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LEADING GREEN

In honor of Earth Day last week, we ask you to join us in taking one of the most positive steps we can take to protect our planet – elect more women!

Studies show that women write and support environmental policy in government significantly more often than their male colleagues.

We need progressive leaders who are willing to take on big industries like oil. As Kathryn Phillips, Director of Sierra Club California, wrote in a [commentary for CalMatters](#) last week, when the oil industry influences legislation, California’s air quality suffers.

“If we want to make progress on protecting the environment and public health, we should help elect more women to public office, and support them during their tenure.” – Rachel’s Action Network

However, progressive female legislators are working to create policy to fight climate change here in California.



State Senator **Melissa Hurtado**, a CTGCA recruit, introduced a bill (SB 351) to expand the Transformative Climate Communities Program that awards grants for neighborhood-level environmental projects in disadvantaged communities.

In the State Assembly, Assemblymembers **Laura Friedman** and **Lorena**

Gonzalez introduced a bill (AB 1080) with several other Democratic colleagues, that would require businesses to reduce single-use plastics in their products.



These are just two examples of the impact women can have when they are given the chance to lead. As we close out April, please join us in our mission to recruit accomplished women to lead California! Our planet will thank you!

FREE WEBINAR

CANDIDATES: HOW TO WORK A CONVENTION



The California Democratic Party's state convention will take place May 31st to June 2nd in San Francisco. Whether your election is two years out or just months away, Party conventions are a target rich environment: potential endorsers, donors and voters abound. Don't just show up—develop a plan that advances your campaign. Join us for this FREE webinar, featuring elected officials and campaign advisers!

CTGCA's How-To Guide: Working a Convention to Advance Your Candidacy

Friday, May 17th, 12 pm PST

REGISTER



TIP: Keep an eye on our [Webinar](#) page to see what topics we will be covering later this year.

EVENTS

CTGCA AT THE CADEM CONVENTION

Join us at one of Close the Gap California's events during convention weekend. Whether you're a prospective candidate or recruiter, supporter or campaign staffer, there's something for you.



CTGCA BOOTH

Visit us in the SF Moscone Center **Exhibit Hall** Friday May 31 through Sunday Jun 2. We will have advice for candidates and energy for weary convention-goers! Stop by and say "hi."

HOSPITALITY SUITE

Hosted by Close the Gap California, Emerge CA & Fund Her: Friday night **May 31, 10:15pm - Midnight!** Sponsored by CAOC. Check out [Events](#) page for more details, coming soon!

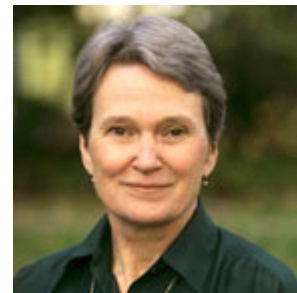
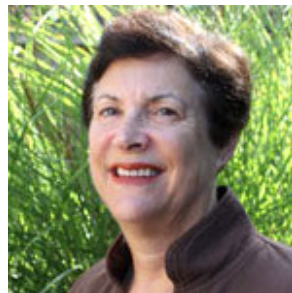


For more volunteer opportunities, check out our website's [Volunteer](#) page.

SAVE THE DATE

EAST BAY RECEPTION

Please join Hon. **Dion Aroner**, Hon. **Loni Hancock** and Honorary Host Congresswoman **Barbara Lee** to promote gender equality in the California Legislature! East Bay supporters will gather after the Convention to debrief and discuss recruiting more women. Reserve your spot today!



Sunday, June 2nd, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
RSVP to Eleanor at emoses4@aol.com

RSVP NOW

IN MEMORIAM**FORMER REP. ELLEN TAUSCHER**

We join many around the state in sadness at California Representative **Ellen Tauscher's passing**. She died Monday at Stanford Hospital at the age of 67. CTGCA Founder and Tauscher campaign consultant **Mary Hughes** recalls Tauscher's inspiring spirit: “A lot has been said about the substantive work Ellen accomplished, and it was substantial; but it was her 'Go Big or Go Home' spirit that inspired other women to jump into politics. She had moxy, and she had fun. Her confidence was contagious.”



Tauscher pictured here speaking to the United Nations in her role as Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security in the Obama administration.

[Read more about Tauscher at Politico.](#)

INSPIRATION ZONE**ASSEMBLYWOMAN WENDY CARRILLO**

“And I remember being told to just be very quiet. And I was in the backseat with my aunt, and we crossed.”

—Assemblywoman & CTGCA Recruit Wendy Carrillo, to [CALmatters' Elizabeth Aguilera](#) on crossing the border at age 5 as a refugee from war-torn El Salvador in the 1980's. The Los Angeles Democrat gained her citizenship at age 21, was elected to the State Assembly at age 37, and this month joined Gov. Newsom's delegation to El Salvador.

**ALLIES**

JOIN FUND HER FOR WOMEN'S ADVOCACY DAY



Come to Sacramento to advocate for progressive legislation alongside **Fund Her**, our ally organization dedicated to helping elect more women in California. Featured speakers include State Treasurer **Fiona Ma** and Board of Equalization Member **Malia Cohen!**

WHEN: Wednesday, May 8th, 2019

[Registration and Information.](#)



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