

## Ventura County Women's Organizations & Mission Statements (Not Intended To Be All Inclusive)

**American Association of University Women (AAUW Camarillo, Thousand Oaks and Ventura County):** leading organization advocating equity for women and girls. Its national membership of 80,000 seeks to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

**American Business Women Association- Women of Worth (ABWA WOW Chapter):** bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking and recognition.

**California Women for Agriculture (CWA):** works actively to promote agriculture with the basic role to promote members to gain knowledge and skills necessary to convey the mutual benefits of a vibrant agricultural economy and healthy rural communities, thus benefitting the future of agriculture in California.

**League of Women Voters (LWV):** is a nonpartisan political organization of women and men founded in 1920 to "finish the fight" after women won the right to vote. Through advocacy, the League of Women Voters works at the local, state and federal levels to make women's voices heard and to keep women informed.

**National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO):** propels women entrepreneurs into economic, social and political spheres of power worldwide by: strengthening the wealth creating capacity of our members and promoting economic development within the entrepreneurial community; creating innovative and effective change in the business culture; building strategic alliances, coalitions and affiliations; transforming public policy and influencing opinion makers.

**National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC):** provides its members with opportunities for professional development, education, networking, leadership training, public service and more.

**National Organization for Women (NOW):** was formed to take action to bring women into full participation in every aspect of American political, social and economic life and institutions.

**Soroptimist (Camarillo, Oxnard, Thousand Oaks, Santa Paula, Fillmore):** international organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. Soroptimist, means "best for women," and that's what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are women at their best, working to help other women to be their best.

**Ventura County Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (VCAC):** dedicated themselves to fulfilling the Sorority's mission and Five-Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness.

**Ventura County Women's Forum Collaborative (VCWFC):** individuals and organizations working together to coordinate a series of public forums to increase awareness of, and coordinate action around, twelve critical areas of concern for women in Ventura County, based on the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995.

**Ventura County Women's Legacy Fund (VCCF):** a network of donors dedicated to advancing the status of women and girls in Ventura County. Efforts are focused on helping women and girls find ways to secure self sustaining, independent and meaningful lives. We accomplish our mission through long term donor engagement, creating permanent endowments, effective grant making and strengthening partnerships.

**Ventura County Women's Political Council (VCWPC):** a multi-partisan organization whose objective is to achieve equality for all women. We encourage, recruit, train and support diverse women candidates who support the goals of VCWPC and will bring a woman's perspective to every issue, foremost including reproductive health; the environment and social, educational and economic justice.

**Ventura County Professional Women's Network (VCPWN):** offers business and professional women (and those few pioneering men) the chance to network at our monthly meetings; listings in the membership directory to promote business referrals; a quarterly newsletter, Focal Points; special interest groups; plus, much more.

**Women's Economic Venture (WEV):** dedicated to creating an equitable and just society through the economic empowerment of women.