

Women Creating Change Statement on the Overturning of Harvey Weinstein's 2020 New York Conviction

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(New York, N.Y.)— Laura Edidin, Senior Vice President, Programs & Partnerships of Women Creating Change (WCC), a nonprofit that works toward a more just and equitable New York City where all women are civically engaged, released the statement below in response to the overturning of Harvey Weinstein's 2020 conviction in New York:

"Today, and every day, WCC stands in solidarity with survivors of sexual violence, including the women who bravely testified against Harvey Weinstein. The New York Court of Appeals' decision overturning Weinstein's conviction was handed down during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, painfully underscoring that there remains urgent work to be done to ensure justice for survivors.

The women who testified against Weinstein inspired others the world over to hold abusers and their enablers to account. We will continue to draw on that inspiration as fuel to advocate for a New York that is free from sexual violence.

For almost 110 years, WCC has remained unshaken in its belief that women can affect change by amplifying our lived experiences and harnessing the power of collective action. The women who spoke up against Weinstein and those who led the #MeToo movement proved that premise to be as true today as it was at our founding. We stand ready to provide women with the tools to advocate for their needs and create change."

About Women Creating Change:

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