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Stephanie Powell Named Executive Director of the Young Leadership Council

New Orleans, LA (January 20, 2016) – As the Young Leadership Council (YLC) enters its 30th year of community service, it is proud to announce Stephanie Powell, a seasoned community leader with 11-years in non-profit management, as the organization’s Executive Director, effective January 11.

Specializing in non-profit management, strategic planning and volunteer coordination, Powell most recently served as Field Director of the Restore the Mississippi River Delta campaign where she managed national and state based collaborations among non-profit, for-profit, and governmental entities.

Powell will lead the organization in fulfilling its mission to develop leadership through civic engagement. She will work closely with the YLC Board of Directors, reporting to the Board President, to lead strategic direction of the organization, manage operations of YLC staff and represent the organization to community partners and donors. Powell replaces Curry Smith, who held the position for four years.

“I have seen first-hand the catalytic impact young leaders have on their communities, and truly believe volunteer leadership is the cornerstone of positive change,” said Powell. “YLC has a proven track record of implementing community projects that have a positive, long-lasting impact on our city. I am honored to join this incredible team of young professionals and to contribute to the organization’s on-going legacy.”

Powell is a graduate of the Green Corps’ Field School for Environmental Organizing and has participated in the Rockwood Leadership Institute, Loyola University’s Institute of Politics, and the Emerging Philanthropists of New Orleans. She holds B.A. in Political Science and in Anthropology from the University of Georgia.

Through volunteer-created community projects that positively impact the quality of life in the region, the YLC recruits and retains young professionals to become meaningfully engaged in the New Orleans community. It is the oldest independent Young Professionals’ Organization in the country, and has raised more than \$25 million to support community projects since 1986. The YLC has more than 1,800 member-volunteers, and is led by a 25-member board of directors and four staff members. Each community initiative is led by one or more volunteer project leader(s).

***The Young Leadership Council** is a non-profit, non-partisan civic organization created to develop leadership through community projects. Through volunteer-created community projects, the YLC recruits and retains young professionals to New Orleans, creating a positive impact on the quality of life in the region. The oldest, independent YPO (young professionals’ organization) in the country, the YLC has*

raised more than \$25 million to support community projects in and around the New Orleans area since 1986. For more information on the YLC, please visit our website at www.ylcnoia.org.

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