



Know Before You Go!

2026 National NOW Conference

The countdown is on! We are excited to welcome you to the 2026 National NOW Conference: *60 Years of Resistance — We're Not Going Back* at the Westin Alexandria Old Town in Alexandria, Virginia.

To help you make the most of your conference experience, we've gathered a few helpful tips and local insights.

Getting to the Hotel

From Reagan National Airport (DCA):

The Metro is one of the easiest and most affordable ways to reach the conference hotel.

- Take the Metro to the King Street–Old Town Station.
- Travel time: approximately 8 minutes
- Fare: \$2.50 regular fare / \$1.25 senior fare

From the King Street Station, the Westin Alexandria Old Town is approximately a 12-minute walk along flat, well-maintained sidewalks. All sidewalks include curb ramps for accessibility.

Dining & Essentials Near the Hotel

Within a short walk of the Westin, you'll find:

Less than 5 blocks away

- Potbelly Sandwich Shop
- Panera Bread
- Thai dining options

Within 5 minutes

- Starbucks
- 7-Eleven
- Restaurants serving ramen and Asian cuisine
- BBQ restaurants
- Mexican restaurants

About 11 minutes away

- Whole Foods Market
- CVS Pharmacy

Exploring Historic Old Town Alexandria

One of the gems of our conference location is the beautiful Old Town Alexandria, known for its historic charm, waterfront views, unique shops, restaurants, and walkable streets.

Most shopping, dining, and sightseeing destinations are located along King Street and the Waterfront area.

- Take the FREE King Street Trolley
- Save your steps and enjoy Alexandria's complimentary trolley service!

The King Street Trolley:

- Runs every 15 minutes
- Operates daily from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Travels between the King Street Metro Station and Market Square/Waterfront area
- Is wheelchair accessible with onboard ramps
- Allows boarding and exiting at designated stops along King Street

If you're planning to explore Old Town, the trolley is a convenient and accessible option.

Visiting Washington, D.C.

Want to extend your experience beyond the conference?

The King Street–Old Town Metro Station provides direct access to Washington, D.C.

- Travel time to the Smithsonian Station: approximately 34 minutes
- Fare: approximately \$4.10 regular fare / \$2.05 senior fare

Popular destinations include:

- The National Mall
- Smithsonian Museums
- The U.S. Capitol
- The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial
- The National Museum of African American History and Culture
- The National Museum of Women in the Arts

A Few Local Favorites

If you have extra time before or after conference sessions, consider visiting:

- Alexandria Waterfront — scenic views of the Potomac River
- Torpedo Factory Art Center — a vibrant collection of working artists' studios
- Market Square — one of the oldest continuously operating marketplaces in the country
- George Washington's Mount Vernon — just a short drive away

- Carlyle House Historic Park — a beautifully preserved colonial landmark

Conference Reminders

- Bring a sweater or light jacket—meeting room temperatures can vary.
- Wear comfortable shoes if you plan to explore Old Town Alexandria or visit Washington, D.C.
- Keep your conference badge with you throughout the event.
- Review the conference schedule in advance so you don't miss plenaries, workshops, special events, and our 60th Anniversary celebrations.

We look forward to celebrating 60 years of feminist activism, advocacy, and resistance with you. Safe travels, and we'll see you soon in Alexandria!