



Three Parts Skill. One Part Inspiration.

On four Fridays over one hour this year, you can improve your campaign's finance outlook, learn how to expand your political network, understand a candidate's shift from non-partisan to partisan office and where you fit into the movement for more women in office. **Webinar Schedule:**

Friday, March 8th

Noon

Campaign Finance

“Dark Money. Clean Money. Can an Ethical Candidate Compete?”

Friday May 17th

Noon

Party Politics

“CTGCA’s How-To Guide: Working a Convention to Advance Your Candidacy”

Friday, Sept. 20th

Noon

Women & Elections

“Catching a Wave or Building a Movement?”

Friday, Nov. 15th

Noon

**Non-Partisan to
Partisan Focus**

“From Non-Partisan Office to Partisan Progressive Candidate”

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In Honor of Black History Month

As we celebrate Black History Month, we honor the contributions of African American Women in the State Legislature. Groundbreaking legislation put forth by these extraordinary women includes criminal justice reform, support for children in foster care, improving teacher ratios for classrooms and much more.

As of 2019, the percentage of California Legislators who are women of color **triples** the national average. We are proud to lead the nation in this critical area, but there is more work to do in order to keep up the trend. CTGCA is working with numerous prospective African American candidates eyeing 2020 races and beyond.

The Senate Budget Chair, Senator Holly Mitchell represents SD-30 in Los Angeles County and serves as one of 5 who negotiate budget priorities for CA. First elected to the State Legislature in 2012, Senator Mitchell is the legislature's leading advocate for closing the state's "wealth gap." She has been a frequent speaker and steadfast inspiration to CTGCA audiences over the years.



Assemblymember Autumn Burke represents AD-62 in Los Angeles County. She was first elected to the State Legislature in 2014 and chairs the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation. She recently addressed CTGCA prospective candidates on the "Real Life, Real Legislators" panel at our December 2018 Sacramento Symposium.

Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager-Dove has represented

AD-54 in Los Angeles County since her victory in a 2018 special election. A longtime friend of CTGCA, she is one of the Assembly's experts on education, having served as president of the LACCD. Last December, Sydney "wowed" prospective candidates at our Sacramento Symposium.



Assemblymember Shirley Nash Weber represents AD-79, portions of San Diego and Imperial County. Dr. Weber chairs the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Public Safety. A former college professor, she has inspired CTGCA audiences with her practical advice and personal encouragement.

Close the Gap CA is a campaign to recruit progressive women to run for open seats in the CA State legislature. We ask allies to promote these electoral opportunities and identify and recommend to us prospective progressive women candidates. This month, we highlight **Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA)**, a valued partner and a 501c4 whose mission is "to activate, motivate, promote, support, and educate African-American women about the political process, encourage involvement, and to affirm our commitment to, and solving of, those problems affecting the African-American community."



News & Events



Congratulations!

CLOSE THE GAP CA BOARD MEMBER, KARRIANN FARRELL HINDS, WAS RECENTLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS OF CALIFORNIA!



The Washington Post: Stacey Abrams lost the Georgia governor's race. But her star is rising.

ALBANY, Ga. — Stacey Abrams walked into the roomful of cheering supporters with the posture of a winner — head high, bright smile, hearty hugs and handshakes. [Read more.](#)



The Difference Women Make

The Conversation: The more women in government, the healthier a population

Our findings, published recently in the journal SSM - Population Health, support the argument that yes, women in government do in fact advance population health. [Read more.](#)



LA Times: For L.A. County supervisors, era of 'little kings' is over

Grilling of sheriff over reinstating of deputy signals a new day for board that has women in a supermajority.

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