



Thanks to You

This season calls us all to give thanks, and we at close the gap CA welcome the opportunity to turn our focus to YOU. Through the support of our donors, allies, and volunteers, we have begun the difficult process of changing direction - and culture - in the California legislature. Women's victories in the 2016 California legislative elections demonstrated that recruiting works. In 2018, we will take another giant step toward gender parity.

We are honored to stand beside the fierce and determined women who are ready to be the change that is critically needed here and across the country. We are thankful for every one of you every single day.

Happy Thanksgiving.



Join the Conversation

Next week, close the gap CA founder, Mary Hughes, will lead a discussion about the effects of the recent sexual harassment accusations, the critical importance of women in politics, and the changing expectations across all sectors. Register for next week's [Women Engaged! Salon](#) now!

Can a Woman Save Weinstein Co.?

Fledging Weinstein Co. may be saved by LA business leader, Maria Contreras-Sweet, who proposed to acquire the company, rename it, keep it whole, and install a majority-female board of directors.

[Read the LA Times Piece >>](#)



New Orleans' Scores First Woman Mayor

LaToya Cantrell, a City Council member who first gained a political following as she worked to help her hard-hit neighborhood recover from Hurricane Katrina, won a historic election Saturday that made her the first woman mayor of New Orleans.

[Read the full Washington Post Piece here >>](#)



Want to end sexual harassment? Put more women in power. On Wednesday, November 29th, support the women who are exploring candidacies with close the gap CA. Take this moment to fuel the movement.



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close the gap CA is a statewide campaign to find talented, progressive women to run for open seats in the California legislature in 2018 and 2020. 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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