

SONOMA COUNTY

**NOW**   
NATIONAL  
ORGANIZATION  
FOR WOMEN



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**We Must Take Back Our Rights!**

Dear NOW friends,

I read a meme today that said: **"If we don't have bodily autonomy and independence, then F\*\*\* the Fourth!"** (from the [Women's March Facebook page](#))

The news is worse and worse each day, as the Supreme Court, which should be protecting long-held rights, is instead removing them: this overturning of Roe v. Wade has been just the first of a number of decisions made in the last few weeks. We cannot hide in our bubbles (I know it's very easy to do) because those bubbles are being broken, as the extremists come closer to running the country. National protests are a major way to demonstrate our dissatisfaction and anger. I learned this week of a Reproductive Rights Rally in Santa Rosa on **July 13th from 5-8 PM** at Courthouse Square, on the 3rd Street side. Long-time Sonoma County activist and leader, Leslie Graves, has organized this. I urge all NOW members and friends to join her in this demonstration.

Our chapter is small, but we are active. On **July 4** (our "independence day") at **11:00 AM** on KBBF 89.1 FM (<https://kbbf.org/>), Elaine Holtz, our past president and current treasurer, will be interviewing Dr. Harriet Fraad. Dr. Fraad is the founder of the Women's Liberation Movement in New Haven, CT, in 1968)! She will discuss the implications of the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

Further details are below. We are in the planning stages of other events in the next few months and will promote them widely. Stay tuned!

Speaking of tunes...Sandy Rapp, longtime NOW member, composed a protest song on Choice. It was back in 1989, but definitely speaks loudly to us today. The lyrics are below (you'll note that the underlined words have links), and a sister NOW chapter (Palm Beach, FL) has an [audio](#) of her performing them.

Our next board meeting is on July 18th. We hope you will follow us on Facebook and share this newsletter with your friends. If you are not yet a NOW member or need to renew your membership, please join our growing organization! Our chapter's ID is CA0660 and you can select it when you sign up [here](#).

***Join us on Zoom, Monday, July 18***

***7:00-8:30 p.m.***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtqa1Nkc2tYQ>

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

--Amy Nykamp, President

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**Women's Spaces Radio Show**, hosted by member Elaine B. Holtz, is doing a special interview with Dr. Harriet Fraad on **Monday, July 4 (Independence Day) at 11 a.m. PST and repeating on Monday evening at 11 p.m.**

For this show they will be doing an analysis of Roe v. Wade and the implications around the recent Supreme Court decision to overthrow this 49-year-old precedent backing women's control over their bodies and control of whether they decide to have a child. The decision rested in our own hands and not the government's—which has suddenly changed.

Dr. Fraad is a mental health counselor and hypnotherapist in practice in New York City. She is a well-published author and

writes about the pressures on families and the economics of the USA. She is also a regular guest of Dr. Richard Wolff and his show Economic Update on KBBF 89.1 FM every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

All shows are archived at [www.womensspaces.com](http://www.womensspaces.com), and if you have any questions or concerns give Elaine a call at 707 527 5987 or email her at [elaine@womensspaces.com](mailto:elaine@womensspaces.com). Thank you all for listening to this informative and important show.

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Remember Rose: Song for Choice

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**Rosie Jimenez finally turned up dead**

**So the paper said in Texas.**

**Finally turned up dead, after Medicaid**

**Restrictions took her choice away.**

**Televangelists and their politics**

**Made Jenny Jimenez an orphan.**

**Praying in the light, bombing in the night,**

**They wave their roses red but Rose is dead.**

## Chorus

**Get your laws off me I'm not your property.**

**Don't plan my family I'll plan my own.**

**I don't want to be, In your theocracy**

**Remember liberty, Remember Rose.**

**Many more will go by the way of Rose**

**And the ones that went before her.**

**Unless a course is set, present and direct,**

**Because ""a chill wind blows""**

**And Rose is dead.**

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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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