



**CALIFORNIA IS MAKING HISTORIC PROGRESS ON GENDER EQUALITY:
JOIN ME FEBRUARY 28TH
AT LIONSGATE IN SANTA MONICA**

Dear Friends,

Former President Barack Obama said something in December that is hard to argue with:



*"I'm absolutely confident that for two years if every nation on earth was **run by women**, you would see **a significant improvement** across the board on just about everything."*

Agreed Mr. President.

Here in California, we are making historic progress toward that vision. [Close the Gap California](#)'s groundbreaking campaign to recruit women candidates is one powerful reason why.

As the leader of our State Senate, I have watched with admiration as my female colleagues- a record number of them- tackle some of the most complex and controversial issues facing California, to resounding success. But we need

to keep the policy solutions- and the women and LGBTQ legislators who can write and pass them- coming.

I hope you will [join me](#) to support **Close the Gap California** and their critical work to right the scales of representation in our state, and set an example for the rest of the nation.

Friday, February 28, 2020
5:00 PM-7:00 PM

VIP Host Reception
5:00 - 5:30pm

General Reception
5:30 - 6:00pm

Panel Discussion
6:00 - 7:00pm

LOCATION
Lionsgate
2700 Colorado Ave
Santa Monica, CA 90404

SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION LEVELS

Visionary	\$10,000
Ally	\$5,000
Champion	\$2,500
Sponsor	\$1,000
Supporter	\$500
Friend	\$250
Young Professional	\$100

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You can read the rest of my essay, “A Powerful Sisterhood,” [here](#) for more on what Californians stands to gain when we work together to empower women leaders by supporting Close the Gap’s targeted efforts on the ground.

I hope to see you on February 28th at Lionsgate- and please invite your friends!

For Equality,



California Senate President Pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins



[Join CTGCA and Pro Tem Atkins](#) February 28th for [a dynamic discussion](#) about living and working in stubbornly inequitable times, and how women- and women LGBTQ champions in particular- are rebalancing the scales of representation for the larger good!

NEWS

BUZZWORTHY

NEW REPORT: WOMEN STATE LEGISLATORS DELIVER.

“NWLC’s analysis of legislative data tracked by Quorum over the past two legislative sessions found that women state legislators introduced more bills and saw more of their legislation enacted than their male counterparts. Additionally, our research shows that women’s representation was associated

with positive overall effects, namely productivity.”

[Read more at CNN](#)



The 32 female members of the Nevada Legislature photographed in Carson City, Nevada, on February 4, 2019. They are the first female majority Legislature in the US.

THANK YOU, SEN. JACKSON & PRO TEM ATKINS

From [Broadsheet](#): “Goldman Sachs CEO David Solomon shook up the World Economic Forum yesterday when he announced that the bank would refuse to take a company public unless it had at least one ‘diverse’ board member.

[Solomon said](#)... ‘IPOs are a pivotal moment for firms,’ and that diversity in the boardroom ‘matters for performance.’ Solomon said that in the past four years, **the public offerings of U.S. companies with at least one female director performed “significantly better” than those without.**

It’s worth noting that WeWork was a high-profile culprit of the all-male board trend and [that Goldman would have been](#) one of the investment banks to lead its IPO, which was ultimately pulled amid questions related to the co-working space’s valuation and governance.”



Sen. Hannah Beth Jackson's landmark CA Senate Bill 826 (2018), with Lead Author Toni Atkins, mandated gender diversity on corporate boards and is now widely cited as spurring action.

CONGRATS TO EMERGE AMERICA'S NEW PRESIDENT: [A'SHANTI GHOLAR!](#)

Hear the Salon.com interview with A'shanti, prior to the announcement:

["How We Get More Women of Color Elected"](#)



YALE CLIMATE CONNECTIONS:

"People worried about global warming often want their leaders to enact ambitious climate policies. A [recent study](#) suggests that electing female politicians can help make that happen."

"We found that female representation in national parliaments does lead countries to adopt more stringent climate change policies," says economics professor Astghik Mavisakalyan.

[Read full article here](#)



A special event at the November 2016 UN climate change conference in Marrakech highlighted women's leadership in addressing climate change. (Photo credit: UN Climate Change / Flickr)

BONUS PHOTO: "MEET THE POLITICAL PIPELINE"

CTGCA joined up with allies January 25th to address Emerge CA's Class of 2020: *Executive Director Susannah Delano, Johanna Silva-Waki of EMILY's List, Melanie Ramil of Emerge CA, Sophia Garcia of Latinas Lead, Kula Koenig of BWOPA Sacramento.*



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