

[View this email in your browser](#)



December 9, 2016



Great Reads

The Future IS Female. The LA County Board of Supervisors, which oversees the provision of services to over 10 million people and a budget in excess of \$30 billion, now has a female supermajority. With the election of two new women, only one of its five members is a man. The Future Is Female, indeed. More [here](#).

Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-Whittier) was recently elected Vice Chairwoman of the House Democratic Caucus, making her the first Latina to serve in a House leadership position. More [here](#).

The NY Times writes that CA's many young, rising Democratic stars might provide a solution for the party as much of its leadership approaches the end of their careers. With Democratic supermajorities in both state houses, we certainly agree that California has a deep pool of new talent! More [here](#).

From OpenSecrets:
"Representation2020, Common Cause and the Center for Responsive Politics have

What a wonderful Monday. The CTGCA team gathered in Sacramento to celebrate the seven progressive women sworn in that morning to serve in our target districts.



State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson reviews progressive



The President Pro Tem congratulates the newly elected

legislation for women and families carried by women legislators.

women legislators.

released a new report revealing the **systemic disparity in funding for female candidates** by PACs, individual donors and major parties." More [here](#).

Thank you to the Senators and Assemblymembers who stopped by to express how critical close the gap CA's work is to finding the best and brightest to serve in the Legislature.

- Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom
- President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon
- Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson
- Sen. Connie Leyva
- Sen. Nancy Skinner
- Sen. Richard Pan
- Former State Sup. of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin
- Asm. Sabrina Cervantes
- Asm. Susan Eggman
- Asm Cristina Garcia
- Asm. Ash Kalra
- Asm. Monique Limón
- Asm. Eloise Reyes
- Asm. Blanca Rubio
- Asm. Miguel Santiago
- Asm. Mark Stone

Our campaign stopped the backward slide of progressive women in the CA Legislature. We can achieve full parity by 2028 with a concerted effort. We are already recruiting for 2018. Spark the surge. **Contribute today.**

Please enjoy these photos from our reception:



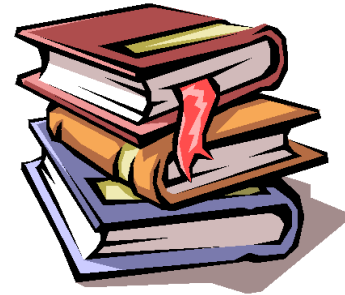
New State Sen. Nancy Skinner shares her enthusiasm with the room.



Asm. Christina Garcia addresses the crowd.



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.

Board of Directors

CTGCA is excited to announce that we are welcoming in a new Board of Directors. Look for next week's alert for introductions and bios.

Clockwise, from top left: New Asm. (and CTGCA recruit) Blanca Rubio (left), CTGCA's former ED Betsy Cotton (right) and a guest; ERA ED Noreen Farrell (second from left), Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson (center), Sen. Connie Leyva (second form right), and two guests proudly display their official "Woman Cards"; former State Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin speaks with guests; CTGCA southern CA recruiter Ennette Morton (left) applauds with the crowd.



New Asm. and CTGCA recruit Sabrina Cervantes.



CTGCA's founder and political strategist Mary Hughes welcomes Asm. Mark Stone.



We Recruit.

-  [Facebook](#)
-  [Twitter](#)
-  [Website](#)
-  [LinkedIn](#)

-  [Share](#)
-  [Tweet](#)
-  [Forward to Friend](#)

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.

*Federal tax law requires us to publicly report cumulative contributions of \$200 or more. We may not deposit your contribution without your name, occupation, and employer, and may not accept contributions of \$100 or more made in cash. Contributions to close the gap CA are not tax deductible. close the gap CA is a registered 527 organization.

Paid for by 2016 Close the Gap CA, All rights reserved.
You are receiving this email because you opted in.

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

