

close the gap

TALENTED WOMEN WANTED



If women were 50% of Congress, or even 30%, instead of 18%, would the government be shut down? Not likely.



Research confirms that women leaders run for office to get things done, and observation tells us that they work hard to create a collegial environment in which to work out policy differences.

In other words, they don't take their ball and go home when things aren't going their way!

Scholars say that when women are 30% of a group they begin to have an effect on the institution -- the agenda, the procedures, the content and outcomes. Let's find out. **If more California women run in 2014 and 2016, more will win.** We're recruiting accomplished, progressive women to run in open seats where they have the best chance of success. Here's how you can help:

1. Check [our list of open seats](#) and send us the name of a women you'd like to see represent that area.
2. Volunteer for a woman candidate in your area. You can find the list of [declared candidates](#)

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3. Spread the word: **"Progressive women aren't more of the same. They're more sane."**

Search party roundup

We've now had a dozen search parties around the state and are pursuing the most promising potential candidates. Check [our calendar](#) for events in your area.

In the news

[Santa Cruz Sentinel](#): Forum at Cabrillo College encourages women to run for public office.

Are we friends yet on Facebook?

Congrats to Nan Recker, our 600th friend. [Join today](#) and help us break through 700.

close the gap CA is a statewide campaign to find talented, progressive women to run for open seats in the California legislature in 2014 and 2016. With focus and a targeted strategy, we can "close the gap"™ and not just the gender gap. When we elect progressive women, we take steps to close the school funding gap, the access gap to affordable health and reproductive care, and the growing gap between the wealthy and those in poverty.

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