



2026 Lobby Days

Meeting Script - Team Leader Introduction

Opening

Good [morning][afternoon]. On behalf of AAUW California, thank you for taking the time to meet with us today.

My name is [], and I am from the [] branch of AAUW. These are my colleagues [introduce each person or allow them to introduce themselves, including their branch].

Before we get started, can you tell us how much time you are able to give us today?

May I ask if you're already familiar with AAUW - the American Association of University Women?

(Pause and allow them to respond. If they are familiar, briefly fill in any gaps. If not, provide highlights.)

- AAUW is a nationwide organization founded in 1881 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., with affiliates in all 50 states.
- Here in California, we are known as AAUW California. Our state organization was established in 1921 and incorporated in 1956. Today we have 108 branches and about 8,500 members across the state.
- AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. One of our core values is ensuring equity for a diverse society.

Branch Connection

If your branch is in the legislator's district:

Our branch is located in your district, and [if appropriate] we appreciate the support you/the member has shown for issues we care about. I'd like to briefly share a few of the things our branch has been doing locally, such as [mention 1-2 key programs or recent events].

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Branch Connection (continued)

If your branch is not in the legislator's district but another team member's branch is:

[Team member name]'s branch is here in your district, and she will briefly share some of the things her branch has been doing locally. (Invite the team member to share 1-2 key programs or recent events.)

If no one is from the district:

I should mention that none of us are from your district. We were asked to meet with your office because this is an important district, and unfortunately no local members were available today.

Across California, AAUW branches engage in programs such as Tech Trek science camps for middle school girls, scholarships for women and girls, voter engagement efforts, and our School Board Project.

Teen Girls Reproductive Health Awareness Project

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 House Resolution, sponsored by Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, declaring **September 2026 as Reproductive Health of Teen Girls Awareness Month**.
- It will encourage educators and health care providers to promote educational campaigns focused on reproductive health topics to teenage girls.
- AAUW California is also conducting additional research on potential methods to educate youth about social media misinformation related to reproductive health.

Can I answer any questions for you about AAUW?

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Transition to Priority Legislation

If the legislator is generally aligned with AAUW's values:

Before we move to our priority legislation, we would like to thank you for your leadership and for supporting issues that advance equity for women and girls.

[If applicable:] We especially appreciate your "Yes" vote in 2025 on **SB 771** and/or **SB 418** which were AAUW California's top priority bills last year.

- See how the representative you are meeting with voted on these bills: [Floor Votes - 2025 AAUW California "A" Priority Bills SB 418 and SB 771 - Google Sheets](#))

[If you are meeting with these offices, we would also like you to thank these legislators for authoring AAUW California's recent priority bills]:

- Senator Henry Stern - SB 771 (2025)
- Senator Caroline Menjivar - SB 418 (2025)
- Assemblymember Maggy Krell - SB 1766 (2026) and SB 1845 (2026)
- Assemblymember Dawn Addis - SB 1876 (2026)

If the legislator is not closely aligned with AAUW's values:

Before discussing our priority legislation, we want to thank you for the work you are doing for the district, particularly [mention 1-2 relevant examples.]

While we may not always agree on every issue, we believe some of the bills we are supporting this year will be ones you will find worthwhile to support.



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Transition to Bills

Each year, AAUW California develops a legislative agenda of roughly 30 bills that align with our mission. Today we would like to focus on our **three top priority bills**.

At this point I will turn it over to my colleagues, who will briefly introduce each of these bills.