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News of Note



"Tsai Ing-wen was elected Taiwan's president on Saturday, becoming the first woman to win the office."
 Full NYT story [here](#).

Hello friends,

Last week we announced that viable, progressive women candidates have declared in 17 open and swing target districts - one more than our 16 in '16 recruiting goal. Thank you!

Now we're assessing our next move and need your help. **Please take our brief, anonymous survey by clicking [here](#).**

We'll keep you posted on the results and our decision. Thanks.



The [World Economic Forum](#) in Davos, Switzerland features global leaders in business, finance and governance -- and very few women. This year, the event will face gender inequality head on. More [here](#).



Progress! ctgCA's ace recruiter **Holly Teliska** testified at the California Democratic Party's Platform Hearing on Nov. 20th. Thanks to Holly and ctgCA's **Janet Cook** and **Jackie Wheeler**, the 2016 Platform Draft* includes a new plank on gender parity in elected office!

The text:

"Recognize the decline in the number of Democratic women serving in the state legislature and promote the importance of women running for and serving in public office."

*The 2016 Platform will be voted on at the CDP Convention Feb. 26-28.



Come hear **close the gap CA** Director **Betsy Cotton** discuss the "Year of the Political Woman" with the Democratic Women of Monterey County on Thursday, Jan 21! Register now and show your support for women in politics. Details [here](#).

Coming Up



Watch for news of ctgCA events at the CDP convention. Feb. 26 - 28 in San Jose

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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.

*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.

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