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Women Creating Change Announces Nonprofit Leader Sharon Sewell-Fairman as Next President and CEO

—NYC-based nonprofit offers women the resources, tools, and educational support to actively engage in local civic life—

(New York, N.Y.)—Today, Women Creating Change (WCC) announces that Sharon Sewell-Fairman will become the President and CEO of the 108-year-old nonprofit that supports civic engagement among historically disenfranchised women. Sewell-Fairman will assume the position effective March 15, 2023.

Ms. Sewell-Fairman’s most recent tenure as Chief Executive Officer of the Workforce Professionals Training Institute (WPTI) demonstrates her deep commitment to advocacy, equity, and justice. While at WPTI, she steadily grew the organization, facilitated meaningful cross-sector discussions about workforce issues, and launched a Leadership Development program that connected innovators with one another—primarily leaders of color. Her work had a direct impact on low-and moderate-income individuals by ensuring them access to economic opportunities.

“We were immediately taken by Sharon’s impressive track record of working to effect meaningful change for the very New Yorkers WCC aims to support,” said **WCC Board Chair, Deborah Martin Owens**. “After a rigorous and competitive search for WCC’s next leader, we are certain that Sharon is the woman for this job; and the Board and I are excited to be partnering with her to further WCC’s mission and critical work.”

“It is a true honor to be taking the helm of this historic organization, where I can stand on the shoulders of the women who came before me to build on the crucial work that began over 100 years ago,” said **Incoming WCC President and CEO, Sharon Sewell-Fairman**. “I am proud of the work I have done to open doors and provide meaningful opportunities for New Yorkers who have been marginalized for too long. With WCC, I am thrilled to bring my connections, experience, and expertise to the civic engagement space. Through education, skill-building, advocacy, and direct action opportunities, we will reshape what civic engagement can look like in this city. Day by day, we will continue to work to create a society in which all women can thrive.”

Women Creating Change's signature initiative, [Civic Matters](#), has brought together women who have faced barriers to civic participation to learn, to make their voices heard, and to create change. The organization hosts workshops focused on civic engagement, including advocacy, coalition building, government accountability, participatory budgeting, redistricting, voting, and more. WCC's [Workshop Design Team](#) ensures that the workshops reflect the needs, experiences, and interests of the WCC community. This year, WCC will launch the Civic Matters Hub of online civic engagement resources and build a civic Fellowship program.

Ms. Sewell-Fairman assumes the leadership position at an exciting time for the organization and for women's civic engagement writ large. From the local level, with the first women-identified majority in the New York City Council, to the highest offices in the land, where the first woman Vice President of the United States sits, the era of women's civic engagement seems to be reaching a crescendo. Ms. Sewell-Fairman's leadership will leverage this significant moment in women's civic engagement history to bolster the impact of WCC.

About Women Creating Change:

Women Creating Change (formerly Women's City Club of New York) was founded in 1915 as a nonprofit, non-partisan, activist organization dedicated to advancing the rights of women to shape the future of New York City. Today, Women Creating Change is an inclusive community that partners with stakeholders and organizations with a focus on historically disenfranchised women to develop and strengthen the skills and resources needed to effectively identify the issues that matter to them most and advocate for themselves and New York's diverse communities. Its vision is a more just and equitable New York City where all women are civically engaged.

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