

Make Your Voice Heard: Advocacy to Elected Officials



In August, 2017, AAUW Morgan Hill collaborated with AAUW San Jose to bring a program to the community called “Let Your Voice Be Heard”. Attendees learned about both old fashioned (postcard mailing) and newer (social media and smart phone app) techniques for identifying and effectively contacting elected officials on public policy issues of concern to women and girls. Recommended tools and techniques included:

- **Postcard Mailings** – make your own postcards from 4×6 cards or buy pre-stamped postcards at the post office. Names and mailing addresses were provided. Get together with a group regularly and complete your postcards. [GET NAMES AND ADDRESSES](#) of our elected officials. [GET POSTCARD WRITING TIPS](#).
- **Facebook Town Hall** – Under the “Explore” menu (on the bottom left) find “Town Hall”. it will find out who your elected representatives are and provide a link to contact them
- **Resist Bot** – text RESIST to 50409 and follow their prompts to set up a fax to your senators and member of Congress
- **Daily Action** – text DAILY to 228466 (A-C-T-I-O-N). This is a text-to-phone call-based communication tool that provides a summary of an issue from a progressive point of view, then allows you to directly telephone the appropriate representatives’ offices.
- **5 Calls** – download this free phone app. Choose an issue that’s important to you and 5 Calls will do the research for each, identifying which of your representatives are most influential, collecting phone numbers for those offices, and writing scripts that clearly articulate a progressive position. You just have to call (which should take less than a minute). You can use the provided scripts or add your own words.
- [GET SMART PHONE AND ONLINE ADVOCACY DETAIL](#)
- **Become a Two Minute Activist** – This service is provided by AAUW nationally but you do not need to be an AAUW member to participate. You will be notified when is the critical time to get involved with an issue and how to do it. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.
- **Email your representative** – [Jerry Brown](#), [Dianne Feinstein](#), [Kamala Harris](#), [Zoe Lofgren](#), [Bill Monning](#).