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## BREAKING THE GLASS CEILING

# LENA GONZALEZ'S VICTORY SETS STATE SENATE RECORD



Tuesday, women in California took a huge step toward gender parity when Democrat Lena Gonzalez defeated Republican Jack Guerrero in the SD-33 special election. Lena's election brings female representation in the California State Senate up to 35%, the largest cohort of women in the Senate's history.

As a Long Beach City Council Member since 2014, Lena Gonzalez came into the race with a record of public service. Her [core issues](#) include environmental protection, healthcare, and affordable housing.

Join us in congratulating Lena and welcoming her to the California State Senate! We can't wait to see what she will accomplish!

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Each new inspiring, talented, progressive woman legislator gets us one step closer to a California Legislature that reflects the beauty and diversity of our state. Of the 40 Senators serving, 14 are now women and 50% are women of

color. Senate leader President Pro Tem Toni Atkins is the first woman to hold that position. Thirty-seven women out of 120 total members now serve in the legislature. That's 30.8%, tied for the all-time high.

## DONATE to CTGCA



Get involved! Check out our website's [Volunteer](#) and [Events](#) pages!

## EVENTS

### CTGCA ROCKS CADEM CONVENTION

**Close the Gap California** brought the pink wave to the California Democratic Party Convention in a BIG way. There was incredible energy in support of women candidates throughout the convention.

#### Recruiters and Prospects Meet Up at the CTGCA Booth



More than 1,000 attendees stopped by to learn about our work and mission. And our experts Mary Hughes, Susannah Delano, and Janet Cook hosted sessions offering advice to women interested in running for State Senate and Assembly!

Pictured: CTGCA Founder Mary Hughes and CTGCA Recruiter Janet Cook



Want to take your place in the pink wave? [Visit our website](#) to learn how you can get involved!

#### Elected Women All Stars Shine at Trifecta Party!

CTGCA hosted a party with Emerge California and Fund Her, and it was a blast. Over 200 attended for a night

of networking and celebrating women in office. Susan Eggman, Betty Yee, Malia Cohen, Rebecca Bauer Kahan and other elected women urged the SRO crowd to take the challenge and run.

Pictured: CTGCA ED Susannah Delano and State Board of Equalization Chair Malia Cohen



## Pink Ring Giveaway



Our pink rings were spotted everywhere throughout the weekend. They really helped to \*bling\* attention to our mission.

Pictured: State Senator Holly Mitchell with CTGCA Volunteer Coordinator Elizabeth Beheler

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# CELEBRATE COURAGE TO RUN BY...RUNNING!

Last year, watching the record-breaking number of women running for office led to a simple, but great idea: "We need to do something empowering, energizing and unifying to commemorate this sea change."

So, the [Courage to Run](#) was born! The inaugural foot race launched last September and earlier this year, in Washington and 25 states across the country. We're keeping the momentum going.

Close the Gap California is delighted to be a Community Partner for the Courage to Run San Francisco event. Join us on June 23rd and...run. Be sure

to come by our booth and let us know if you're ready to explore running that other race!

**The Courage to Run San**

**Francisco** is on Sunday, June 23, 2019 from 9:00am - 11:30am at the Pioneer Log Cabin in Golden Gate Park.



**SIGN UP NOW**

**VOLUNTEER WITH CTGCA AT THE EVENT**

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**INSPIRATION ZONE**

**ASSEMBLYMEMBER SUSAN TALAMANTES EGGMAN**

**"When I ran, I was the first LGBT person to run in the entire Central Valley. I'm not going to lie about who I am."**

— Assemblywoman Susan Talamantes Eggman, Veteran, Professor, Chair of the Agriculture Committee, Past Chair of the LGBTQ and Women's caucuses, and author of groundbreaking pay equity legislation.



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