



2018 Elections

Historic Leap Forward for Women in CA Legislature!

We did it! Thanks to your support and dedication, women are on track to gain 8 or more seats in the CA Legislature in 2018. This tremendous gain brings women from 21% of the Legislature in 2017 up to 28% in 2018. After more than a decade in the bottom third of the country, CA now vaults above the national average of 24% women in state houses. A quantum leap and historic rebound!!

Previously, the most women added in a single year was 5, in 1978, 1992 and 1998. Yes, in 2018 we have even outdone 1992, "The Year of the Woman."

Progressive women are on track to replace their male predecessors in 8 state legislative districts we targeted for 2018. The success of our recruits, over 80% of whom were women of color, contributes to CA's leadership on that front: women of color make up 17% of the Legislature, almost triple the national average of 6%. If initial results hold, we have 4 new Latina Senators!

WE MADE HISTORY. RECRUITING WORKS.

We need your help!

2018's results are clear. Our recruiting model does exactly what it was designed to do: make history! Now we need your help to expand further across the state.

If you support our goal of gender equality in the CA Legislature, help us **kick off our end of year campaign** with a donation today!

[Click to donate \\$20/month for 2020: our next challenge!](#)

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Targeted Recruiting Works

CTGCA targeted 12 districts for 2018. Progressive women launched viable campaigns in 11 of the 12 targeted districts (92%). As of this afternoon, 8 of those 11 have either won already or are in position to win (72%). 75% of them are women of color.

Close the Gap CA targeted 12 Districts for 2018. Over **70%** are on track to win. **RECRUITING WORKS.**



We are on our Way to Gender Equality

CTGCA's goal is to achieve full gender equality by 2028. We've made history in 2018, but we still have a lot of work ahead. To get there, we are expanding our successful recruiting model to capture the open seat opportunities that will result from redistricting in 2022 and vacancies created by term limits in '24, '26 and '28.

Our Goal: Gender Equality by 2028



CTGCA Stopped the Slide in 2018

January - June 2018: Sworn In to Office



AD 51
Wendy
Carrillo



AD 54
Sydney
Kamlager-Dove



AD 39
Luz
Rivas

November 7, 2018: Currently Ahead in the Count



SD 12
Anna
Caballero



SD 14
Melissa
Hurtado



SD 22
Susan
Rubio



SD 24
Maria Elena
Durazo



close the gap

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Literature, Leadership & Libations


Blue Wave. Pink Wave. What now?

PLEASE JOIN US for the next installment in our "Literature, Leadership & Libations" series, where Former San Francisco Treasurer Susan Leal will moderate a conversation about the election with SF Supervisor Jane Kim and Jennifer Palmieri, former Communications Director for President Obama and Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and author of the New York Times bestseller Dear Madam President: An Open Letter to the Women Who Will Run the World.


Wednesday, Nov. 14th 6:00 - 8:00 pm
at CoVo, 981 Mission Street, San Francisco



Hon. Susan Leal
Moderator



Jennifer Palmieri
Best-selling
Author



Hon. Jane Kim
SF Supervisor

RSVP

A copy of Jennifer Palmieri's book is included in the ticket price.



Leadership & Libations



Please join Close the Gap CA & Maria Elena Durazo, current candidate for the California State Senate, for brunch and post election analysis. Join the conversation about what the midterm election means for women and gender equality. Maria Elena is the former Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the LA Federation of Labor, representing over 800,000 workers, and is currently a Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee and VP of UNITE HERE.

Sunday, Nov. 11th 11:00am - 1:00 pm

at the Santa Monica home of Allison Abner & Gene Sperling
(Address provided upon RSVP)

[RSVP](#)

2018 Midterm Post-Election Webinar

Women, Progressives and the Resistance: what was at stake, what mattered and what's next.

Friday November 7th, Noon-1:00pm

[Click to REGISTER HERE](#)

Join us Friday for a post-election debrief from our panel experts who will analyze our exciting results in California and nationally, and discuss how we prepare for 2020.

Moderated by **Tim Molina** of **Courage Campaign**




Post-Election Webinar

Tune in to hear experts slice and dice the Midterm outcomes!

**Friday,
Nov. 9th
Noon-1pm**

Women, Progressives, the Resistance: what was at stake, what mattered and what's next.

Register at tinyurl.com/y855nbrc





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Senior Scholar
CAWP Rutgers

Kathy Bowler
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Assembly Democrats

Susannah Delano
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Featured Panelists:

- **Dr. Kira Sanbonmatsu**, Professor of Political Science at Rutgers University and Senior Scholar at the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), will provide a national perspective on women and the election.
- **Kathy Bowler**, Consultant, CA Assembly Democrats and past Executive Director of CA Democratic Party will give an insider Party perspective on the results of California State Legislative races, especially where Democratic women challenged, and provide a brief look ahead to 2020.
- **Susannah Delano**, Executive Director, Close the Gap CA, will discuss CTGCA's targeted State Legislative races and what's ahead in the historic push for equality.

In Search of Volunteers! We need your help!

- Administrative Support in Palo Alto: Be our extra set of hands to help with miscellaneous tasks around the office during our year-end busy season in late November and early December.
- MailChimp/Website: A MailChimp and/or WordPress expert to help with emails, website updates and maintenance; this job can be done remotely.
- Event Support, in Sacramento: Help assure our Sacramento Symposium event runs smoothly; must be available in Sacramento on Dec 3rd or 4th.
- Event Photographer, in Sacramento: Photograph our Sacramento Symposium event on Dec 4th.
- Awareness Building, in SoCal: Host an outreach event in your SoCal area to help spread the word about our mission.

Please contact alice@closethepageca.org to learn more.

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