



Seattle Women's Commission

June 11, 2014

Dear Community Member,

The Seattle Women's Commission and Councilmember Jean Godden seek nominations for the Jeanette Williams Award. This year, the award will honor outstanding individuals, organizations, or businesses in our community making strides to improve pay equity, highlighting the importance of women's advancement in the work place, and eliminating economic disparities for women and girls.

The Jeanette Williams Award was created as part of the 2003 Seattle Women's Summit to honor those who demonstrate significant leadership and service in advancing the cause of women in Seattle.

Jeanette Williams served on the Seattle City Council from 1969 to 1989 where she championed social justice. She assisted in the establishment of the first shelter for battered and abused women in Seattle, and helped to create the City's Division on Aging. Williams also developed policies to address early childhood education, and sponsored critical legislation that for the first time prohibited discrimination in housing and employment in the City of Seattle.

We are fortunate to have many individuals, organizations, and businesses in Seattle that contribute to the economic advancement of women, and it is important to honor their contributions.

We would like your help to identify individuals, organizations, and businesses whose work deserves to be recognized. Please take a few minutes to think about our local leaders – the unsung heroes and heroines who make a difference. We want to honor local advocates who have made a difference for the economic advancement of women.

Past award recipients have included:

- Economic Opportunity Institute
- Victim Support Team
- Seattle Police Department
- Honorable Jeanette Williams
- Lisa Stone, executive director of Legal Voice (formerly the Northwest Women's Law Center)
- Former State Representative Velma Veloria

- Pramila Jayapal, Former executive director of OneAmerica
- Germaine Covington, former Director of the Seattle Office for Civil Rights

To nominate an individual or organization for the 2014 Jeanette Williams Award, please return the completed form(s) via mail, fax or e-mail by August 18, 2014 to:

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We look forward to your participation. If you have any questions, please contact Marta Idowu at (206) 684-4540.

On behalf of the Seattle Women's Commission, I thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,



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