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BLACK LIVES MATTER

WISDOM FROM OUR WOMEN LEGISLATORS

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We must act now for the names we know, for the names we don't know and for whom no camera or witnesses were present.

Senator Holly Mitchell
CA-SD-30



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**It is time for a new way of operation.
We cannot sit in silence because not
one more life can be lost.**

Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager-Dove
CA-AD-54



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**Our work will not be done
until every family and every
person can live their lives
and pursue their dreams with
equal access and in safety.**

Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
CA-AD-4



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**George Floyd. George Floyd.
George Floyd. Say his name. I hear
my brothers and sisters share
their pain, their anger, their
agony. I hear you. I see you.**

Assemblymember Eloise Reyes
CA-AD-47



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**We must come together to abolish
racism in all its forms. To our Black
brothers and sisters: know that I hear
you and I stand in solidarity with you.
#BlackLivesMatter**

Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes
CA-AD-60



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In these challenging times, it is important we stand together and work towards building a country where every one of us is truly equal.

Assemblymember Blanca Rubio
CA-AD-48



BLACK LEADERSHIP MATTERS

OUR COMMITMENT

Close the Gap California is committed to continue **recruiting progressive Black women to run for State Legislature**, as an essential component of our campaign to achieve gender parity. Representation matters. And today more than ever, the values-driven leadership of *all* women committed to end our nation's 400-year legacy of white supremacy needs to be at the center of governance in the Golden State.

Systemic racism and violence targeted at Black communities and communities of color pose a grave threat to the future our shared progressive values call us to build. There is simply no path to reproductive justice, quality public education for all, or alleviation of poverty without racial justice. And **there is no equal representation without Black women.**

The next generation of California leaders must reflect and champion the experiences of Black communities, in order to dismantle a racist system that has been allowed to exist for far too long. **We need leaders who come with a will and a way to build a new system from within**, to put an end to our

communities' most horrifying nightmares and instead pave the way for their wildest dreams.

Please check out our ally Courage California's "[Ways to Show Up for the Black Community](#)," shared with permission, to help address our troubled present and safeguard our collective future.

And if you know a progressive woman who could lead on racial justice issues in the legislature, but might need to be recruited in order to go for it, please email us at alice@closethegapca.org!

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