



Women's Votes Count!

52% COALITION

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The 52% Coalition is a diverse group of women's organizations, independent women and social justice groups in British Columbia. The Coalition is committed to raising awareness on women's issues amongst political parties and the general public during the BC provincial election. The Coalition aims to actively develop a critical agenda of women's public policy and service issues by:

1. Putting women's equality and social justice issues on the agenda of political parties.
2. Assessing political parties' commitment to women's rights and equality.
3. Informing women and the general public of the political parties' platforms on women's issues.
4. Organizing all-candidates meetings specific to women's issues and rights.
5. Mobilizing women to attend and participate at all-candidates meetings.
6. Targeting the media to address women's equality issues by providing a media kit.
7. Producing and distributing the 52% Pocket Guide to women which will provide basic voter information and political parties platform commitment to women's issues.

As of March 2001, the 52% Coalition includes 65 members / member organizations:

Aboriginal Women's Action Network, Battered Women's Support Services, BC/Yukon Society of Transition Houses, BCTF Feminist Caucus, BC Women's Housing Coalition, Breaking the Silence, Bright Place for Deaf Women of BC, Campbell River Transition Society, Comox Valley Women's Resource Centre, Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, Fernie Women's Resource and Drop-In Centre, Fort Nelson Women Resource Centre, FREDA, Immigrant Women's Program - Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria, Justice for Girls, Kamloops Women's Resource Group Society, Kettle Friendship Centre, Kinesis, Listen Up! Project - Positive Women's Network/AIDS Vancouver, Nanaimo Women's Resource Centre, National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC), Neighbourhood Helpers Project, Nelson & District Women's Centre/West Kootenay Women's Association, North Shore Women's Centre, PACE, Penticton and Area Women's Centre, Port Coquitlam Area Women's Centre, Pro-Choice Action Network, Safe Choice for Women Society, Sunshine Coast Women's Resource Society, Surrey Women's Centre Society, SSMWR Women's Place, Tamiik Status of Women Association (Kitimat), United Native Nations, Vancouver Rape Relief & Women's Shelter, Vancouver Society of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women, Vancouver Status of Women, Vancouver Women's Health Collective, Vernon Women Centre, Victoria Status of Women Action Group Society, Westcoast Women's Resource Society, Women in Search of Housing Society, Women's Intercultural Network of Kelowna, Women's International League for Peace Freedom & Freedom, Women's Rights Committee - BC Federation of Labour, Yew Transition House Society, and other members and women's organizations who wish to remain anonymous.