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Women's representation in CA legislature at 15 year low

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In January 2015, there will likely be 30 women serving in the CA Legislature, a decline of 2 from the current 32 out of 120. The results continue a downward trend in the number of women serving. Over the last decade, we've gone from a peak of 37/120 or 31% in 2005 to 30 or 25% today. The next legislature will have the fewest number of women since 1998. Most importantly, it is another election where the number of progressive women decreased while the number of Republican women rose.

Join the growing list of progressive women's organizations collaborating to win in 2016. [Read the post-election statement.](#)

Join a regional search party:
 Mon Nov 17 in Palo Alto [RSVP with "Mid-Peninsula"](#) in the subject line.
 Thurs Nov 20 in Calabasas [RSVP with "Ventura and LA Counties"](#) in the subject line.

Attention prospective candidates:
 Tues Jan 13 in Sacramento [close the gap CA's "The Sacramento Campaign"](#) Symposium. For more info contact alice@closethegapca.org.

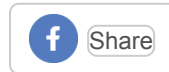
Couldn't make it to our webinar?



Thanks to all the veterans who've served, including our candidate recruiter Captain Alex Gillis.

[Check out the slides or listen to the recording](#) for terrific insights from pollster Celinda Lake, SEIU CA's Alma Hernández, CLCV's David Allgood & our Director Betsy Cotton.

2016: it's on!



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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