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**Hi!
I'm back.**

Dear <<First Name>>,

Welcome to the second issue of the *California Connection*, the new monthly e-blast from your state organization with a quick read of what YOU might want to know or do to be an active AAUWer.

Things to know



Tech Trek will live on! The health and safety of branch members, school partners and young students must remain the number one priority. We know you're concerned about this beloved AAUW project in year two of the pandemic. We want you to know that the Tech Trek Committee is exploring ideas for alternative ways to select campers and has advised

branches to postpone that process until January 2021.



We're taking a stand! Your state Public Policy Committee has adopted a YES position on:

- Prop 14 – Stem Cell Research (access to quality health care)
- Prop 15 – Property Taxes (funding for education)
- Prop 16 – Affirmative Action (educational opportunity; social justice)
- Prop 17 – Voting for Parolees (expansion of voting rights)
- Prop 18 – Voting at 17 (encourages voting)
- Prop 21 – Rent Control (affordable housing)
- Prop 25 – Cash Bail (social & economic justice)

For details on each of these propositions, click [HERE](#).

Things to do

Our webinars are a hit! Luckily, Zoom has an unlimited number of chairs. Check your calendar and be sure you have registered for these presentations on timely topics.



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What's coming up?

- **9/14** - Waging a successful GOTV (Get Out the Vote!) campaign in the time of COVID
- **9/23** - Show Me the Money: Fundraising Ideas For a COVID World

- **10/1** - How to manage your Speech Trek contest on ZOOM.

Oh no! Did you miss a good one? Recordings of the webinars and accompanying materials are posted at the link above. Just click on the webinar name.

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What's that hashtag thingy? Good news - you don't even need to know.

You can still support our GOTV (Get Out the Vote) social media campaign.



Just copy and paste the weekly message and hashtags you receive every Monday into any of your social media accounts (like Facebook), add a photo, and post! The hashtags will make sure it is seen on other platforms. Mobilize your friends and their friends and their friends of friends to vote. To learn how it works, contact publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org.

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Do you want to be in “the room where it happens?” You have a chance to be in that room by weighing in on the priorities and future legislation that AAUW California should support in 2021-2023.

Watch your inbox for a survey from the Public Policy Committee this month and let us know YOUR views by October 15th.





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Oh, and one more thing...wear a mask.

Please.



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