


 THE WOMEN'S BUILDING

Newsletter

Bans Won't Silence Us



September 28 is International Safe Abortion Day — an [urgent reminder that nearly 6.7 million Latinas \(43 percent of those ages 15–49\) live in states where abortion is banned or likely to be banned](#). This crisis threatens not just access, but dignity, safety, and long-term stability for entire communities. At TWB, we work tirelessly to speak out against restrictions, support every woman's right to choose, and organize in coalition with others to push for legislation and draw public attention to the impact of these bans. In a time when access is shrinking, **we stand firm in the belief that our survival depends on collective resistance, solidarity, and mutual care.**

More about our work at womensbuilding.org
Take Action [here!](#)

Grounding Ourselves in the Work

On **August 7**, our staff came together for a grounding session organized by Kristen Acosta, our Community Initiatives Manager. We stepped away from daily tasks to reflect, reconnect, and root ourselves in our shared purpose.

We explored the [Wellbeing and Theory of Change](#) frameworks to think more intentionally about how we center community voice, understand root causes, reflect on power and values in our team, deepen partnerships, and expand how we define success.



This session reminded us that reflection is not separate from action, it is part of how we build, care, and move forward together.

We cannot do this alone. If you believe in building spaces where collective growth, justice, and community care guide the way, [we invite you to support and stand with us.](#)

Hands In, Community Grows

On August 20, through [HandsOn Bay Area](#), we welcomed **100 Target volunteers** to TWB. They supported us with facilities maintenance, beautification projects, and assembling backpack

kits — all with the goal of creating a more welcoming and accessible space for our community.



We are grateful for their energy, care, and commitment to community engagement. If you or your organization are interested in partnering with us on projects like this, please get in touch with Betty Azori, our Executive Assistant, at betty@womensbuilding.org. Together, we build the spaces we need.

What Does a Feminist Future Look Like?

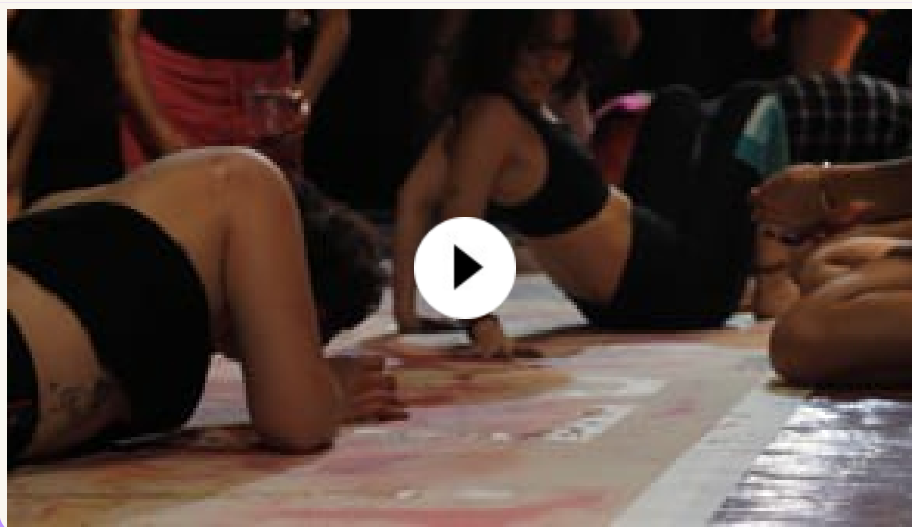
This September, join us for a free powerful creative workshop held entirely in Spanish with Mexican feminist artist [Iliana Olalde](#). Through somatic practices, painting, drawing, and voice, we'll explore care, the individual body, and the collective body as spaces of memory, expression, and resistance.

Starts Monday, September 8

5 sessions | 1 session per day | 2 hours each

Free and open to women and people who identify as women

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Behind the Work: Advocacy at TWB

Advocacy at TWB is not a side effort. It is part of how we show up every day. **Kristen Acosta**, our **Community Initiatives Manager**, helps lead this work by organizing, building relationships, and staying close to the issues that impact our communities.

From voter outreach and policy efforts to coalition building and healing spaces, advocacy at TWB is rooted in care, trust, and long-term commitment.

In this short video, Kristen shares what a typical day in her role looks like and what keeps her motivated by the mission.



This work depends on community support. If you believe in advocacy that centers people and relationships, we invite you to support us at womensbuilding.org

Our New Website Is Live

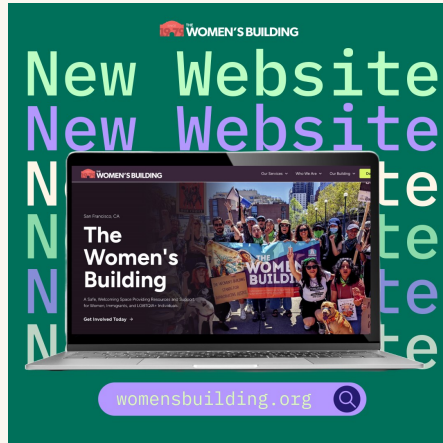
We've got a new look — but the same feminist fire.

We're excited to share our refreshed website with you.

Visit womensbuilding.org to:

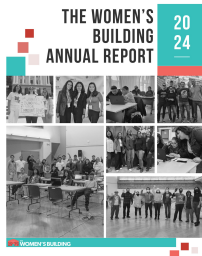
- Explore our programs and services
- ✕ Learn about our affordable space rentals
- Discover ways to get involved
- ✕ And connect more deeply with our story and values

This new site reflects who we are and the work we're committed to. **Come take a look and share it with your community.**



More News...

- **Acompáñanos en nuestro Foro Comunitario con MUA!** Este 6 de septiembre te esperamos en TWB para un espacio de información, apoyo y comunidad organizado por [@MujeresUnidasYActivas](#). [Más info sobre el evento aquí](#)
- **Critical funding for English Learners is under threat.** We stand with [@ppssf](#) to protect language access and equity — learn more and take action: ppssf.org/press-release
- **TWB is now officially a Certified Green Business.** [Check the news here](#)
- **Ready to discover TWB at your own pace?** Every Tuesday from 10 AM to 4 PM, we're offering [self-guided tours for just \\$5!](#) Grab your tour map and tickets at reception. Don't miss out on this chance to explore our [historic building!](#)



Our **2024 Annual Report** is **here**—a testament to what we've achieved together. It's a reflection of mutual care, community power, and the transformative impact of networks rooted in justice and empowerment. This report is more than numbers—it's a story of how we, as a community, take care of each other, create space for healing, and solidarity!

Explore the report by clicking [here!](#)



Looking for a meaningful venue for your next gathering? Our historic women-led space is ready to host your vision! From intimate team meetings to expansive conferences, **our unique rooms offer more than just four walls—they provide inspiration and purpose.**

Various rooms available now for your next gathering. Check them out [here!](#)

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