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## Channel the Momentum!

Women are only 22% of the California legislature - We can do better!



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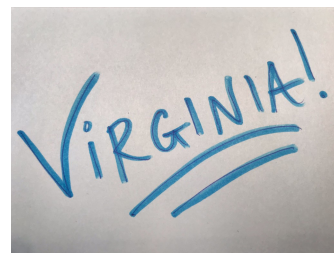
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Feeling excited after Tuesday's victories nationwide? So are we! This exciting moment can be a springboard to more victories in 2018, and we at *close the gap, CA* don't intend to let this opportunity pass in California.

Our 2018 recruiting is well underway and getting more exciting by the day. Already, a roster of talented, progressive women are positioned to claim victories in these targeted open districts:



**Virginia Women Making History!**

Huge shout-out to our friends in Virginia:

- AD 51 (East LA),
- AD 15 (East Bay),
- AD 30 (Salinas Valley),
- SD 12 (Merced),
- SD 22 (San Gabriel Valley), and
- SD 20 (Inland Empire).

16 seats turned Democratic, and 12 of those were won by women!

Read more from the [Washington Post](#) and [The Nation](#).

What's more, progressive women are challenging conservative incumbents in AD 16 (Walnut Creek, Dublin), AD 76 (North San Diego County), and possibly AD 23 (Fresno County).

CTGCA's Sacramento Symposium in May provided many of these candidates with the resources to make an informed decision to run, and our recruiters are still actively working with prospective candidates and local allies in other districts to keep this momentum going.

We can get to gender parity in the California legislature by 2028 by recruiting strategically - but only if we have the resources. [Whatever you can contribute today](#), it advances the cause.

Let's do this, California.



"Where Good Politics and Good Medicine Meet"

[This New Yorker piece](#) highlights the importance in women's roles in scientific research because -- surprise surprise -- we're different than men. Historically, women have been underrepresented in clinical trials, but research shows that more women participate in the creation and execution of a scientific study, the more that study accounts for critical gender-related and sex-related differences.

**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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