



# Public Policy News

A monthly dispatch from the AAUW California Public Policy Team

## 2024 ELECTION SEASON

### Endorsing Candidates & Election Resources

The 2024 election is coming up! The 2024 election will have a major impact on gender equity. Scroll to the next page for more information about webinars, resources, endorsements, and actions that you can take (beyond voting!) to get involved.

## ACTION ALERTS!

### Help Move our AAUW Authored Bill

Time to take action! Please help us advance one of our sponsored bills by reaching out to CA State Senators by making calls and/or by using **Resistbot**.

**For Resistbot:** click on **THIS LINK** to “sign” the petition in support of AB 2843, “Eliminating Costs for Victims of Sexual Assault.” When you “sign,” Resistbot will prompt you, through your preferred text message system, to send a letter with the petition text to your CA State Senator.

**For Calls:** click on **THIS LINK** to access contact information for members of the CA Senate Health Committee. Make a phone call to each member of the committee to ask them to support AB 2843. **The bill will be heard by the committee on July 3, so if calling, please reach out by phone beforehand.**

Click **here** to access talking points, **here** for a call script, and **here** to access a fact sheet for AB 2843 before calling or signing. This bill may look familiar, as we asked you to advocate for it during Lobby Days. We thank you in advance!

## 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](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org).
- **Tell us about your branch public policy events** by filling out this [form](#).
- **Sign up for CA Legislative Action Alerts [HERE!](#)**

## NEXT MEETING FOR BRANCH PUBLIC POLICY CHAIRS

Fall 2024 Dates TBD

Click [HERE](#) for meeting information.

2024-2025 branch public policy chairs' meeting schedule will be released in July/August 2024.

## SIGN UP FOR ACTION ALERTS HERE.

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**2024**  
**Bill Tracker**

## AAUW Election Resources

The 2024 election is coming up! The 2024 election will have a major impact on gender equity. You know that you are going to vote (of course!), but how else are you planning to get involved? If you aren't yet sure, AAUW California and AAUW National has some resources to help guide you.

First, AAUW California has a few things planned for the upcoming cycle.

- We will be rolling our Get Out The Vote (GOTV) resources beginning in September 2024, which will include educational materials, in-person and online resources for you to help GOTV, and materials to participate in a social media campaign. Look for updates and invitations rolling out in August.
- Second, we will be creating and releasing profiles for all of the candidates who are competing in a number of competitive California districts.
- Third, check out the information below on the FAQs around candidate endorsements.

Also, AAUW National has created a lovely election resource guide (you can check it out [HERE](#)). We'll offer a few time-sensitive highlights. In particular, we would like to note the upcoming August 2024 webinars (found under "trainings" tab on the site listed above).

- August 8 (time TBD), entitled "Preparing for National Voter Registration Day"
- August 21 (4pm-5pm PT), entitled "Leveraging Traditional and Social Media for Voter Education"

### AAUW CALIFORNIA STATE RESOURCES

## FAQ-Candidate Endorsements

With upcoming elections, many of you may wonder, "**Are We Able to Endorse Candidates?**" The appropriately political answer is: "**It Depends.**" To better understand the nuance of endorsements, read on!

- AAUW affiliates with 501 (c)(4) status may recruit and/or endorse candidates for **non-partisan elective offices**, i.e. party affiliation does not appear on the ballot next to the candidate's name. School board members as well as city council members and county supervisors are non-partisan.
- AAUW affiliates that have independently incorporated themselves as 501 (c)(3) entities may not endorse candidates for any kind of elected office.
- [This document](#) in the School Board Project toolkit provides more information about the authority for candidate endorsements.
- [AAUW Policies and Procedures Section 301 "Candidates for Public Office"](#), which the School Board Project toolkit document draws from, covers these policies in detail.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us at [publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org).