



A LEGACY OF THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

An ABCUSD & La Palma-Cerritos AAUW Joint Project

La Palma-Cerritos

A Legacy of the Women's Suffrage Movement

A virtual, after-school program for 11th & 12th grade girls to

- Study election issues
- Learn about the women's suffrage movement
- Experience a voter pre-registration drive
- Get the opportunity to interview current women elected officials



A State Grant Project of AAUW-CA

**"There never will
be complete equality
until women themselves
help to make laws
and elect lawmakers."**

**Susan B. Anthony,
arrested for voting
in the 1872
presidential election**



Calendar of Meetings/Events

- July 17, 2021 – 1st study session
- August 21, 2021 – 2nd study session
- August 26, 2021 – Equality Day/Voter Registration, at Cerritos Library
- September 18, 2021 – 3rd study session
- October 9, 2021 – “Silent Sentinels” High School Voter Registration Drive
- November 20, 2021 – 1st virtual meeting with former elected official
- December 11, 2021 – 2nd virtual meeting with former elected official
- January 15, 2022 - 3rd virtual meeting with former elected official
- February 26, 2022 – Culminating Products
- March 2022 –La Palma-Cerritos AAUW Speakers Forum



*"Organize,
Agitate,
Educate..."*

A Quote by Susan B.

Anthony

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A 36 slide PowerPoint presentation that accompanies an original readers theatre narrative describing the 72 years American women suffragists fought to win the right to vote. Thirteen suffragist luminaries recount their struggles.

**Thursday,
August
26**



- * You are invited to join a small group (12-15) of ABCUSD high school young women participating in the "Legacy of the Women's Suffrage Movement" Project to celebrate Women's Equality Day, the 101st anniversary when American women won the right to vote in 1920. Students will:
 - Introduce Equality Day and AAUW to the public.
 - Display the library's collection of books on women's suffrage.
 - Encourage and help the public to register to vote.

For 72 years, from 1848 to 1920, American women relentlessly struggled and worked to obtain the right to vote. They organized women's associations, massive rallies with fireworks and music playing bands, picnics, automobile speaking tours, they spoke from street "soap boxes", they made banners, button pins, wrote newspaper editorials and so much more! They used a variety of creative and civil disobedience strategies and faithfully followed Susan B. Anthony's advice: "Organize, agitate and educate". In their fight to gain the suffrage, they were ridiculed, beaten by mobs, by cops, arrested, jailed, endured hard labor, tortured and force-fed. Nevertheless, they persevered in their vision of justice and finally won the vote with the U.S. Congress ratifying the 19th Amendment on August 26, 1920. The success women enjoy today is due in large part to these brave Suffragists!

If possible, wear white with accents of purple and yellow to evoke the vintage attire of the era.

**AAUW LA PALMA-CERRITOS
"LEGACY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE
MOVEMENT" PROJECT**

**WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY
OUTREACH & CELEBRATION**

**Cerritos Public Library
(outside of main entrance)
18025 Bloomfield Ave.
Cerritos, CA 90703**

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

RSVP: nvwilliamson@gmail.com

**in order to maintain social distancing.
Wear AAUW face masks!
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Commemorating Women's Equality Day

“Silent Sentinel” High School Voter Registration Drive



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- * You are invited to join a small group (10-12) of ABCUSD high school students along with members of the La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women (AAUW) to celebrate October 10th, 1911, the 110th anniversary when California women won the right to vote!
- * We especially encourage 16 and 17 year olds to pre-register to vote. These minors will automatically be registered to vote on their 18th birthday. They may then cast their vote on Election Day!
- * Voter registration forms will be available.

Join your sister suffragists! From 1917 to 1919, a group of determined women stood silently in front of the White House in protest of President Woodrow Wilson's lack of support for women's right to vote. They wore distinctive purple, white and gold sashes and held signs with slogans asking for the right to vote. They were called the **Silent Sentinels!**

Possible Sign Slogans:

- * 16 & 17 year olds: Pre-register to vote!
- * Visit www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov
- * VOTE for democracy!
- * VOTE to empower women & girls!
- * VOTE for your children's future!
- * VOTE for Human Rights!
- * **Note: wear white long dresses with accents of purple and yellow in order to imitate the vintage attire of the era.**

**AAUW LA PALMA-CERRITOS
LEGACY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE
MOVEMENT
VOTER REGISTRATION
DRIVE RALLY**

**Corner Sidewalks of
183rd & Bloomfield
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Parking available at Cerritos High School and at the former Milliken Medical Center at 12814 183rd St. in Cerritos. (with permission from City of Cerritos and ABCUSD)

**Bring your own non-partisan sign.
RSVP: nwilliamson@gmail.com**

**Do NOT post on social media! By invitation ONLY
in order to maintain social distancing.**

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pre-register at sixteen. vote at eighteen.

1. VISIT



www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov

2. PRE-REGISTER



I am 16 or 17 years old
and wish to pre-register

3. TURN 18



Become automatically
registered on your 18th Birthday

4. VOTE



Cast your vote on Election Day!

Suffragists

fought for

*Women's rights
to vote!*

Please

*exercise your
right to vote.*



**Women stand on the
shoulders of giants!**

Student Leadership SAMPLE Tasks for Two Student Assistants

- 1. Excel Spreadsheet of Data from Anonymous, Individual Participant's Self Evaluation Forms
- 2. Excel Spreadsheet of Parents/Guardians/School Staff/Community Project Feedback
- 3. Summary of Project posted on La Palma – Cerritos AAUW Website
- 4. Newspaper Article Submissions
- 5. Project Coordinator: send out reminders, offer assistance to project participants
- 6. Invitational flyers to former elected officials
- 7. City of Cerritos TV Announcement, Channel 3
- 8. Identification of online interactive websites/activities

Suffragist Jewelry!

- “Jailed for Freedom” Lapel Pin
- “Failure is Impossible” Bracelet



La Palma – Cerritos
AAUW (American Association
of University Women)

**GET OUT
THE VOTE**



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La Palma-Cerritos AAUW Website

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