

2009 PRIORITY LEGISLATION FOR CALIFORNIA WOMEN AND GIRLS

American
Association of
University
Women

American Civil
Liberties Union

American
College of
Obstetricians
and
Gynecologists-
District IX/CA

California
Coalition
Against Sexual
Assault

California
Commission on
the Status of
Women

California
National
Organization
for Women

California
Partnership to
End Domestic
Violence

California
Women's Law
Center

Equal Rights
Advocates

Planned
Parenthood
Affiliates of
California

*This legislative agenda is presented by the organizations listed with the goals of ensuring equal opportunity in education and employment, economic justice, access to health care and freedom from violence.**

BUDGET

- ☀ **Preserve vital programs, including CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, family planning, education, childcare, and food assistance by seeking alternative sources of revenue. With the state in an economic downturn and unemployment at its highest in years, Californians are increasingly relying on safety net providers for critical services. Any additional cuts will harm women and children and ultimately cost the state more money than the immediate savings in budget reductions**

EDUCATION

- ☀ **AB 685 (Davis), AB 195 (Florez), SB 248 (Oropeza) Ensure better compliance with Title IX and state law prohibiting gender discrimination in education with respect to school construction projects, reporting, and posting of rights, respectively**

EMPLOYMENT

- ☀ **AB 793 (Jones) Ensures that victims of wage discrimination have a reasonable amount of time to pursue a discrimination action**
- ☀ **AB 849 (Swanson) Expands the California Family Rights Act to include additional family members for whom an employee may take leave to provide care**
- ☀ **AB 1000 (Ma) Requires employers to provide paid sick leave to all employees**
- ☀ **AB 1001 (Skinner) Prohibits employment discrimination based on family caregiving responsibilities**

HEALTH

- ☀ **AB 98 (De La Torre) Requires all health insurance policies to provide coverage for maternity and postpartum services**
- ☀ **AB 119 (Jones) & SB 54 (Leno) Prohibit gender discrimination in the pricing of health insurance policies**
- ☀ **SB 810 (Leno) Establishes a single-payer health care program to provide comprehensive, affordable health care for all California residents**

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- ☀ **SB 273 (Corbett) Ensures continued funding for domestic violence shelters and provision of services to all victims of domestic violence regardless of gender**
- ☀ **SB 588 (Committee on Public Safety) Continues the operation of the Sex Offender Management Board indefinitely**

**This list of priority legislation was determined by a consensus of all the participating organizations, though not all groups listed have formal positions on every issue.*