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Tough Calls, Gov. Brown? Really?

Part I: Vetoes That Sting



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While Californian women can - and should! - celebrate many victories this legislative session, Gov. Jerry Brown's late vetoes reminded us that we have much more work to do.

Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination: AB 569 (Gonzalez Fletcher)

AB 569 protected women from employers who punish them for pregnancy, birth control, abortions, and other personal reproductive health decisions. On the final day for consideration, Gov. Brown vetoed this bipartisan bill saying the California Fair Employment and Housing Act



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(FEHA) already provides these protections.

Not quite. FEHA didn't protect Teri Brown from [allegedly getting fired for getting pregnant out of wedlock](#). Gonzalez Fletcher herself said it best: "This is outrageous and needs to stop. No woman should ever lose a job for exercising her right to decide when, how, or whether to have a family."

[Gender Pay Equity: AB 1209 \(Gonzalez Fletcher\)](#)

The gender wage gap is indisputable. AB 1209 sought transparency by collecting information on gender wage differentials from large employers.

Gov. Brown vetoed AB 1209 on the final day, signaling it was a close call. The Governor's veto message also explicitly recognizes the gender wage gap problem and supports transparency.

Asm. Gonzalez Fletcher already indicated that she is disappointed, but [not finished taking on the gender pay gap](#).

Women clearly still have work to do. We need more talented women in the California legislature doing it.

So, let's get to work, ladies.

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And another and another and another

California lawmakers, staffers, and lobbyists share disturbingly pervasive accounts of sexual harassment and mistreatment in [this LA Times piece](#).



The Difference We (WOULD) Make

"[A]s long as we have a hierarchal society, the gender of those at the top matters."



CTGCA's mission echoes in this [NY Times opinion piece](#) on the culture of sexual harassment, and one message rings clear: we need more women in charge.



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