

SONOMA COUNTY



## September 2022 News

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Dear NOW friends,

We are entering a new era--we can finally go back to having gatherings in-person, rather than always over Zoom. To kick off our first live event in

over two years, we are showing the documentary, "**California Women Win the Vote**" and holding a discussion afterward about voting rights-- what they fought for then, who was given the vote, and what is happening in various states to suppress millions of potential voters. This will be held **on September 19th, from 7-8:30, at the Peace & Justice Center: 467 Sebastopol Avenue, Santa Rosa, 95401. See below for full details on registering, as there is limited seating.**

We will have voter registration forms that you can be filled out and mailed in. Registering to vote must occur no later than two weeks before the November election.

**We have very exciting news to share about our October 17th meeting:** Rosita Stevens-Holsey, a niece of famous rights activist Pauli Murray, who co-founded NOW in 1966, will share with us her remembrances of her aunt! Stevens-Holsey also published a book this past February on Murray, that can be bought in bookstores around the country. See the box below for further details. We hope you will share this news with all your friends and neighbors. Our treasurer and past-president, Elaine Holtz interviewed her on August 29th and the [recording](#) is posted on the Women's Spaces website. You can also read a good

amount of information on Murray from the [NOW website](#) and from Stevens-Holsey's website: <https://www.preservingpaulimurray.com/>.

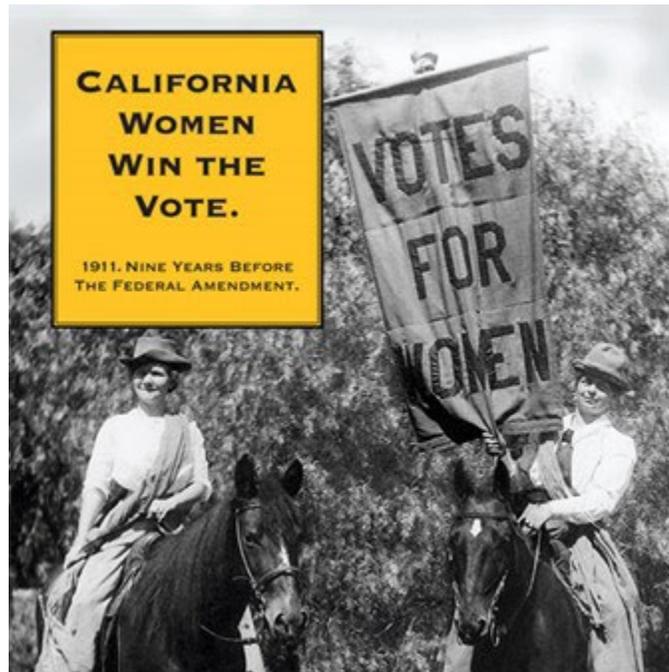
The photo at the top is the small, but mighty, group of us who were in Sebastopol on Women's Equality Day (August 26th). It was an interesting time, with two of the corners being held by evangelists (who strangely dispersed just after we did...). What we don't have pictures of was the large display of flags decorating a good portion of the area by City Hall: not only the American flag, but also the flag representing Women's Equality Day colors (purple, white, and gold). These ran a full block in either direction, north, south, east, and west. We fielded a lot of questions about them and received a lot of (mostly positive) attention from the crowds during the time we were there.

We look forward to seeing you at one or both of our events as we know you will find them enjoyable and informative!

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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](#).

--Amy Nykamp, President



(image from <https://wildwestwomen.org/product/california-women-win-the-vote/>)

**Date: September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 7:00-8:30 pm PST**

**Place:** Peace & Justice Center, 467 Sebastopol Avenue, Santa Rosa, 95401

**Tickets:** Online only, no fee. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/california-women-win-the-vote-tickets-412507088807>

**SEATING LIMITED**

For our September meeting, Sonoma County NOW will be in-person! We will be showing the documentary “**California Women Win the Vote**” and discuss voting rights—then and now.

Due to COVID safety guidelines at the Peace & Justice Center in

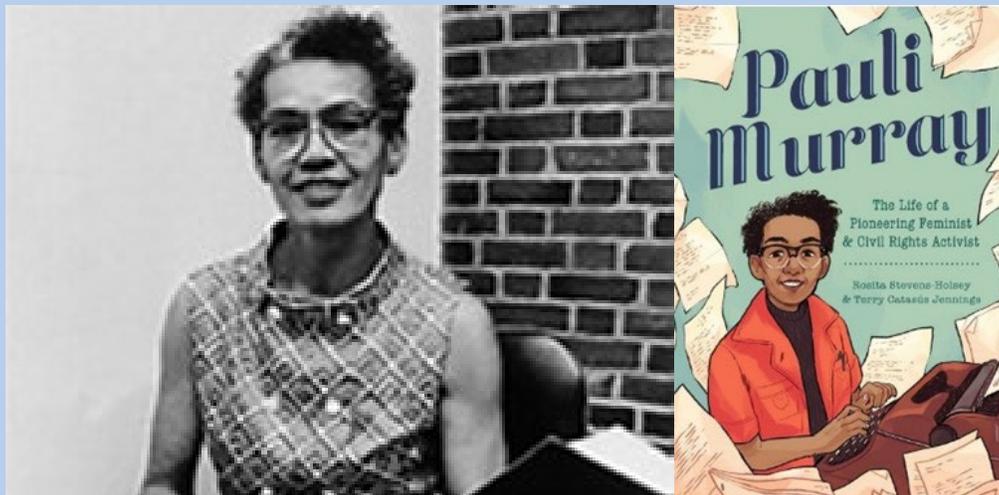
Santa Rosa, we have a limited number of seats. The first 20 people to sign up can attend. We may have a second showing at another time.

Note, COVID Guidelines are as follows: Face Masks are required inside the PJC building in order to protect the staff, Board of Directors and meeting attendees. Meeting Attendees may bring their own bottled water or beverage containers. Due to the ongoing circumstances with the COVID pandemic, the PJC will no longer be providing complimentary beverages. We kindly request that you not use the PJC glassware or paper products. Please be courteous when sipping beverages in regards to the Mask requirement.

To reserve a place, click: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/california-women-win-the-vote-tickets-412507088807>

There will be a short board meeting after the film and discussion.

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**October 17, 2022 - We are honored to host  
Rosita Stevens-Holsey, niece of Pauli Murray**

*Join us on Zoom*

*6:00-7:30 p.m. PST (note, time is earlier than normal)*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtg>

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Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 Passcode: 035853

Visit our Sonoma County NOW site for news, links, and information:

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

**(707) 545-5036**

**P.O. Box 6223**

**Santa Rosa, CA 95406**

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sonomacountynow>

**YouTube:** [https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UCIqTr7\\_29T8COX2MNul\\_Q8g](https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UCIqTr7_29T8COX2MNul_Q8g)

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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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 **MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL FORM**

Regular membership \$40/year    \$75 2 yrs    \$115 3 yrs  
 Reduced dues: \$10–30/year

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Sonoma County Chapter #CA0660

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