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**SHOWTIME® ORDERS *THE L WORD*®
SEQUEL TO SERIES**

***Marja-Lewis Ryan, Ilene Chaiken, Jennifer Beals, Katherine Moennig
And Leisha Hailey To Executive Produce Revival
Scheduled To Premiere In Late 2019***



Photos: Getty Images (left) and Ricky Middlesworth (right)

LOS ANGELES – January 31, 2019 – Celebrating the 15th anniversary of the original's premiere, SHOWTIME has announced an eight-episode order for a sequel to its groundbreaking hit series *THE L WORD*, scheduled to premiere by the end of 2019. Marja-Lewis Ryan (*The Four-Faced Liar*, *6 Balloons*) serves as showrunner and is executive producing with series creator Ilene Chaiken and original series stars Jennifer Beals, Katherine Moennig and Leisha Hailey. The announcement was made today by Gary Levine, President of Entertainment, Showtime Networks Inc., at the Television Critics Association's Winter Press Tour.

“Marja has brought her unique and contemporary vision to *THE L WORD* and blended it beautifully into the fabric of Ilene's groundbreaking series,” said Levine. “This revered show was both entertaining and impactful when it originally ran on SHOWTIME, and we are confident that our new version will do that and more in 2019.”

THE L WORD originally ran on SHOWTIME from 2004-2009. In this revival, Beals, Moennig and Hailey will star on the series as their original characters alongside a new generation of self-possessed LGBTQIA characters experiencing love, heartbreak, sex, setbacks and success in L.A.

SHOWTIME is currently available to subscribers via cable, DBS, and telco providers, and as a stand-alone streaming service through Amazon, Apple®, Google, LG Smart TVs, Oculus Go, Roku®, Samsung Smart TVs and Xbox One. Consumers can also subscribe to SHOWTIME via Amazon's Prime Video Channels, DirecTV Now, FuboTV, Hulu, Sling TV, Sony PlayStation™ Vue, and YouTube TV or directly at www.showtime.com.

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