

# AAUW-MH Centennial Celebrations

One hundred years ago on August 26, 1920, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment guaranteeing a woman's right to vote was ratified and became part of the U.S. Constitution.

We celebrated this centennial with activities and events to educate, inspire, and engage the Morgan Hill community about the 72-year suffrage movement and the ongoing fight for equal rights. It is as relevant today as it was in 1920. Fully and equitably integrating women into our country's economic, cultural, and political life continues to remain elusive.

**Aug. 25** - AAUW-MH hosted a virtual discussion on women's suffrage, "Votes for Women Movement" from 1920 to today, and the equal rights movement. Panelists were **Nancy Unger**, Prof. of History, Santa Clara University, **Wendy Rouse**, Assoc. Prof. History, San Jose State University, and **Estelle Freedman**, Prof. of U.S. History, Stanford University. If you missed this discussion, you can watch a recording at [www.facebook.com/watch/?v=308863657009465&extid=EU7pxNqoJWP4vIn9](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=308863657009465&extid=EU7pxNqoJWP4vIn9)

**Aug. 26**—We presented two plaques to the MH Historical Society that will be placed on benches at Villa Miramonte, as a lasting tribute to the 19th Amendment Centennial, and to **Virginia Mae Days**, first woman mayor of Morgan Hill and superior court judge.

Later, we joined the **South County Women's Equality Group's** Suffrage Walk downtown, culminating at the Grange Hall for cupcakes and a photograph.

Finally, we kicked off our citywide Centennial Trail social media contest commemorating the individuals and milestones of the fight for women's suffrage. With 22 informative posters around Morgan Hill, there is much to discover for both adults and children, selfies to tag, and fun prizes to win. The contest will continue until **October 10**, the anniversary of California Women's Right to Vote, in October 1911. See [www.aauwmh.org/centennialtrail/](http://www.aauwmh.org/centennialtrail/) to learn more.



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