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Women's City Club of New York Announces Appointment of Carole J. Wacey as New Chief Executive Officer

(New York, N.Y.)—The Women's City Club of New York (WCC) today announced the appointment of Carole J. Wacey as Chief Executive Officer, citing her breadth of experience in the public and private sectors, accomplishments, and strong networks at the city, state and federal levels. Ms. Wacey starts in the new position today.

"Ms. Wacey has devoted much of her career to helping others, in particular, underserved youth," said Annette Choolfaian, President of WCC's Board of Directors. "We are impressed by her commitment to protecting and advancing the rights of all people—sentiments that have reflected our organization's core mission for more than a century. It is therefore symbolic that she begins her work with us on November 6, 2017—100 years to the day when women achieved voting rights in New York State."

"I am privileged to join an organization that has championed change in New York City to the betterment of all people for more than a century," Ms. Wacey said. "From its earliest days, the Women's City Club of New York has been a consistent voice influencing reforms that advance equality, preserve rights, and improve our quality of life. It is an honor to join this organization during a period in our history where we must boldly preserve and enhance efforts to further support many of the advancements that have been achieved over this last century."

In her most recent role, as Vice President of Education at *WNET (parent company of Thirteen & WLIW and operator of NJTV)* since 2012, Ms. Wacey led a team that produced educational television (*American Graduate Day, Ted Talks Education*), online educational media for teachers (*PBS Learning Media*), and community engagement (*Parenting Minutes, professional development*).

Previously, she served for a decade as Executive Director at *MOUSE*, a national nonprofit organization that empowers underserved youth to learn, lead and create with technology. During her tenure, she vastly broadened *MOUSE's* reach from 32 to more than 150 Title I schools across New York City, expanded to five other states, and created a global partnership with more than 20 countries.

She also served as the Director of the Markle Foundation's *Interactive Media for Children* program, which worked to help realize the potential benefits of interactive media for children by building partnerships between industry, the academy and consumers.

Ms. Wacey arrived at Markle from her position as a Political Appointee in the Clinton Administration where she held a number of leadership roles—as Deputy Director of the Office of Education Technology and Senior Policy Advisor at the U.S. Department of Education. In that capacity, she provided leadership for the Clinton Administration on the development and implementation of national educational technology policy, *e-Learning: Putting a World-Class Education at the Fingertips of All Children*; and, addressed issues such as telecommunications, the digital divide, Internet safety, privacy, and e-commerce.

In addition to working on educational technology, she spent four years as the U.S. Department of Education Liaison to the President's Council on Sustainable Development, and received a one-year appointment to The White House. There, she led the development of the first national education policy for sustainable development, *Education for Sustainability: An Agenda for Action*.

Before joining the Clinton Administration, she served as a law and policy advisor at the United Nations Development Program. Her research, “*Creating a Voice for Indigenous Peoples at the United Nations Development Program*”, was presented at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro.

Ms. Wacey earned a Juris Doctor from Vermont Law School and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from American University. She studied Public International Law at Oxford University and Environmental Leadership at Yale University. Currently, Ms. Wacey serves as a member of the Board of Directors at MOUSE.

About Women’s City Club of New York

Women’s City Club of New York (WCC) is a nonprofit, non-partisan, multi-issue activist organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers. WCC shapes public policy through education, issues analysis, advocacy, and civic participation. As WCC enters its second century of activism, it continues to pursue economic, racial, and gender justice with the goal of dismantling the social inequities that deprive citizens of the opportunity to thrive. Through member-led Task Forces, WCC conducts research, publishes reports, fosters dialogue with public officials, and launches public education and multi-year advocacy campaigns in the following issue areas: Criminal Justice, Environmental Justice, Good Government, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Income Inequality, and Public Education. Learn more at www.wccny.org.

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