

NOW! More Than Ever!

Women continue to face severe challenges to their rights.

- Women's constitutional right to privacy and the option to choose abortion freely and have access to safe, effective birth control including over-the-counter EC (emergency contraception) remain under relentless attack.
- The U.S. Supreme Court ruling of 2007 to deny a woman and her doctor the right to make decisions on mid-term abortion procedures to protect her health has taken us a step backward. *Roe v. Wade* remains fragile and the Court is poised to reverse this 1973 ruling.
- Reproductive health clinics and health centers have been subjected to acts of terrorism, and workers and clients continue to be harassed, threatened, and murdered. A huge threat to women's access to abortion services exists since 87 percent of counties in the United States have no abortion provider.
- Violence against women and children continues while funds for shelters and aid-to-victims programs have been cut.
- Employment discrimination still flourishes. Women still earn only 80¢ for every dollar earned by men. Yet, the Supreme Court has made decisions that seriously cut back anti-discrimination laws and state and national affirmative action is effectively compromised. We continue to fight for Equal Pay and an end to the glass ceiling in the workplace.
- Social Security, pension plans, and credit institutions still do not recognize the economic value of the labor of full-time homemakers when divorced or widowed.



[tri-fold brochure on letter-sized paper (8.5 x 11 inches), shown unfolded]

The National Organization for Women



ACT NOW Chapter

Alameda County Tri-Valley NOW

ACT NOW's area includes Castro Valley, Dublin, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Pleasanton, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, San Ramon, Sunol, and Union City, California.

***Taking Action
for Women's Rights***

National Purposes

NOW, the first civil rights group for women, began in 1966 to:

- Gain true equality for all women—toward an equal partnership of the sexes.
- Bring women into full participation in American society—politically, economically, socially, and educationally.
- End employment discrimination.
- Ensure freedom of choice in abortion and birth control.
- Achieve recognition for the economic and social value of homemaking and child care.

Local Purposes

Our ACT NOW chapter began in 1974 as Tri-Valley NOW and has continued to take action locally to support:

- Safe and legal abortion, reproductive health care and education, and the availability of effective birth control
- The elimination of sex-based wage and employment discrimination
- Adequate, affordable, quality child care and paid job-secured parental leave
- Equal education and Title IX enforcement
- Freedom for lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender people to responsibly determine their own lifestyles, having protection against discrimination and having the full rights and responsibilities of marriage
- Freedom from sexual harassment
- A federal Equal Rights Amendment

Chapter Activities

We take grassroots action to protect and further women's rights by:

- ✓ Petitioning, picketing, letter writing, providing speakers to the community, and other public awareness actions such as organizing the Clothesline Project, a display of T-shirts bearing anti-violence messages.
- ✓ Working through our Political Action Committee: The PAC seeks, supports, and endorses feminist candidates for local office.
- ✓ Lobbying legislators at all levels of government.
- ✓ Displaying resource materials on women's issues at events, public libraries, and schools.

Don't Agonize...Organize

The National Organization for Women speaks for the rights of all women, regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, economic status, or physical ability.

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Join NOW!

**You can help
make a difference
for women.**

**NOW takes action
to protect women's rights
by lobbying for legislation,
informing the media,
working through the courts,
and by making our voices
heard in the community.**

Membership Application

Here is my:

\$60 sponsoring dues
 \$40 regular dues
 \$15 to \$40 sliding scale dues: \$_____
 Extra contribution of \$_____

Dues include membership in chapter, state, and national NOW.
Make check payable to ACTNOW.

Chapter Number: CA 0802

Name: _____

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