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Happy Thanksgiving from close the gap CA

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TOP 10 REASONS We're Giving ** Thanks

close the gap CA has a lot to be thankful for:

- **10) Fabulous famous friends.** These comedians know it's not funny that there are so few women in Sacramento watch <u>Wendy Liebman</u>, <u>Michaela</u> <u>Watkins</u> and <u>Mindy Sterling</u>.
- **9) Allies.** The extraordinary organizations that advocate for, support and train talented progressive women to run for office! Thank you, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA, EMILY's List, NWPC, BWOPA, HOPE-PAC, FWN, RWR, Emerge CA, and all our allies.
- 8) Generous donors, who support the vital work of recruiting talented progressive women to run. And we love our Indiegogo donors! <u>Let's blaze past \$7,500</u> contribute now!
- **7) Women legislators,** trailblazing fighters for reproductive rights, environmental responsibility, resources for public schools, a way up for those in poverty. You make the case for more women colleagues by your productivity.
- **6) Our Board and Steering Committee.** Thanks for using what you learned in office to bring others in.
- **5) Blogging buddies.** Great job spreading the word: when woman are only 26 percent of the California legislature, it's time for change.
- **4) Volunteers.** They research, write, organize, schedule, scout, analyze, interview and recruit. Grateful for all of you.
- 3) Facebook friends. If you are not already a Facebook friend, <u>"likeâ€</u> our

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page today! And thanks Twitter followers, more than 3,600 of you!

- **2) Prospective candidates.** Strong. Smart. Determined. Others talk about doing it. You're stepping up. Hats off to you.
- **1) You.** Thank you for staying vigilant on the long march to political equality. Without you, there's no progress.

Next year, let's be thankful that we made the effort and grateful for the new women who were elected in 2014.

P.S. Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Hanukkah!



-Betsy, Mary & the close the gap CA team



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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