



## Discussion Guide

### Episode 2: Making Change Through Civic Action | 9/3/20

**Hey girls and troop leaders!** This week's episode was all about Girl Scouts changing the world through civic action and featured four amazing women. Use the questions below to start a conversation with the amazing girls in your life.

#### The Power of Girl Scout Alums: Camille "Mimi" Borders

- How do you see the global challenges, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing racism, affecting your local community? What is something you can do in your community to make change?
- Mimi connected the feeling of anti-racism and expansive love to lyrics in the song "Make New Friends"; "a circle's round, it has no end, that's how long I want to be your friend." What does that line mean to you?

#### Interview with Sara Guillermo

- Sara was inspired to make sure girls' voices could be heard in government, whether in school government or beyond. Why do you think it's important for girls to get involved in politics?
- Sara's advice to girls was "don't wait." What's something you're waiting for, and is there something you can do right now instead?
- One of the issues Sara is working on is youth representation on police commissions. What are police commissions, and why would it be important for young people to be represented?
- Would you ever want to run for office? Why or why not?

#### Gold Award Corner: Sakshi and Shelby

- What could pursuing a Gold Award do for you?
- Sakshi took action to stop child marriage and human trafficking. This is an issue globally as well as in the United States. Do you know about the child marriage laws in your state? Would you want to learn more?
- Shelby helped pass a law to reduce plastic use and created a global movement called #NoStrawNovember. Which issue are you passionate about, and what hashtag might you create for your movement?

#### Take It Further!

- **Promote the vote!** [Get involved](#) in Girl Scouts' National Civic Action to mobilize our communities to take action like a Girl Scout through voting!
- **Be in the room where it happens.** Inspired by today's episode and want to learn more? Watch a recording of GSUSA's special event, "[Behind the Scenes: How Women in Congress Get things Done.](#)"
- **Explore our democracy** on Girl Scouts at Home. Cadettes can learn about [women's representation in Congress](#), and Seniors can follow the money to learn more about [federal spending](#).
- **Act for civil rights.** Hear from Dr. Noelle Trent of the National Civil Rights Museum about women and girls in the [fight for civil rights](#) in the past and present and what girls can do today.
- **Be a leader.** Try the *It's Your World—Change It!* Journey for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors to raise your voice and make the world a better place.