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**JVS chosen to be honored at first-ever  
California Nonprofits Day celebration**

***State leaders will honor “Nonprofits of the Year”  
at State Capitol event June 22***

**San Francisco, June 21, 2016** – On Wednesday, June 22, JVS (Jewish Vocational Service) will be honored as a Nonprofit of the Year at a celebration of California Nonprofits Day at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

JVS has been selected by Senator Mark Leno as an exceptional nonprofit organization in California’s 11<sup>th</sup> State Senate district. JVS’s Executive Director, Abby Snay, will join other nonprofit leaders from across the state being honored at this inaugural California Nonprofits Day event.

JVS is a nonsectarian nonprofit with a 40+ year track record of combatting unemployment. Their award-winning programs in San Francisco and the surrounding East Bay and Peninsula provide job training in healthcare, financial services, technology and other growing sectors that offer pathways to careers.

“While many people in the Bay Area community are thriving, we know that thousands are shut out from jobs that pay a living wage. They lack the skills and connections to compete in this new economy,” said Executive Director Abby Snay. “We’re honored to be recognized for our work in finding solutions to help more people to share in our Bay Area’s prosperity.

The award recipients will visit the Assembly Floor and then will be honored at a luncheon at Sacramento’s Sheraton Grand Hotel, with presentations from former Senate President Pro Tempore and Sacramento Mayor-Elect Darrell Steinberg, Assemblymember Rich Gordon, and Jan Masaoka, CEO of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits).

“Nonprofit organizations are vitally important to the economy and well-being of California. But too often nonprofits are ‘hidden in plain sight.’ We are thrilled that the State Assembly has passed a resolution putting the spotlight on nonprofits as an economic power that uses that power for the common good. We congratulate all of the award recipients on being honored for the great work they do every day to make California a better place,” said Jan Masaoka, CEO of California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits), a statewide alliance of over 10,000 organizations, representing and promoting California’s growing nonprofit sector and working to bring the full power of nonprofits to strengthening communities.

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