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Maricopa Association of Governments
**2013 Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Press Conference**

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Councilmember Thelda Williams has represented District One on the City of Phoenix City Council since 2008. Councilmember Williams has served on the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council and is currently Vice Chair of the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness. Prior to her current term, she served on the Phoenix City Council from 1989 to 1996 and as Interim Mayor in 1994. She is active in the community and serves on numerous boards and commissions, including the Women in Local Government Association and Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women, as well as committees covering a variety of topics, including transit, aviation, animal abuse, and city planning.



Mayor Michael LeVault has served as the Mayor of the Town of Youngtown since 2007. Mayor LeVault has served on the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council for six years, and is currently the Vice Chair. He is active in various areas of community service, including seniors ministry, prison ministry, ministry for the homeless and hungry, and a remedial reading program for disadvantaged children. He serves as Homeowners' Association President and board member of Agua Fria Ranch. Raised in Illinois, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Illinois University where he majored in political science with a minor in public relations.



Celeste Plumlee is a mother of two, social worker, and local activist. Her life as a victim of domestic violence and subsequent rise as a survivor have given her the opportunity to intimately understand the darker side of humanity. Her experiences push her to challenge her own relationships with love and the need to be heard. Celeste is active in social service and arts organizations. She is the chair of the SHARE (Strength, Hope, Awareness, Respect, and Education) Survivor Advisory Committee of the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and is an active member of the Coalition's Speakers Bureau and Board of Directors. She recently received master's degrees in social work and public administration.



Barbara Marshall serves as Division Chief of the Operations Division of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. In this capacity, she oversees Training, Appeals, Community Affairs, Public Information, Human Resources, Administration, Information Technology, and other functional areas. Ms. Marshall is Chair of the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Domestic Violence Council. During her career, Ms. Marshall's appointments have included supervision of the Family Violence Bureau, as well as Division Chief of the Juvenile Crimes Division and the Major Crimes II Division. She has previously specialized in the prosecution of felony domestic violence, child abuse, child homicide, stalking, and elder abuse cases.