

SONOMA COUNTY

NOW



Above: Santa Rosa Vice Mayor Natalie Rogers speaking at the Women's Rally to Mobilize and Defend Our Reproductive Right in Old Courthouse Square. Photo by R.Dwan.

October 2021 News

LGBTQIA+ History Month

Dear NOW members,

October is certainly slipping by quickly! It's already the 15th—where did that time go? We held a successful Women's Rally on October 2 with the Sonoma County

Democratic Party and several hundred attendees; and our petition with 601 signatures is being sent to the President, the Vice President, our Congressmen (Mike Thompson and Jared Huffman), the Speaker of the House, and the Senate Majority Leader. Thanks to all of you who were able to help and/or who participated. It was exciting and even though we couldn't hold a march, we did encourage lots of cars to honk as they drove by! (*R. Dwan photo of Santa Rosa Vice Mayor Natalie Rogers shown above.*)

This month is LGBTQIA+ History Month (Coming Out Day was October 11th) and we are hosting a special presentation on **Friday, October 29th, from 6–8 p.m.**, by two members of the Lesbian Archives of Sonoma County and one of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Please join us!

We will also be holding our **regular board meeting beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 21** and welcome all members, particularly those of you who want to join the Executive Board or see what it is like. Help us continue the momentum of this chapter!

--Amy Nykamp

Elaine B. Holtz, Immediate Past President of Sonoma County NOW and founder/host of *Women's Spaces* on KBBF 89.1 FM, gave a rousing speech at the Women's Rally to several hundred protestors. Click [here](#) for the video!

Join us for both October Events!

Thursday, October 21 - 6:00 PM - Board Planning Meeting: Bring your ideas of moving forward into 2022!

Friday, October 29 - 6:00–8:00 PM - Watch a presentation on the Sonoma County LGBTQI+ Timeline by speakers Tina Dungan and Shad Reinstein, and listen to Sister Younita Letgo of the Russian River Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence!

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtqa1Nkc2tYQXkydz09>

Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 **Passcode:** 035853

Phone in Numbers:

+1 669 900 9128 (San Jose)

Locations outside the United States <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtqa1Nkc2tYQXkydz09>



October dates to celebrate

- **October 6, 1917** – **Fannie Lou Hamer** (shown above; Creative Commons photo), activist, civil rights leader
- **October 10, 1911** – California suffrage passed by special referendum
- **October 11, 1884**– **Eleanor Roosevelt**, author, diplomat, activist
- **October 12** – **Indigenous Peoples' Day**
- **October 20, 1917** – **Alice Gray**, cofounder Sonoma Co., NAACP, Community Baptist Church
- **October 21, 1886** — **Clara Elizabeth Chan Lee**, first Chinese American to register to vote in U.S.
- **October 26, 1911** — **Mahalia Jackson**, singer
- **October 26, 1947** — **Hillary Clinton**, senator, activist, Secretary of State

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<http://www.nowsonoma.org/>

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About NOW

As the grassroots arm of the women's movement, the National Organization for Women is dedicated to its multi-issue and multi-strategy approach to women's rights, and is the largest organization of feminist grassroots activists in the United States. NOW has hundreds of chapters and hundreds of thousands of members and activists in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Since our founding in 1966, NOW's purpose is to take action through intersectional grassroots activism to promote feminist ideals, lead societal change, eliminate discrimination, and achieve and protect the equal rights of all women and girls in all aspects of social, political, and economic life.

Core Issues

NOW is a multi-issue, multi-strategy organization that takes a holistic approach to women's rights. Our priorities are winning economic equality and securing it with an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will guarantee equal rights for women; championing abortion rights, reproductive freedom and other women's health issues; opposing racism; fighting bigotry against the LGBTQIA community; and ending violence against women.

Reproductive Rights and Justice

NOW fully supports safe and legal abortion, affordable and effective birth control and other contraception, and reproductive health education for all.

Economic Justice

NOW advocates for a wide range of economic justice issues, women's freedom and success and intertwined with racial justice, reproductive freedom, and other systems of oppression.

Ending Violence Against Women

NOW recognizes violence against women as the broad and interconnected issue that it is, addressing oppressive structures and attitudes in our nation.

Racial Justice

A leader in civil rights since 1966, NOW continues to fight for equal opportunities for women of color in all areas including employment, education, and health care.

LGBTQIA+ Rights

NOW is committed to fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in all areas.

Constitutional Equality

NOW is a proud supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment and prioritizes giving women explicit protections in the United States Constitution.

For additional information go to: <https://now.org/about/>



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