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Community Foundation Boulder County Staff and Board Honored

League of Women Voters of Boulder County recognizes Elvira Ramos and Stan Garnett

Boulder (May 11, 2018) – Community Foundation Boulder County today announced that community leaders Elvira Ramos, Vice President of Programs and Inclusive Leadership, and Trustee Stan Garnett will be honored by the League of Women Voters of Boulder County at its annual meeting on May 12.

Ramos – a champion for equity, inclusivity, and civic engagement in Boulder County communities – will receive the League's 2018 Community Partner Award. She has fostered leadership opportunities for residents to both support personal growth, and the capacity of Boulder County's nonprofit organizations and institutions. In so doing, Ramos has enhanced the League's work in educating and informing voters, encouraging greater civic participation in local communities, and created more diverse networking opportunities for the League itself.

"Elvira is a true friend and strong advocate for Boulder County's nonprofit community," said Ruth Stemler, League board member and former president. "She has been instrumental in lifting up leadership and civic engagement of youth, people of color, and women of all ages. She encourages the League, and challenges us to aim higher in all our civic engagement efforts. We're proud to have Elvira as a supportive community partner, and thank her for all her efforts."

Says Ramos, "I am honored to receive this recognition from the League of Women Voters. The League has long been a champion for informed and active civic participation for all of our community – participation that is critical to our democracy."

Stan Garnett, former Boulder County District Attorney, will be awarded the League's 2018 Public Official Award for his vision and philosophy in the District Attorney's office for more than nine years, as well as his previous service as a Boulder Valley School District board member.

On the critical issue of immigration and immigrant rights, for which the League advocates, Garnett has shown a willingness to listen, learn from, and engage our immigrant community, which serves as a positive example to other community and government leaders. The League also appreciates his work to foster closer relationships between city and county government departments.

"I so clearly remember the community meetings that Stan convened, shortly after the 2016 election," says League President Peggy Leech. "His purpose was to provide reassurance and resources to our immigrant community. At a time of heightened fear and anxiety, he helped bring a sense of unity. This spirit of service is what we appreciate about him, and expect from all of our public officials."

Adds Garnett, "I have admired the League of Women Voters all of my life and, during my 17 years in elected office in Boulder County, I came to deeply appreciate the role of the League in helping to ensure the integrity of our electoral process. I am deeply honored to receive this award in recognition of the work the Boulder DA's office has done protecting vulnerable citizens in our community."

Each year, the League's awards committee accepts nominations from its members, and selects recipients to honor at its annual meeting. Both Ramos and Garnett will be present for this year's event in Lafayette.

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For 27 years, Community Foundation Boulder County has been a community catalyst, responding to immediate needs and anticipating future challenges. Through informed decision-making, we inspire ideas, ignite action and mobilize resources to improve the quality of life for all. Advancing inclusivity and providing leadership and on key issues, the foundation collaborates with community-minded individuals and organizations that want to make a difference, accomplishing more together than we do alone. Since its founding in 1991, the foundation has granted more than $82M to nonprofits focused on health and human services, education, civic engagement, arts and culture, and animals and the environment. *commfound.org/news-media*

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