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We Gained Some Ground. Hurrah!

Post-Game Analysis Part II: New Laws We Love



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Last week, we shared bills the Governor vetoed that we thought had merit. This week, we're highlighting new pro-women, pro-family laws Gov. Brown signed and congratulating their authors and supporting groups. Join us in especially cheering for CTGCA ally, [Equal Rights Advocates](#), for their tireless work moving [A Stronger California](#) agenda toward the goal.



CTGCA Ally, Fund Her, Launches

Fund Her will join the women-forward alliance seeking

Gov. Brown signed these common-sense laws that benefit and protect the economic security of women and the communities in which they live:

Employers: Salary History Information:
AB 168 (Eggman)

AB 168 prohibits employers from seeking salary history information from applicants and requires most employers to provide the pay scale for a position to an applicant upon reasonable request.

Unlocking Opportunities for Families Bill:
AB 273 (Aguiar-Curry)

Parents seeking ESL and GED training qualify for child care assistance under AB 273, empowering them to increase their educational level and supporting their children's healthy development. Woot!

New Parent Leave Act:
SB 63 (Jackson)

Under previous laws, only employers with 50 or more employees were required to provide parental leave. SB 63 protects crucial bonding time for even more Californian parents by expanding the class of employers who must provide parental leave to employers with 20 or more employees. What's more, this fantastic new law also protects their health care coverage during parental leave.

Protections for Domestic Violence Survivors on CalWORKS:
AB 557 (Rubio)

Domestic violence victims have greater access to CalWORKS benefits under AB 557 because this

gender parity in the California legislature by 2028 by providing critical financial support to the talented progressive women running for the legislature. [Join their Bay Area Launch on November 8th in San Francisco!](#)



“You roll your eyes and cringe inside, and then you laugh it off and say, ‘That’s OK.’”

Not anymore. Women in California's Capitol - like women in every arena - are shaking off the longstanding (if disheartening) routine of responding to sexual harassment and assault with grudging acceptance and silence. [Read more in this LA Times piece.](#)



Power of the Purse

Women's skyrocketing political engagement extends to their purse strings: the number of female donors to federal candidates is up by 284% this election cycle.

common-sense new law requires a county to waive program requirements where, if not waived, the family would be at greater risk of harm or unfairly penalized.

Access to Menstrual Hygiene Products in Shelters, Schools, & Universities:
AB 10 (Garcia)

At last, California takes tangible steps to acknowledge and protect the realities of women's health. Under AB 10, bathrooms in shelters, schools, and universities must offer free menstrual hygiene supplies. Read more about Asm. Cristina Garcia's quest to achieve these menstrual health goals in [this LA Weekly piece](#).

The California Values Act:
SB 54 (De León)

Under the divisive Trump Administration, too many families increasingly live in fear of deportation that threatens to pull them apart. SB 54 expressly limits California law enforcement's role in federal immigration enforcement, thus safeguarding the relationship between immigrants and their state government to keep schools, health facilities, and courthouses safe and accessible.

CalWORKS Welfare-to-Work: Necessary Diaper Supportive Services:
AB 480 (Gonzalez Fletcher)

CalWORKS has long sought to provide families much-needed welfare-to-work benefits, and under AB 480, families and single parents now have access to cash assistance for diapers - so basic! so important! - and other supportive services.

Roll Call examines this exciting surge - [read more here!](#)



GOING LIKE HOTCAKES!!

Literature, Leadership & Brunch: Los Angeles

Join CTGCA for brunch with Nina Tassler, former Chair of CBS Entertainment and author of "What I Told My Daughter: Lessons from Leaders on Raising the Next Generation of Empowered Women". [Learn more!](#)

Sunday, November 12th
11:00 am to 1:00 pm.
Hancock Park, Los Angeles

So, today we say, *Cheers, ladies!*



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