

SPAC Awards

- ▶ 2010 L.A. Perinatal Task Force's Partnership Award
- ▶ California Association of Non-Profits' 2002 Public Policy Excellence Award

ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

Junior League SPAC delegates:

- Initiate, research, analyze, and assist in drafting legislation
- Advocate for our community programs by taking positions on legislation
- Leverage support by building coalitions with other community groups
- Meet regularly with legislators
- Prepare and support witnesses in committee hearings
- Testify in committee hearings
- Attend local, regional, and statewide forums to educate and advocate on behalf of SPAC
- Host three annual statewide conferences to train SPAC delegates and coordinate advocacy efforts

THE JUNIOR LEAGUES OF

CALIFORNIA are organizations of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.



MEMBER LEAGUES

Bakersfield	Palo Alto•Mid Peninsula
Fresno	Pasadena
Long Beach	Riverside
Los Angeles	Sacramento
Monterey County	San Diego
Napa-Sonoma	San Francisco
Oakland-East Bay	San Jose
Orange County	Santa Barbara

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THE JUNIOR LEAGUES OF CALIFORNIA STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (SPAC)

The Junior Leagues of California SPAC's mission is to take action on state and national issues that affect our projects and focus areas, to facilitate communication among the member Junior Leagues of California on public policy, to educate League members on selected issues, to provide training in advocacy skills, and to act as the representative of member Leagues.

SPAC POSITION STATEMENTS

Advocacy efforts are targeted to legislation within the following four focus areas, which reflects the focus areas of the 16 participating Junior Leagues of California.

Education: SPAC is committed to ensuring that all children and young adults receive educational opportunities that are developmentally appropriate, increase achievement, and lead to workplace marketability.

Family Support: SPAC is committed to advocating for programs and policies that promote the physical and emotional well-being and self-sufficiency of all families.

Health: SPAC is committed to advocating for better access to quality health care, including prevention and treatment programs that will improve mental and physical health of our community members.

Violence Prevention: SPAC is committed to addressing the impact of violence in our communities through protection, prevention, intervention, and education.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAC-SPONSORED LEGISLATION WHICH BECAME LAW

HEALTH

ACR 105 co-sponsored

Designates May as "Perinatal Depression Awareness Month" in California. Chaptered 2010

SJR 22 co-sponsored

Memorializes U.S. Congress and the President to enact the Microbicides Development Act to facilitate the development of microbicides to prevent the transmission of HIV and other diseases. Chaptered 2006

AB 2878

Provides breast cancer treatment for uninsured women. Chaptered 2000

AB 38

Establishes a minimum hour standard of in-patient care following childbirth. Chaptered 1997

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

SB 564

Requires mental health professionals to get training in domestic violence detection. Chaptered 2002

SB 563

Expands domestic violence statutes to include former spouses and co-habitants. Chaptered 1999

AB 102

Enhances the penalties for committing domestic violence in the presence of a minor. Chaptered 1997

FAMILY SUPPORT

AB 2661

Requires DSS to provide access to information relating to decertification of foster care families. Chaptered 2004

AB 2268 co-sponsored

Establishes the Children's Bicycle Helmet Law. Chaptered 1993

AB3087 co-sponsored

Establishes the Kids License Plate to fund child abuse prevention and prevent unintentional injury. Chaptered 1992

CALIFORNIA SPAC PROJECT DRIVEN ADVOCACY

Since 1971, through its involvement in the public policy making process, the Junior Leagues of California State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC), a non-partisan volunteer organization representing each of its member Leagues, has served as the collective voice of communities throughout California, including more than 11,000 voting Junior League women volunteers, the non-profit partners that they work with, and the underserved women, children and families that their projects serve.