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Oakland City Attorney Barbara J. Parker named one of the “Most Powerful & Influential Women of California” by the CA Diversity Council

OAKLAND, CA – City Attorney Barbara Parker will be honored as one of California’s “Most Powerful & Influential Women” at this week’s California Diversity & Leadership Conference.

Winners of the annual award will be announced at the conference, which takes place Thursday February 2 and Friday February 3 at UC Berkeley’s Pauley Ballroom and features keynote speakers Donna Brazile and Dr. Cornell West. This year’s conference has the theme “Deconstructing the California Glass Ceiling.” It will consist of panel discussions on topics such as “Smart Women Take Smart Risk.” Confirmed panelists include executives from companies like Gap, Inc., Google and Cisco.

A spokesperson for the California Diversity Council, the event organizer, said the organization gives awards each year to “women who have made a difference and shown outstanding leadership skills.”

“I am honored to be included this year in a group of such smart, interesting and accomplished women – especially at an event featuring truly powerful and influential speakers,” Parker said. “Here in the City Attorney’s Office, we are constantly striving to use whatever power and influence we have to protect the interests of Oakland residents and the resources of Oakland taxpayers.”

Brief bio: Parker has served as City Attorney since July, when she was appointed by the City Council for the remainder of the current term ending in January 2013. Since her appointment, Parker has reorganized the office to focus on priorities including public safety, government transparency and smart, effective litigation strategies that protect taxpayer dollars.

Parker has served for 20 years in the Oakland City Attorney’s Office, including 11 years as the Chief Assistant City Attorney. She has extensive expertise as an attorney in the private sector and at every level of government – federal, state and local – including more than five years as an Assistant US Attorney for the Northern District of California. She serves as president of the Black Adoption Placement and Research Center and volunteers as a mentor for the East Bay College Fund. She is a longtime Oakland resident and lives in the Haddon Hill neighborhood near Lake Merritt.

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