, our most sincere congratulations to President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris.

The Biden-Harris Administration holds the promise of renewed national leadership on countless issues impacting women and girls, including building a more inclusive economy that ensures equal pay for equal work and advancing a robust agenda for ensuring women’s health. One of President Elect-Biden’s signature accomplishments during his tenure in the Senate was shepherding the passage of the landmark Violence Against Women Act, which is credited with contributing to a marked decrease in rates of domestic violence across the United States over the past 25 years. In 2015, then-Vice President Biden built upon that action in championing legislation for the International Violence Against Women Act.

This year’s election was especially significant to the younger generations of this country. What kind of future will we build? For young girls of color across our country, for the first time, they’ve seen someone who looks like them ascend to the pinnacle of political achievement in Vice President-Elect Harris – someone who will bring her lived experiences, empathy, resilience, grit, and, unique perspective to the White House in the midst of an incredibly challenging moment. Her emergence on the national scene can be a point of pride for all of the Bay Area, where Vice President-Elect Harris began her political journey and spent her childhood.

This election was the work of many women who were not deterred, but continued to work behind the scenes – organizing, calling, texting, and building coalitions across communities to ensure democracy lived. Thank you.

The Commission looks forward to partnering with the Biden-Harris Administration in continuing to advance a vision for America that ensures opportunity and equality for all.

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