



An unexpected moment of parity, California-style:

As the 2019-2020 session begins, four new Latina Senators from CTGCA target districts bring the number of Democratic women in the Senate even with the total number of Republicans, at 10.

Keep up the good work in 2019

California Legislature

State Senate:	Total Senators: 40	Total Women: 13
State House/Assembly:	Total Members: 80	Total Women: 23

Percentage of Women: 30%

Ranking among state legislatures for the proportion of women: 22

They're sworn in and at their desks (we sent flowers too). You

helped them get there and you've had an impact. Women are now 30% of the CA Legislature, up from 21% at the start of 2018. In state rankings, CA has jumped from 30th to 22nd for our proportion of women legislators.

Congratulations! Filing for 2020 opens in 8 months. Not a moment to waste. [Click here to find out how you can pitch in.](#)



Board President Sonya Logman and volunteer Barri Babow delivered CTGCA bouquets to 9 new women legislators (Asm. Christy Smith, pictured in the center)

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News & Events



“Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Judy.”

Berkeley School Board President and Close the Gap CA recruit Judy Appel is recovering from injuries received when she was struck by a car last weekend.

[Read more.](#)

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES. On January 12th our allies at How Women Lead will be celebrating the newest voices rising in Congress and across the country: Congresswoman Ilhan Omar and Aimee Alison, Founder of She the People. [Details here.](#)

How Women Lead PRESENTS

Join the Award Ceremony & Film Screening

TIME FOR ILHAN, TIME FOR US

Annual Spotlight Awards for Women Leading in Social Justice,
Philanthropy and Film
January 12, 2019 - 5:00 PM
Merchants Exchange Club, San Francisco

HONORING

CONGRESSWOMAN ILHAN OMAR
SI SE PUEDE AWARD

AIMEE ALLISON
SETTING THE SCENE PACESETTER
AWARD

NORAH SHAPIRO
CHANGING THE NARRATIVE AWARD

The Spotlight Awards is an initiative to honor those courageous leaders reshaping the landscape for women and girls. This event will include a film screening of the award winning documentary "TIME FOR ILHAN".



JOINING THE HONOREES FOR THE PANEL DISCUSSION:



Andrea Dew Steele
President and Founder,
Emerge America



Jenny Flores
Head of Corporate Social Responsibility,
Bank of the West, Moderator

Champions for Choice: From the Clinic Door to the Ballot Box

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Network and brunch at 10 am; program at 10:30

United Methodist Church, 250 California St., Santa Cruz

You're invited!

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS NETWORK OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Pro-Choice Brunch, commemorating the 46th anniversary
of the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision

CHAMPIONS FOR CHOICE: FROM THE CLINIC DOOR TO THE BALLOT BOX

This year we'll hear from two outstanding leaders for reproductive choice,
who advance this work in very different environments,
each making a critical contribution to the shared goal.



Julie Burkhardt, Founder and CEO
TRUST WOMEN

<https://trustwomen.org>

Julie has provided strong, dedicated leadership on the front lines of reproductive choice since 1991, including years of close association with Dr. George Tiller. Following his assassination she founded **Trust Women**, which provides abortion services in underserved communities where access has historically been restricted by oppressive policies and anti-choice extremists.



Mary Hughes, Founder & Political Consultant
CLOSE THE GAP

<https://closethegapca.org>

Close the Gap was launched in 2013 to increase the number of progressive pro-choice women in the California Legislature, by recruiting viable candidates to run in targeted districts. Founder and political consultant Mary Hughes has advised candidates at all levels. She will describe the opportunities presented by the dramatic success of women and progressives in recent elections.

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Sliding scale donation request \$10-\$50; students free. Reservations greatly appreciated,
but not required. Reserve online: <https://rrn2019brunch.eventbrite.com>

Or mail to RRN, P.O. Box 8305, Santa Cruz, CA 95061, check payable to RRN

For more information: 831-423-2356 or rrnsc@gmail.com

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