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VISION 2020 ANNOUNCES TWO HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED WOMEN TO DIRECT NATIONAL DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

Co-Chairs Karen Kaplowitz and Subha Barry to Assemble Nominations of National Delegates to Work on the American Conversation about Women and Leadership

PHILADELPHIA — OCTOBER 21, 2009 – Vision 2020 announces today it has launched its search for national delegates to participate in next year's American Conversation about Women and Leadership. Delegate Selection Co-Chairs Karen Kaplowitz and Subha Barry will lead the effort to choose two exceptional women from each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia to discuss, debate and develop an agenda for change that will accelerate women's leadership in the decade between the American Conversation about Women and Leadership in 2010 and the celebration of the centennial of women's right to vote in 2020. Vision 2020 is a project of the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership® at Drexel University College of Medicine and is sponsored by The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. The American Conversation about Women and Leadership takes place October 21-22, 2010, at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

The process of becoming a Vision 2020 National Delegate is rigorous and competitive. The woman must be nominated by an organization or an individual and must be committed to serving a three-year term, attending the 2010 Conversations and the follow-up conferences in subsequent years. A leader or affiliate of an organization (professional, social or grassroots), she must be willing to mobilize her individual and professional resources to bring about positive change in one of the seven topic areas that will be addressed during the American Conversation:

- Arts and Culture
- Business, Law and Finance
- · Communications and Media
- Education
- Philanthropy, Faith and Volunteerism
- Politics and Government
- Science, Technology and Health

"We are delighted to have these two dynamic leaders as co-chairs of the Vision 2020 Delegate Selection Process," said Catherine Ormerod, Vision 2020 Project Director. "Each of these women is an outstanding individual who has made an incredible impact in their respective fields and on the lives of women throughout their careers. Under their guidance, we expect Vision 2020 to build a diverse delegation of extraordinary women poised to further the role of women in leadership by the anniversary of women's suffrage in 2020."



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Chosen delegates will meet for the first time at the flagship event of Vision 2020—the *American Conversation about Women and Leadership*—taking place at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia on October 21-22, 2010.

Delegate nomination applications should be submitted by January 29, 2010. Selected delegates will be invited to join the organization by the end of February.

To receive more information and to get on the Vision 2020 mailing list go to http://drexel.edu/vision2020 or write vision2020@Drexelmed.edu or call Vision 2020 Project Director Catherine Ormerod at 215-255-7748.

About Karen Kaplowitz

Karen Kaplowitz is currently President of The New Ellis Group, a business development consulting firm that she founded in 1997, after a 25-year career as a highly respected trial lawyer in Los Angeles. She has actively promoted the advancement of women throughout her career. Kaplowitz founded the first women's law firm in Los Angeles to specialize in civil rights work and helped create the Aiming High awards for Legal Momentum, a leading women's civil rights advocacy group, and continues to do work for them on a pro bono basis.

About Subha Barry

Subha Barry is newly retired from Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. where she served most recently as a Managing Director and the Global Head of Diversity and Inclusion. She is actively involved with women's organizations, including membership on the Board and the Corporate Circle Advisory Committee of the National Council for Research on Women (NCRW) and membership on the Advisory Board for VOICE, Hyperion's imprint for women. She plays key leadership roles for the White House Project, The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, the Princeton HealthCare System Foundation, and for her alma mater, Rice University.

About Vision 2020

Vision 2020 is a national project of the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership focused on ensuring gender equality by energizing the dialogue about women and leadership. In 2010, Vision 2020 will develop and launch its decade-long action agenda to move America toward equality by inspiring and engaging new generations of women and men to finish the work of the suffragists, who pursued women's right to vote as fundamental to social and economic justice. The centennial of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution will be celebrated in 2020.

About the Drexel University College of Medicine's INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH AND LEADERSHIP®

One of only 21 programs nationwide and one of the original six to be designated a National Center of Excellence in Women's Health by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Drexel University College of Medicine's Institute for Women's Health and Leadership helps carry out the College's commitment to women's health and women's leadership in medicine. Its core initiatives include the Center for Executive Leadership in Academics, with its acclaimed Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women; the Legacy Center, which preserves and protects the largest collection of archival material on the history of women in



medicine, much of which comes from one of the College's predecessor institutions, and the Woman One Award and Scholarship Fund, which supports medical school tuition for minority women at Drexel. For more information, please visit www.drexelmed.edu/iwhl.

About DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Drexel University College of Medicine represents the consolidation of the former Hahnemann Medical College and Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, two of the earliest medical colleges in the U.S. The College has more than 700 clinical and basic-science faculty members, over 1,700 affiliate and volunteer faculty members, and, with 1,000 medical students, a larger medical student body than any other private American medical school. Among the College's asset is its national recognition for excellence in women's health and leadership; the largest HIV/AIDS primary-care practice on the East Coast and one of the top-five in the country; one of the biggest centers for spinal cord research in the Mid-Atlantic Region; and a center for malaria study that is a national leader. For more information, please visit www.drexelmed.edu.

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