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NCCJ's Executive Director Announces Departure *During Susan Feit's eight-year tenure, NCCJ became a key player on social justice issues*

Greensboro, N.C., January 16, 2014 – Today, Susan Feit announced to the Board of Directors of NCCJ (the National Conference for Community and Justice of the Piedmont Triad, Inc.) that she will leave the organization no later than June 30, 2015, the last day of NCCJ's fiscal year.

"I leave NCCJ with the utmost admiration and respect for this amazing organization and its community of dedicated stakeholders," Feit said. "I am proud of the progress we have made over the past eight years in advancing the messages and practices of diversity and inclusion across our community, and I am thrilled by NCCJ's ability to develop young leaders from diverse backgrounds. I will always be grateful for the honor of leading this organization through such an exciting period of growth and increasing impact. I look forward to spending more time with my family as I consider new professional opportunities to advance social justice issues."

Dr. Brian Clarida, Chair of the NCCJ Board, shared the sentiments of NCCJ Board members, community stakeholders, program participants, and staff by thanking Feit for her many contributions to the organization. "Susan has been a tremendous asset to NCCJ and a champion for diversity and inclusion throughout our community," Clarida said. "Over the past eight years, her guidance and vision have taken the organization to the next level. While we will miss her, we thank her for providing NCCJ with such a solid foundation for the future."

Feit assumed the position of NCCJ executive director in 2007 and immediately worked on its transition from a regional office of a national organization to a strong, independent nonprofit with a record of operational efficiency, exponential growth in programming, increased community impact, and financial security. Over the course of her eight-year tenure, Feit cultivated many partnerships and strategic alliances that advanced stronger relationships between different demographic groups and cultivated diverse youth leadership. Over the past year, she played a key role in completing an organizational vision, an updated strategic plan, and a development audit.

Under Feit's leadership, the organization built on ANYTOWN, its signature youth-leadership program, launching the ANYTOWN ANYTIME program and enabling thousands of youth and adults to experience NCCJ's award-winning programming. Feit also helped the organization and its youth leaders develop a public-policy focus, creating real-time solutions to critical community issues such as the Greensboro teen curfew in the summer of 2013 and the fight for marriage equality in North Carolina. During Feit's tenure, NCCJ increased its annual revenues by 37% and its financial assets by 152%; the organization is positioned for continued growth and success.

NCCJ's Board is outlining an interim leadership plan and forming a search committee to identify a new executive director. Feit will assist throughout the transition.

About NCCJ

NCCJ of the Piedmont Triad is a human relations organization that works to build compassionate and just communities free of bias, bigotry, and racism. Its varied programs work to foster mutual respect among all people—regardless of race, culture, sexual orientation, gender, socioeconomic background or faith.

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