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## Women chair Budget and Appropriations Committees



Progressive women legislators took charge of powerful committees in both the Senate and the Assembly this week with Senator Holly Mitchell (LA) chairing the Budget Committee in her house and Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez (SD) chairing Appropriations in hers.

Good to see women leading on agriculture, veterans affairs, economic development, judiciary and natural resources among other policy committees. Here's a complete list of women chairs in the Assembly and Senate:

### Senate:

- Democratic Caucus Chair: **Sen. Connie Leyva, D-Chino**
- Agriculture: **Sen. Cathleen Galgiani, D-Stockton**
- Budget and Fiscal Review: **Sen. Holly Mitchell, D-Los Angeles**



Senators Feinstein and Boxer

**Feinstein and Boxer:** An interesting reflection on the 24-year partnership of the first two female Senators elected to serve their state together. Read it [here](#).

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**In Nevada women's representation improved significantly.** Women now make up 40% of the state's legislature. More [here](#).

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**"Latina Elected Officials Make History".** Latinas made gains in states and positions across the country, including the 5 Latinas elected in ctgCA target districts! More [here](#).

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- Judiciary: **Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, D-Santa Barbara**
- Public Safety: **Sen. Nancy Skinner, D-Berkeley**



**The Pope has appointed Barbara Jatta (above) as the new Director of the Vatican Museums.** She's now a first woman to ever hold that position and the highest-ranking female administrator in the Vatican. More [here](#).

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### Assembly:

- Accountability and Administrative Review: **Asm Susan Eggman, D-Stockton**
- Agriculture: **Asm. Anna Caballero, D-Salinas**
- Appropriations: **Asm. Lorena Gonzalez, D-San Diego**
- Human Services: **Asm Blanca Rubio, D-Baldwin Park**
- Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy: **Asm. Sharon Quirk-Silva, D-Fullerton**
- Local Government: **Asm. Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, D-Winters**
- Natural Resources: **Asm. Cristina Garcia, D-Bell Gardens**
- Veteran Affairs: **Asm. Jacqui Irwin, D-Thousand Oaks**
- Legislative Ethics: **Asm. Eloise Reyes, D-Grand Terrace**

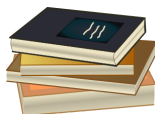
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- New American Leaders Project: [Here](#)

- Women's Policy Institute, County level: [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.

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