



MEDIA ADVISORY

Historic 1914 Suffrage Car in Los Angeles for 2026 Driving the Vote for Equality Tour connecting voting rights to the Equal Rights Amendment

Los Angeles event on Sunday afternoon includes classic auto enthusiast Jay Leno and Members of Congress welcoming the Saxon at Ms. magazine/Feminist Majority

Monday at Grand Park near City Hall press conference on the fight for ERA and voting rights.

A rare 1914 Saxon roadster – the car used by two suffragists during their historic 1916 cross-country fight for women’s voting rights – comes to Los Angeles on Sunday, May 3 and Monday, May 4 as part of the national [Driving the Vote for Equality Tour](#).

The Equality Tour is traveling across America to 25 states connecting the unfinished fight for women’s equality to push for full constitutional rights through the federal Equal Rights Amendment.

At each event, speakers will connect the campaign of the original 1916 journey in California, to the fight today to keeping full voting rights for all women and recognizing the Equal Rights Amendment. Organizers are working with community members on [Sign4ERA.org](#), a national petition drive hoping to have 1 million signatures by Election Day.

On June 3 to 7, 1916 – Newspapers in southern California did extensive feature stories including the *Los Angeles Times* feature on the arrival at City Hall by the Los Angeles mayor.

Sunday, May 3: Program and Press Conference at 2:30 p.m. with an open house from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Ms. magazine/Feminist Majority offices – 433 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills

WHO: **Jay Leno**, comedian and classic car collector to welcome the Gloden Flyer Saxon to Los Angeles; ERA Congressional Champion, **former Rep. Carolyn Maloney** (D-NY), Members of the CA Congressional Delegation, **Camerina Davidson**, CA President, National Organization for Women **Jeryl Schriever**, author, *Driving the Vote for Women: An American Journey for Suffrage* along with other invited ERA leaders.

Monday, May 4 – 12 PM Noon Press Conference – Grand Park – on Hill Street at Grand Street – City and County Officials Welcome the Golden Flyer II with remarks on recent setbacks for voting rights and the need for the Equal Rights Amendment more important than ever – **Mayor Karen Bass (invited), County Supervisor Hilda Solis, ERA NOW founder Carolyn Maloney, Camerina Davidson, President – California NOW National Organization for Women.**

Visual opportunities: Historic 1914 Saxon roadster driving around the streets of Beverly Hills and other Los Angeles locations.

BACKGROUND:

In 1916, suffragists Alice Burke and Nell Richardson became the first women to drive more than 10,500 miles across the country to advocate for women’s voting rights at a time when the federal amendment was stalled.

Recognition of the federal Equal Rights Amendment is stalled today. More than a century later, women still do not have full constitutional equality under the law.

The Driving the Vote for Equality Tour is retracing that spirit of activism—using history to inspire action today. California holds special significance as one of the early western states where women won the right to vote.

Thirty-eight states have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, fulfilling every constitutional requirement. ERA NOW and other supporters are pushing Congress for a Joint Resolution to recognize the ERA as the 28th Amendment, thus eliminating any uncertainties about an arbitrary time limit.

[The Driving the Vote for Equality Tour](#) aims to collect one million petition signatures by Election Day 2026 and build the Congressional majority needed to finish the work the suffragists began over a century ago.

For details about the 1916 Suffrage Tour and connections to the Equal Rights Amendment, [link to this 4-page piece in Ms. magazine](#). The Tour was launched in New York City at the iconic New York Historical museum on March 1 as described by this [New York Times article](#).

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