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**GovTrek**

**A Project of the Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista Branch**

**of the American Association of University Women (AAUW)**

* AAUW’s Mission: To advance equity for women and girls through education, research, and advocacy. AAUW is non-partisan and values diversity in its membership and its community projects
* Purpose of GovTrek: To introduce high school Junior and Senior girls to careers in the political arena and to encourage them to consider such careers as they prepare for college
* GovTrek Schedule
  + 6 sessions, 2 hours each
  + Saturday afternoons in October and November 2019; January -April 2020
  + Culminating in half-day conference in May 2020
  + Internships Summer 2020
* GovTrek Sessions
  + Politics 101
  + The Value of a Legal Education in a Political Career
  + How City Government Works
  + How State Government Works
  + How Federal Government Works
  + How Campaigns Work
* Presenters
  + Current female legislators or their staff
  + Career women from AAUW
* How the Students Will Benefit
  + Real life immersion in public service careers
  + Exposure to female role models
* Development of critical thinking skills
* Development of skills in the art of compromise
* Increased understanding of their responsibility as informed citizens
* Increased awareness of the advantages of a public service career
* Opportunity to earn a summer internship in a public servant’s office or operation

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