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Historic 1914 Suffrage Car Rolls into NYC after a 10,700 mile Tour Across America for 2026 Driving the Vote for Equality Connecting Voting Rights to the federal Equal Rights Amendment

WHAT: **Driving the Vote for Equality Tour Crosses the Finish Line back in New York City After 10,700 miles across the United States to Push for the federal Equal Rights Amendment** – A historic 1914 Saxon roadster, the Golden Flyer II, is the same make and model used by two Suffragists 110 years ago as part of the fight for women’s voting rights. The brightly colored yellow roadster will arrive in New York City as part of the national 2026 Driving the Vote for Equality Tour, a cross-country journey to secure voting rights for all and push for recognition of the Equal Rights Amendment.

WHEN: **Thursday, May 28 at 1:30 p.m.**

WHERE: **New York City Hall Steps**

WHO: **Virginia Maloney**, New York City Council Member
Carolyn Maloney, founder ERA NOW, Member of Congress (1993-2023)
ERA Champion
Sonia Osario, President New York City NOW
Liz Abzug, Founder & CEO, Bella Abzug Leadership Institute
Jeryl Schiever, author *[Driving the Vote for Women: An American Journey for Suffrage](#)* chronicles the 1916 suffrage drive through the eyes of the suffragists joined by local and state elected officials and women’s rights activists.

The Public is Welcome to come and welcome the Golden Flyer II, take photos and hear the story of the Suffrage Tour and how it relates to the Equal Rights Amendment today.

Organizers will connect the campaign of the original 1916 journey to the fight today for Congress to affirm and recognize the ERA. Supporters across the country asking people to Sign4ERA.org, a national ERA petition drive started by Hunter College students.

BACKGROUND:

In 1916, suffragists Alice Burke and Nell Richardson became the first women to drive across the country, traveling more than 10,700 miles to advocate for women’s voting

rights at a time when the federal amendment was stalled. The suffragists began and ended their tour in New York City, and a few years later, women's suffrage was added to the Constitution as the 19th Amendment.

The Driving the Vote for Equality Tour is retracing that spirit to raise awareness about the ERA and activate supporters. The Tour started on March 1 in New York City with stops in 25 states over the last two months. See stories about each stop at www.DrivingTheVote.org.

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 affirm and 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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