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## City of Palm Springs Welcomes 44th Annual NUSA Conference, May 15-18

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Former **Senator Barbara Boxer** will be the keynote speaker this month at the **44th Annual Neighborhoods USA, (NUSA), Conference** at the Palm Springs Convention Center, **May 15-18, 2019.**

The conference is sponsored by the **City of Palm Springs**, in partnership with **Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs, ONE-PS, the Palm Springs Convention Center and Bureau of Tourism** and **The Greater Palm Springs Convention & Visitors Center**. The theme is **“Opening Doors to the Future.”**

More than 800 representatives from neighborhoods around the country are expected to attend more than 60 workshops and 17 “Neighborhood Pride” tours. Additional sponsors include the **Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, P.S. Resorts, Harold Matzner, Wintec Energy and Modernism Week.**

Additional keynote speakers are **Father Gregory Boyle**, founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world, and **Dr. Jeannette Camille Bland, Ph.D.**, founder of GAI+A (Global Adytum Institute+Academy), which brings together minds, thoughts, and actions that further personal power and community responsibility.

NUSA provides its members with tools and training to improve and strengthen neighborhoods around the country through the annual conference's cutting-edge workshops that highlight programs, projects and initiatives working well in neighborhoods and local communities. Some of the workshop topics include:

- **Opening Doors with Your Neighborhood History**
- **Sustainable Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Engagement**
- **Diversity, Youth and Aging**
- **Neighborhood Leadership**
- **Building Culturally Diverse LGBTQ Events and Services**
- **Reinventing Law Enforcement for the 21st Century**
- **Prepared communities**
- **Technology**

In addition, the Palm Springs Police Department will present a special workshop highlighting the success of its Community Police Academy. Other City presenters include the Palm Springs Public Library and the Sustainability Commission.

“We are delighted to welcome the 44th Annual NUSA Conference to Palm Springs,” said Councilmember Lisa Middleton, who serves on NUSA’s Board of Directors. “Our City prides itself on being one of the most inclusive and welcoming in the country and we are excited to share the types of programs, projects and initiatives that are working well in Palm Springs with other neighborhood leaders, while learning from them about what’s working well in their communities.”

