

**Notice from the
AAUW CA Public Policy Committee
March 30, 2009**

Regarding the May 19, 2009 California Special Election

The State of California just dealt with a deficit of \$40 billion.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has been a staunch supporter of education and public health measures for 126 years. Our nearly 14,000 members in California sympathize with those who protest proposed cuts.

The budget reductions spared few, if any, departments, programs or services. At the same time the budget also depends on significant tax increases.

The March, 2008 AAUW CA statement regarding the budget deficit battle urged “a balanced approach of revenue increase and expenditure reduction geared to maintaining a safety net of vital government services”. We wanted to:

- Protect the basic education and human services infrastructure.
- Maintain all health and safety standards.
- Equitably distribute funding cuts.
- Seriously assess the options for tax and fee increases.

We believe the budget proposals are the best we can expect in this difficult time. AAUW members are asked to take a deep breath and vote yes for the budget items 1-A, 1-B, 1-C, 1-D, 1-E, and 1-F on the May 19th special election ballot.

To read the ballot measures, go to www.sos.ca.gov and click on ballot measures.