



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 we are 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.
- The Legislature 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 now researching potential legislation to strengthen curriculum requirements addressing social media misinformation related to reproductive health issues.

Can I answer any questions for you about AAUW?

Before we jump into the Legislative Agenda, we want to express our appreciation for your (or the member's) leadership and support of our shared values.

- (Examples of things to say):
 - Thank you so much for your "Yes" vote on (recent legislation supported by AAUW)
 - Thank you for authoring (a bill that was supported by AAUW)
 - (If you have questions about what you can 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.