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You can also individually copy and paste the link below onto your calendar at 1 pm on the 2nd Monday of every month, from November-May:

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***Meeting monthly (and talking in between with like-minded individuals) will hopefully keep us connected, allow for a further exchange of ideas and action oriented activities, and help us navigate – in as supported and collective a way as possible – the daily barrage of assaults on our dearly-held AAUW values.***

- **Support the School Board Project:** We discussed the importance of the October 15 AUHSD Board of Trustees Meeting. At this meeting they will select the new map that will designate the new five Trustee Areas.
  - a. If you are able to attend this October 15 meeting, please let Karen know.
  - b. Additionally, we need people to cover the Moraga School District Board Meetings: the dates for the upcoming MSD meetings are on Tuesdays: October 14, November 18, December 9 & 16. If you live in Moraga and can attend and represent AAUW-OML (your presence makes a difference), please reach out to Karen.
- **Additions to October 21 General Meeting:**
  - a. **Ellen Beans proposed we add a ‘call to action’ to the October 21 Gen Meeting.** In addition to the Prop 50 Flyer created by AAUW-CA, we are also going to create a flyer that contains information on ‘How to Take Action on Prop 50’. We will also point people to all of the resources that AAUW-CA has created to help *Get Out The Vote (GOTV)*. If you want to review them in advance, [click here](#). If you are motivated to initiate/lead an action oriented activity (e.g. post flyers, write letters, mail postcards) there will be time at the October 21 meeting to share what you are doing and invite others to join you. Please let Karen know in advance that you want to do this.
  - b. Unfortunately, I will be out of town on October 21; Marie Bonilla agreed to co-lead the October 21 public policy program with Karen.
- **Post Activities for Education & Action within the Triad/Share at General Meetings:** We all agreed we want to share & foster participation in both educational opportunities and opportunities for activism that are happening both within and outside of AAUW-OML. Going forward we will include these within the Embrace Action Column within the Triad, as well as request time (5 minutes) at each General Meeting to share these opportunities so that members can participate/attend with other OML members.

- a. **No Kings Protest, October 18 in Walnut Creek:** A number of people expressed a desire to attend the No Kings Protest together. **Ellen Beans offered to lead/organize this effort;** She will contact our Communications team to determine how to best communicate the meet-up time, location, etc. with all our members, so that members can attend as a group.
    - i. Karen Feeney suggested that we think about ways to foster involvement amongst the student population.
    - ii. Lexi Tamony, who teaches CS at Acalanes, is going to float this idea with the members of a student club she leads, *The STEMinists*, to see if there is interest.
  - b. **Opportunities for the Embrace Action Column for the November 1 Triad need to be submitted to Karen by the 21st of October.** If there is something you want to participate in/attend in November and invite others to do it with you, please do your research now so you can submit it to Karen in time to be included in the November Triad
- **Keep Track of our Branch's Activism with the *OML Action Meter*.** Ellen shared that she thought it would be powerful to track what we're doing as a Branch. Liddy Clark shared a simple way to do this. Out of this discussion came the idea for the ***Action Meter***.
    - a. **Erica Dias offered to create a simple Google Form** that will allow each of us to easily enter the following information: Date; Name; # of Hours; & Activity.
    - b. Public Policy Team Members and OML members at large, will be encouraged to record this information.
  - **Add Political Diversity to our organization** to foster dialogue and connection. Liddy Clark shared a strong desire for AAUW-OML to engage/recruit members who share many AAUW values but may consider themselves to be on the conservative side of the political spectrum. Shari will connect Liddy with Laura W. and the membership team to discuss this.
  - **Schedule a training on Blue Sky and ResistBot.** We are very fortunate to have Erica Dias, a member of the AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee, join AAUW-OML and actively participate in our OML Public Policy Meetings. Erica has offered to work with the Branch and do a step-by-step training to get as many members as possible using these tools and accessing all the resources they provide. We currently have 8.000+ AAUW-CA members, yet many of the petitions/letters to congress only garner 30-70 signatures.

