

State Public Policies for 2023 - 2025

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It's time for a quick review of our AAUW CA Public Policy Priorities for 2023-2025.

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PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

The AAUW California Public Policy Program establishes policy directives that will guide our members, inform our legislative priorities, serve our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, and are consistent with our values of achieving fair and equitable opportunities for our diverse society. Toward that end, AAUW California advocates policies that promote, enhance and ensure:

Economic Security for All Women, including:

- Equity in the workplace
- Enforcement of workplace anti-discrimination statutes
- Security in retirement
- Access to job training for career development
- Work-life balance, including access to quality affordable childcare and paid sick and caregiving leave

Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students, including:

- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX
- Adequate and equitable funding at all educational levels, including pre-school and post-secondary
- Removal of barriers for girls to access instruction in STEM fields
- Civics instruction in all CA high schools
- Access to diverse staff and curriculum that represents historically accurate information
- Funding adequate to support a strong infrastructure, and equitable access to resources, including technology
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic and charter schools that do not meet public school civil rights and accountability standards

Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society, including:

- Self-determination in reproductive health
- Equal access to quality affordable health care, housing and a healthy environment
- Freedom from violence in all its forms and wherever it occurs, including violence against historically marginalized groups, and support for policies that reduce or prevent gun violence.
- Guarantee of civil and constitutional rights for all, including all forms of gender identity and expression, and all family structures
- Protection and expansion of voting rights
- Support for United Nations sustainable development goals which address human rights and women's and girls' concerns

Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles, including:

- Proportional appointment to publicly held corporate boards
- Access to leadership skills training
- Access to programs that promote participation in public service careers

The California State AAUW public priorities for 2023 - 2025.

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In response to votes from our statewide members, the California Board has approved 11 changes, which can be viewed [here](#). Additions include support for civics education, access to diverse staff and curriculum, safe infrastructure and access to technology in our schools, gun violence prevention, and a new fourth pillar to support women in leadership roles. You will note this fourth addition to our newly revised Public Policy Priorities logo.

These priorities guide our local board's decisions on how and where to place our monetary and physical support. Be proud of our involvement and read the TWIG articles about Tech Trek, Speech Trek, STEM Discovery Day, Scholarships for Ohlone students,

both continuing and advancing to a four-year college, and a scholarship to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Don't forget One Book, One Community Reads, Exploring the Arts, our two Book Clubs, Yoga for Body and Spirit, and exploring diversity through our Cultural Cuisine. All are worthy of our support to

promote, enhance and ensure fair and equitable opportunities for women and girls in our diverse society.