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"I am honored to participate in this important event that aims to empower young women to succeed and thrive," noted SF-HRC Executive Director Sheryl Davis. "This summit not only serves as a platform that puts women's issues at the forefront but it also aims to provide young women with the tools to think critically about taking charge of their future and how activism can help to ensure inclusion and representation in matters where they are stakeholders or where the communities in which they belong are most impacted."

Evans Davis will participate on the 'Women in Activism' panel which will focus on how the panelists in their respective professional capacities have challenged the misrepresentations of women in our society. The panelists will offer personal insight on how they combatted existing social and cultural impediments and subsequently positioned themselves as change agents to bring greater awareness and resolution to such issues as the gender pay gap, women's health issues, bigotry against the LGBTQIA community and ending violence against women.

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