OML has the opportunity to work with Erica to identify & remove all the barriers to adoption. AAUW-CA will use this information to then help every Branch increase their usage of these tools and have a greater impact on what's

happening legislatively in both California and at the Federal level. **Lexi Tamony offered to assist with this effort by helping members – either during or after a general meeting – download BlueSky and begin to receive Action Alert Notifications via ResistBot.**

If you weren't able to join us today, **we look forward to seeing you at our next Public Policy Team Meeting at 1pm on November 10.**

#### **4. Summary/Outcomes: Public Policy Meeting November 10, 2025**

In attendance: Ellen, Lana, Allison, Liddy, Karen, Shari

- UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM OCTOBER'S KICK-OFF MEETING:
  - **No Kings Day** – everyone shared how positive an experience it was—from Walnut Creek to Tahoe/Nevada.
  - **Review/thoughts on October 21 General Public Policy Meeting** –everyone expressed how impressed they were by both Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and AUHSD Superintendent John Nickerson. Overall the consensus was that the meeting was extremely well received with a shoutout to Marie Bonilla for her excellent ability to lead/moderate in a non-biased way, enabling folks to listen to the content from the experts
  - **ResistBot Training**—Lexi (who wasn't able to attend due to a change in school schedule due to Veteran's Day) emailed an update that she and Erica are working to address some backend issues and then will move forward with creating a teaching video that we can share at the January General Meeting
  - **Action Tracker**- Shari gave a demo of a google form that she created based on our discussion from our kick-off meeting. Committee members provided feedback, some questions were shifted and others added. If you would like to test it, please [click here](#). Your use and feedback would be most appreciated. If the testing proves positive, we will launch it at the upcoming General Meeting.
- DISCUSSION RE: CA PUBLIC POLICY FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

- **We reviewed the November Issue of [Public Policy News](#)**, the newsletter that is created and issued by the AAUW-CA Policy Team. All members present at Monday's meeting want to receive this—so Shari will see if our team's names can be added to their distribution list. If not, Shari will share it with the public policy team as soon as she receives it.
- Everyone was very interested in reading about the AAUW-CA legislative wins and losses and having easy access to the AAUW-CA legislative agenda (while it's posted on their website, the newsletter made it seem that much more accessible).
- Additionally, we discussed the **AAUW-CA's Bi-monthly Branch Public Policy Chairs' Meeting** (see first page of [Public Policy News](#), right-hand column). Many expressed an interest in participating. As it's predominantly webinar style, members of our team who are available and who want to participate may do so. **The next meeting is Friday, December 5 at 1:30 pm.**

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- We did not get into too much discussion about focusing on Voting Rights, but are eager to see what opportunities arise for local involvement
- We agreed to include all of the webinars that the CA team posted in their newsletter in the December edition of the Triad's Embrace Action Section
- IDENTIFYING A SINGLE PROJECT PP WANTS TO WORK ON/PILOT FOR OTHER BRANCHES (like DAW did with LUPS/School Board Project)
  - We spent a considerable amount of time discussing this, but no single idea bubbled to the top, so we decided to continue to think about this and continue discussing at our December meeting. There is some thought that the Action Tracker may be enough. To be continued.....
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- POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR DECEMBER TRIAD'S EMBRACE ACTION SECTION (Due Nov. 21)

- We agreed to include all of the webinars that the CA team posted in [Public Policy News](#) in the December edition of the Triad's Embrace Action Section
- If other ideas emerge, please send to Shari by November 21
- SCHOOL BOARD COVERAGE UPDATE
  - **Karen shared that we are still in need of members to cover the Moraga School District Board Meetings** which typically occur on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month. Karen is going to reach out directly to Branch members who live in Moraga. The upcoming MSD Board Meetings are: November 18, December 9 & 16, & January 13. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm and are held at the Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School.
- UPDATE ON JANUARY DEI SPONSORED GENERAL MEETING
  - Speaker Panel: ICE in CCC – what happens post detention; children; housing, clothing
  - Role & actions we can take (e.g. grocery shopping; bearing witness; courts)
- OUR NEXT PUBLIC POLICY MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR **MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 FROM 1:00 TO 2:15 PM**

The **zoom link** for this meeting:

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