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CLASS ACTS

Throw your cap in the air in honor of these women in the California Legislature authoring bills that make higher education safer, more accessible, and more affordable.



Making Community College More Affordable. [SB 291](#) – This bill from Senator Connie Leyva would establish a fund that would base community college financial aid calculations on the total cost to attend, rather than on tuition alone. “When non-tuition costs like housing, food, and textbooks are considered, community college is often more expensive for our lowest-income students to attend than other state universities,” [Senator Leyva](#) said. “SB 291 addresses this issue by creating a financial aid program that helps to cover a community college student’s whole cost of attendance.

Protecting Equal Rights of Students from Sexual Harassment. [SB 493](#) – This bill from Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson Co-Authored by Holly Mitchell

requires institutes of higher education accepting state funds to adopt procedures to protect the rights of those who have experienced sexual harassment, including sexual violence, on campus. “All California students deserve to pursue their education in a safe environment. It is critical that California’s schools continue to protect survivors through policies that treat them with dignity and respect,” said [Senator Jackson](#).

Increasing Access to Financial Aid. [AB 1617](#) – A bill from Eloise Gómez Reyes would increase students’ access to and understanding of financial aid for college by requiring schools to help students complete the FAFSA application as a requirement for graduating from high school. Studies show that completing the FAFSA form [increases a students’ likelihood](#) of pursuing higher education.

EVENTS

CTGCA AT THE CADEM CONVENTION

Join us at one of Close the Gap California’s events during convention weekend.

CTGCA BOOTH

SF Moscone Center **Exhibit Hall E**
Friday May 31 through Sunday June 2.



For more, check out our website's [Volunteer](#) and [Events](#) pages!



EVENTS

CONVENTION HOSPITALITY SUITE

Invite you to join

**THE
NEW GIRLS
NETWORK**

*Meet the Political Pipeline
Getting Women Into Office*

Friday, May 31, 2019
10:15 PM - Midnight
Moscone Center, Room 201

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CONGRESSWOMEN
CALIFORNIA

Join Close the Gap California, Fund Her, and Emerge California for a networking reception with Democratic women and their allied men. Candidates can connect with recruiters, campaign training leaders, organizers, and PACs.

Friday night **May 31, 10:15pm - Midnight!**

Moscone Center, Room 201

Sponsored by CAOC.

EVENTS

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!

PLEASE JOIN
HOSTS HON. LONI HANCOCK, HON. DION ARONER,
& HONORARY HOST CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA LEE TO

**Sustain
the Pink Wave**

Honorary Host
Congresswoman
BARBARA LEE

LONI HANCOCK
Former State Senator

DION ARONER
Former Assemblymember

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND FROM 3 - 5PM
TRAX Gallery, 1812 5th Street, Berkeley
RSVP: Eleanor Moses
emoses4@aol.com or 510 290-4563

Sunday, June 2nd, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
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EVENTS

HELP WOMEN RECAPTURE OUR DEMOCRACY

Join the progressive women helping to reshape democracy! **Recapturing Our Democracy: Women Leading the Movement for 2020** is hosted by [How Women Lead](#), and will focus on ways you can play a role in 2020. Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, Founder of She the People Aimee Allison, and other political experts discuss what it takes to run for office and how women can support women who are making an impact!

Wed, May 22, 2019
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Community Space @ 188 The
Embarcadero
San Francisco, CA 94105
Tickets \$50



BUY TICKETS

ACTIONS

SUPPORT THESE 7 BILLS FOR JUSTICE

Join the [Women’s Foundation of California/Women’s Policy Institute](#) in their fight for gender, racial, and economic justice in California. [Contact your representative](#) today and voice your support for these bills – all authored or coauthored by women.

ISSUE	BILL/AUTHOR	STATUS	ACTION
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	SB 555 (Mitchell) Jail Fair Access for Connections To Support (FACTS) Act	Passed appropriations onto the Senate Floor.	Call your representative NOW!
ECONOMIC JUSTICE	AB 942 (Weber) Access to Safe Food Choices & Food Security Act of 2019	Passed appropriations onto the Assembly Floor.	Call your representative NOW!
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	AB 942 (Weber) Access to Safe Food Choices & Food Security Act of 2019	Passed appropriations onto the Assembly Floor.	Call your representative NOW!
TRAUMA JUSTICE	AB 865 (Gómez Reyes)	Passed appropriations onto the Assembly Floor.	Call your representative NOW!
	SB 493 (Jackson)	Passed appropriations onto the Assembly Floor.	Call your representative NOW!
LGBTQIA JUSTICE	SB 495 (Durazo) Bias Free Child Custody Act	Will be heard next in the Assembly.	Call your representative NOW!
REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE	AB 732 (Bonta) Reproductive Dignity for Incarcerated People Act	Held as a two-year bill. More soon!	

IN THE NEWS

POLITICO: WHY WOMEN NEED TO RUN... AGAIN!

If at first they don’t succeed, Economist Melanie Wasserman proclaims that female candidates need to try, try again! [Wasserman found](#) that novice women who run for political office and lose are 50% less likely to run again than men. But candidates who run after a loss are in a better position to win in their second attempt. Her research suggests that encouraging first time female candidates who lost to run a second time could have increased women’s representation by 17% in her sample.

The lesson? We don’t need to just recruit incredible women to run for office the

first time. We need to encourage them to shake off narrow losses and run, run again!



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