

# SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY NOW

National Organization for Women  
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<http://aznow-scwv.org>  
<http://www.now.org>

**NOW's Purpose** is to take action through intersectional grassroots activism to promote feminist ideals, lead societal change, eliminate discrimination, and achieve and protect the equal rights of all women and girls in all aspects of social, political, and economic life.

This year the Sun Cities/West Valley NOW Chapter will continue **on zoom**. Our next meeting is **Wednesday Oct 6 at 1:00 PM**. We will hear our NOW State President, Laura Terech, speak about her vision for this next year. Carolyn Modeen will host the zoom meeting.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct 2 Sat 10 am – 12 pm  
Phoenix Women's March  
1700 W Washington St, Phx

Oct 13 Wed 1:00 PM  
NOW Board Mtg  
Host: Emma Haring

## October Member Meeting

Laura will address what she hopes NOW will accomplish this next year. She has been a member of our NOW group and is currently affiliated with the Central Phoenix NOW group. In addition, she is a lobbyist at the State Capitol and a member of several area boards that are charged with the furtherance of women's & families' issues. **CModeen**

## Women's Health Protection Act

Abortion rights are hanging by a thread, but on Sept 23, the US House of Representatives strengthened the guarantee of reproductive justice for women in every state. They passed the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA) which puts the reproductive rights protected by *Roe v. Wade* into federal law. Now it is the Senate's turn to vote. Current polls show that 61% (a bipartisan majority) of voters support a woman's right to have an abortion. [NOW.org website](http://www.now.org)

## What Can I do?

Urge our Senators to vote YES on the Women's Health Protection Act. WHPA would prohibit states from banning abortion access before fetal viability, usually the 24<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy. In addition, it will recognize bodily autonomy, create rights for health care professionals offering abortion care, and eliminate medically unnecessary restrictions such as mandatory ultrasounds and waiting periods, and two-trip requirements.

You can call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and be connected to your local (Representative's or) Senator's office. You can also phone one of the Senator's in-state offices – check their website for contact info.

What do I say?

I am calling on (NAME) to vote in favor of the Women's Health Protection Act. This act is vital as it reframes abortion as healthcare. The WHPA would incorporate into Federal Law key provisions of the *Roe v. Wade* 1973 Supreme Court decision. Because we have a majority of Supreme Court justices who reportedly do not support women's right to decide to have an abortion, it is important to act now. Without that essential protection we will continue to see a stripping of access to abortion care in Republican-controlled states. You (Senator) have the power to continue to create progress in our country for ALL. Be on the right side of history.

[See the now.org website for more info.](http://www.now.org)

## Women Build Better Townhall

On Sept 22, Nancy Pelosi, was the keynote speaker in Washington, DC for infrastructure support. We

know that infrastructure supports how our society functions & enhances our standard of living. It is much more than bridges, roads & power grids. It is access to public health services, paid family leave, & affordable childcare. It is a feminist issue. Ms Pelosi was followed by the Natl NOW President Christian Nunes leading a discussion with a diverse panel of leaders. [press @now.org](mailto:press@now.org)

### **NOW Publicity Chair**

There is currently an opening for Publicity from our group. Anyone interested in this position? If yes, contact [Carolyn Modern](mailto:Carolyn.Modern).

### **NOW SC/WV Board**

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