

You're Invited to
WCC Branch of AAUW's
Annual Fundraiser for the Legal Advocacy Fund

Featured Speaker: Pat Washington, PhD

Equity is Still an Issue:
Lessons learned from "Washington v CSU Board of Trustees"

Despite the good work that AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund has been doing for the past 25 years to support sex discrimination litigation in higher education, Dr. Pat Washington's story will convince us that our work is not over. She was the only Black full-time Women's studies faculty member hired in the history of San Diego State University. She more than satisfied the requirements for tenure which she was denied. When she brought suit, San Diego County Superior Court Judge, Jay Bloom, stated that evidence showed that Washington's colleagues "did not like her," and this was sufficient justification for firing her, since "a personal grudge or resentment can constitute a legitimate, non-discriminatory reason for an adverse employment decision." AAUW expressed outrage at the judge's decision and supported her cause with at least \$20,000 in assistance for legal fees incurred in her case. She continued to encounter other biased legal decisions as her case progressed. Come and hear her story.

Date/Time: Saturday, January 13, at 11:30 a.m.

Place: El Cerrito Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton Avenue, El Cerrito

Cost: \$16 includes presentation and lunch.

Call Winnie Sayre, 510-524-8954 or Jean Niehaus, 510-222-5387, for reservations by January 8. Also reservations can be secured by checks mailed to the WCC Branch of AAUW, P.O.Box 501, El Cerrito, CA, 94530, by Jan. 8. No tickets will be sent. Please check in when you arrive.

RESERVATION FOR FUNDRAISER FOR LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND, January 13

Your name _____

Phone number _____

Number of lunch tickets (\$16each) _____

Total amount that you are enclosing (make checks payable to AAUW) _____

Please mail this reservation form with your check (by January 8) to the **WCC Branch AAUW**, P.O. Box 501, El Cerrito, CA 94530. No tickets will be mailed. Please check in when you arrive. Tickets will be available at the door, though in order to know how many attendees we will have, we would we would appreciate your registering by mail, or else calling Miriam or Janet.