

2026 Lobby Days

Meeting Script - Team Leader Introduction

Good [morning][afternoon]. On behalf of AAUW California, we want to thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to meet with you today. My name is []. I am from the [] branch of AAUW, and these are my colleagues [introduce each or let them introduce themselves, with branch name].

I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you about AAUW, the American Association of University Women, but may I ask first if you are familiar with our organization? (Give them a chance to tell you what they might already know – don't waste time on info they already have, just fill in whatever is missing) – highlights:

- Nationwide organization started in 1881
- Headquartered in Wash D.C., affiliates in all 50 states, including CA
- We are known as AAUW California. We were organized in 1921 and incorporated in 1956. We currently have 106 branches and 8,500 members.
- AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy, and our values include ensuring equity for a diverse society.

[If you are all from the same branch and your branch is in district]: Our branch is in your/the member's district, and [if appropriate] we appreciate the support you/the member has shown for issues we care about. I'd like to tell you a little about the things our branch is doing for your/the member's community [highlights of current/recent events].

[If none of your members are from the legislator's district]: I will tell you, none of us are from your district. We were asked to meet with you/your office because it is an important district and unfortunately none of our members from your district were available. If I may, I'd like to tell you just in general the kinds of activities branches are engaged in throughout California [some ideas: Tech Trek, scholarships, Gov Trek, community education, Get out the Vote, School Board Project].

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One of the exciting projects AAUW California is working on this year is the Teen Girls Reproductive Health Awareness Project.

- Our Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch has been working with a group of local high school students to write a Resolution, sponsored by Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, declaring September 2026 as Reproductive Health of Teen Girls Awareness Month.
- This Resolution will encourage high schools, colleges, public health agencies, pediatricians, and community health providers to promote educational campaigns on reproductive health topics to teenage girls.
- AAUW California is conducting further research on potential methods to educate youth about social media misinformation related to reproductive health.

Can I answer any questions for you about AAUW?

[If meeting with a legislator who is aligned with AAUW's values]

Before we jump into the Legislative Agenda, we want to express our appreciation for your leadership and support of our shared values.

Thank you so much for your "Yes" vote on SB 771, AB 1098, and/or SB 418 (These are the 3 priority bills from AAUW California's 2025 Legislative Agenda. Public Policy will provide the floor votes for these 3 bills so that you can see how the legislator that you are meeting with voted.)

And/or:

Thank you for authoring (from 2025: SB 771 (Stern), AB 1098 (Fong), SB 418 (Menjivar)) (from 2026: priority bill information to follow)

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[If meeting with a legislator who is NOT aligned with AAUW's values]

Before we jump into the Legislative Agenda, we want to thank you so much for everything that you are doing in the district. (Name a couple of the things they are doing that you appreciate.) We may not always see eye to eye, but we think this year we have some bills you will be able to support.”

(If you have questions about what to say here, please reach out to publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org.)

Every year, AAUW California sets a legislative agenda of about 30 bills that we are supporting. We have chosen our top 3 that we'd like to talk to you about today, and at this point I will turn it over to my colleagues, each of whom will address one of our bills.