



Public Policy News

A monthly dispatch from the AAUW California Public Policy Team

DID YOUR BRANCH HOLD A PUBLIC POLICY EVENT?

Share with us!

Did your branch hold a Community Event to educate your community about a Public Policy issue, or a Branch Program Meeting to educate your members on a mission-based topic? We would love to have you share information and photos of your event so that we can highlight your branch on the state AAUW Public Policy website. Please share information about your event by filling out this [form](#).

ELECTION UPDATE: SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

We are happy to report that school board candidates who were seeking to ban books and historically accurate curricula lost BIG in the November election nationwide! Current reporting tells us that only 50 of 139 school board candidates endorsed by Moms for Liberty were elected. We'll keep working to ensure that our marginalized students are accurately represented and protected through the School Board Project in California.

WHERE IS THAT?

Find All Things Public Policy

Key links to your public policy resources:

- [Google Workspace](#)
- [AAUW Policy Leaders Manual from National](#)
- [Branch liaisons](#)
- Contact us at publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org
- Sign up for CA Legislative Action Alerts [HERE!](#) Share the sign-up link with anyone you think may be interested. AAUW members and non-members are welcome.

You can share this copy-and-paste shareable link:
<https://forms.gle/zkboxQM8gByqjGymTA>

SAVE THE DATES!

Bimonthly Virtual Meetings for Branch Public Policy Chairs

Wednesday 12/06 @ 2pm PT
Wednesday 2/07 @ 2pm PT
Wednesday 4/10* @ 2pm PT
Wednesday 6/05 @ 2pm PT

Amy and Missy will provide updates and branches will have the opportunity to share ideas.

Click [HERE](#) for meeting information.

*Note: April's meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month, as Lobby Days is scheduled for the first week of April.

LOBBY DAYS 2024 April 2-3, 2024

Look for an interest survey including a registration form to arrive in your inbox mid-January. Be sure to complete and return the form to be added to the communications list for the event.

Lobby Days 2024 - Save the Date!

By Amy Hom, Co-chair AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Mark your calendars! AAUW California will hold our 2024 Lobby Days event on April 2 and 3, 2024. An interest survey including a registration form will arrive in your inbox mid-January. Please be sure to complete and return the form to be added to the communications list for the event.

We encourage all AAUW California members to participate in this act of advocacy that is essential for achievement of our legislative priorities. In addition to our members, we plan to invite college students to join the event. Their participation will enable us to reach more legislative offices, and we hope that this introduction to our organization will inspire these advocacy-minded young people who share our values to join AAUW.

Starting in January, our committee will evaluate new bills introduced in the state legislature which are aligned with our Public Policy Priorities: Economic Security for All Women, Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students, Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society, and Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles. In early March, our committee will meet to discuss our evaluations and select 30-35 bills for our 2024 Legislative Agenda that best represent our priorities. We will also choose the top 3 bills to advocate for during Lobby Days.

Lobby Days 2024 is scheduled to take place when the legislature returns to session after their Easter break, and will span two days to provide flexibility so that we can secure as many meetings as possible. We are planning a hybrid event with meetings scheduled virtually over Zoom as well as in-person at the Capitol. Members who live in and around Sacramento will have the option to participate in person. Legislative offices are equally willing to meet virtually or in person, and the virtual option makes it easier for AAUW members around the state to participate.

Our AAUW California Legislative Advocate will schedule meetings with the legislative offices. The committee will assemble teams of AAUW members and college students, matching them with Assembly and Senate districts. Training materials on the bills and the event will be posted on the state website in mid-March, and a mandatory training webinar will be held on March 25, 2024.

If you have participated in Lobby Days in the past, we would love to hear your feedback on what worked and what didn't. Please send your comments to publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org.

Lobby Days is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your legislators and advocate for legislation to promote gender equity and improve the lives of women and girls. We hope that you will join us in this important activity to advance our values.