



October 2022 News

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Dear NOW friends,

Elections are upon us--not just for the United States, but also for Sonoma County NOW. When we redid the bylaws recently, we set elections to take place on the 31st of January of a given year, with newly-elected officers to begin

February 1 of that year. We also require all officers to have been a member of NOW for at least three months and have attended at least three of our chapter's meetings prior to election. We have our Bylaws [here](#).

October 8 is a big day, nationwide, for women and allies to gather in marches and rallies. We've noted several organizations, including womensmarch.com, that encourage us all to raise our voices about voting rights, abortion rights, and the Equal Rights Amendment, one month before the U.S. election! Santa Rosa has its own from 6-7 PM at Courthouse Square on that day and you can register for it here: <https://action.womensmarch.com/events/women-s-wave-173>. Marina Jurema is spearheading this. Further information is in a text box below.

As we've been promoting for some weeks, we have a special guest at 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. **The Zoom meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 pm PST**, as Rosita is on the East Coast and it will already be late for her. We hope you will share this news with all your friends and neighbors. Our treasurer and past-president, Elaine Holtz interviewed Rosita 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/>.

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

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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

Women's Rights Rally on October 8

Organizer: Marina Jurema

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I will be hosting a rally in solidarity with the Women's March happening in DC on 10/8. (womensmarch.com) Cities are marching and protesting nationwide! Our rally will be at the Old Courthouse Square at 6pm until roughly 7pm on Saturday, October 8th. The rally will be in solidarity with women worldwide with a focus on the women and people who can get pregnant across our country losing their rights, with the strictest bans mostly happening in the South. Bring signs encouraging people to vote, support women's right to choose, and worldwide solidarity with the rights of women and the freedom to choose our own paths. Wear green and pink (if you can) for reproductive and women's rights! There will also be a booth registering people to vote AND we

will be raising money for The National Abortion Funds Network (abortionfunds.org/) and Fair Fight Action (fairfight.com)!! 2 great organizations fighting the good fights! You can check out the event and RSVP here: action.womensmarch.com/events/women-s-wave-173.

As a side note, if anyone has a loud blue tooth speaker system they could bring that would be awesome and please contact me.



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Join us on Zoom

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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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