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COMMUNITY COALITION EARNS COVETED 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

LOS ANGELES – Community Coalition’s strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator. This is the first time that Community Coalition has earned this top distinction.

Since 2002, using objective analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating. In 2011, Charity Navigator added 17 metrics, focused on governance and ethical practices, as well as measures of openness, to its ratings methodology. The “Accountability & Transparency” metrics, which accounts for 50 percent of Community Coalition’s overall rating, demonstrates how it operates in accordance with industry best practices and whether the organization is open with its donors and stakeholders. On June 1, 2016, Charity Navigator upgraded its methodology for rating each charity’s financial health with CN 2.1. These enhancements further substantiated the financial health of Community Coalition.

“Community Coalition’s exceptional 4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public,” according to Michael Thatcher, president & CEO of Charity Navigator. “Only a quarter of charities rated by Charity Navigator receive the distinction of our 4-star rating. This adds Community Coalition to a preeminent group of charities working to overcome our world’s most pressing challenges. Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support Community Coalition.”

“We are honored to receive this distinction as it’s important our donors trust that we’re using their investment in us wisely to accomplish our mission to create economic opportunity and

transform social conditions, such as developing necessary public safety programs for the South LA community,” said Community Coalition President & CEO Alberto Retana. “Our 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates to our supporters our good governance and financial accountability.”

Community Coalition’s rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on www.charitynavigator.org. More-detailed information about Community Coalition’s rating is available to Charity Navigator site visitors who become free registered users.

About Community Coalition:

For nearly 30 years, Community Coalition has provided a hub to elevate South LA’s voice and empower residents to take control over the future of their neighborhoods. Community Coalition works with residents to build a prosperous and healthy South LA with safe neighborhoods, quality schools, and a strong social safety net. The Coalition continues to work on positive economic development that reduces crime, poverty and substance abuse in South LA through resident organizing, direct advocacy and community support services. www.cocosouthla.org

About Charity Navigator

Charity Navigator, www.charitynavigator.org, is the largest charity evaluator in America and its website attracts more visitors than all other charity rating groups combined. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of more than 8,000 charities. Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased evaluations, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data. As a result, Charity Navigator, a 501 (c) (3) public charity itself, depends on support from individuals, corporations and foundations that believe it provides a much-needed service to America’s charitable givers. Charity Navigator, can be reached directly by telephone at (201) 818-1288, or by mail at 139 Harristown Road, Suite 101, Glen Rock, N.J., 07452.

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