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AAUW California Public Policy Shares Education-Focused, Nonpartisan Guidance on Proposition 50

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — September 25, 2025 — AAUW California today released nonpartisan voter-education information to help Californians understand [Proposition 50](#)¹, a statewide ballot measure on the November 4, 2025, special election. Consistent with the organization’s mission and public policy priorities, this resource focuses on how the Proposition would alter the redistricting process for California’s congressional districts and provides authoritative, neutral sources for further information.

“Although illegal midterm redistricting efforts outside California may seem like a federal issue, they are now directly relevant to Californians,” said Amy Hom, a former engineer and co-chair of AAUW California’s Public Policy Committee. “California continues to maintain strong protections for women and girls, marginalized people, free speech, accurate history, sound science, and democratic norms,” Hom said. “However, Californians remain subject to the laws, rules, and enforcement actions of a federal government influenced by the directives of Project 2025 rather than the will of the people,” she added.

AAUW California shared that Proposition 50 can preserve the state’s ability to serve all Californians in the face of overwhelming federal encroachment. The approval of Proposition 50 by California voters can help combat illegal efforts to silence opposition voices and advance an executive agenda heavily influenced by [Project 2025](#)².

Approval of Proposition 50 can aid in this endeavor by approving redistricting efforts in California for the subsequent election cycles, until maps are redrawn after the next census in



2030, which will only be triggered as a proportional response. AAUW California supports all efforts to preserve and advance democracy, in conjunction with its public policy priorities focused on gender-based equity and social justice.

“While this kind of redistricting response is often framed as an escalation of a partisan conflict, in the current political environment, we should think carefully about what is being labeled as partisan,” said Dr. Melissa (Missy) Maceyko, an expert in effective social change and political action, and co-chair of AAUW California’s Public Policy Committee. “Partisan labeling can be reductive when the choice has become one of supporting authoritarianism or preserving functional democracy and protecting the rights of all people,” she added.

AAUW California seeks to educate voters on Proposition 50. The organization is reminding all Californians that support for Proposition 50 is a non-partisan move to preserve broader democratic norms in California; to oppose the implementation of Project 2025 in California; and to continue advancing gender equity, including through AAUW California’s mission and public policy priorities.

AAUW California offers materials for California voters interested in learning more about the issues. Voters are invited to visit <https://tinyurl.com/AAUWProp50Media> to access resources, including a one-page fact sheet and an informational flyer. AAUW California encourages everyone to vote. Official election details and voter registration information can be found at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections>.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) empowers women and girls by championing their success in higher education and pushing for bold policy solutions to create lasting change. Though nonpartisan, it is not values-neutral. Over 170,000 members fight to remove the barriers and biases that stand in the way of gender equity. The organization provides critical funding and support to advance equity in education and improve the lives of women and girls in the US and internationally, and advocates for federal, state, and local laws and policies to ensure equity and end discrimination. AAUW California is the state’s most active and diverse organization for women, with over 8,500 members in 108 branches and 2,000 members-at-large. Visit <https://www.aauw-ca.org/>.

¹ California Proposition 50, Use of Legislative Congressional Redistricting Map Amendment (2025).” Ballotpedia, [https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_50_Use_of_Legislative_Congressional_Redistricting_Map_Amendment_\(2025\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_50_Use_of_Legislative_Congressional_Redistricting_Map_Amendment_(2025))

² Amanpour and Company | How Pres. Trump Is Using Project 2025 to Reshape America | Season 2025.” PBS, 12 August 2025, <https://www.pbs.org/video/how-pres-trump-is-using-project-2025-to-reshape-america-lmzsis/>

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