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# Introducing CTGCA's new Board of Directors!

As **close the gap CA** heads into our next chapter, we are pleased to announce the accomplished women who will be joining us as Board Members.



**Karriann Farrell Hinds** is an LA lawyer and activist who has dedicated her career to enacting change in the political system to achieve equality. She serves on several boards, including regional chapters of the ACLU and NWPC.

**Sonya Logman** is Deputy Secretary of Business and Consumer Relations at the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency in Sacramento. Over her decade of public service, she has worked with many Democratic leaders and held leadership positions in the state and local party.



**Danielle Carrig** is Senior VP of Communications and Public Affairs for Lifetime. Her recent initiatives include Broad Focus, which aims to increase the numbers of women in behind-the-camera roles. Prior



LA Supervisors Kuehl and Solis

**LA County Supervisors Sheila Kuehl and Hilda Solis introduced a motion that would create a 5 year initiative on Women and Girls.** The LA Times explores the motion and discusses why "what's good for women and girls is good for LA county". More [here](#).

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**The New Yorker put together this list of 13 women who should consider running for president.** To reach parity, we need more women to consider running at every level of government! More [here](#).



**Silissa Uriarte Smith** of Long Beach has nearly 20-years of professional experience in the progressive political, non-profit and government sectors as an advocate, advisor and executive. Silissa founded 360 Collaborative Solutions to help progressive organizations improve their communities.

to Lifetime, Carrig was Executive Director of Step Up Women's Network, a national non-profit. She lives in LA.



**Betsy Cotton**, a lawyer and women's rights advocate, has served on the Board of ERA, worked as Development Director for The 2012 Project, and was previously the Executive Director of CTGCA. She lives in Oakland with her two daughters.



You can read in-depth bios for our new Board [here](#).

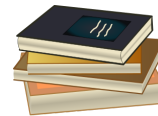
**Happy Holidays!** We'll see you in January.



**American Express will now offer 20 weeks of fully paid parental leave to both mothers and fathers!**

Employees who've been with the company more than a year will qualify, even if they are part time. More [here](#).

## Coming up!



### Save the date!

**CTGCA's Literature, Leadership and Lunch event is coming back.** Please mark your calendar for Friday, February 10th! Further details to come.

## We Recruit.





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### ABOUT CLOSE THE GAP CA

Close the gap CA is a campaign to increase the number of progressive women serving in the California Legislature by recruiting viable, progressive women to run for open seats in targeted, winnable districts. The campaign recruits accomplished women who are pro-choice, pro-public school funding and support paths out of poverty. By partnering with CA progressive organizations, close the gap CA aims to achieve gender parity in the CA legislature in 2028.

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