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Central Valley Women Are On A Roll.



CTGCA invested in the Central Valley this week, hosting dozens of one-on-one meetings and roundtable discussions with

rising progressive women leaders in Fresno, Merced and Stockton.

(Above: Executive Director Susannah Delano, FUSB Nasreen Johnson, and Keshia Thomas at the Fresno reception)

(Pictured to the right: Dr. Ines Ruiz Huston of UOP, Assembly member Eggman, and Valeria Sanabia at the Stockton reception)



Each evening culminated in a jam-packed reception abuzz with new prospective



One of the amazing women we met in the Central Valley:

Annie Delgado

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candidates and allies. **Assemblymember Susan Eggman** offered inspirational counsel to the crowd in Stockton. Merced County **Supervisor Lee Lor** called, "I need help!," urging attendees to step up and join her in elected office. **Central Valley Dem Club President Jessica Self** inspired us all by recounting her group's "Project Blue Wave," which flipped 32 of their 33 targeted local seats blue in 2017. And in Fresno, **Sanger City Councilmember Melissa Hurtado** (who just declared for SD 14) and **Director of Cultiva La Salud Genoveva Islas** (running for Fresno City Council) got us fired up for the next chapter in Central Valley elected leadership. Still others solidified plans to run in 2018 and beyond. Close the gap CA recruiters worked with prospective candidates to ensure that each understands the path to elected office.

CTGCA comes away from our tour deeply inspired by the talent and passion Central Valley women demonstrate every day—and more committed than ever to supporting them on their path to elected office in the weeks, months and years ahead.

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Let these powerful Central Valley women know we've got their backs! Support CTGCA's critical work to make sure these diverse, progressive women take their rightful place in the CA State Legislature by giving \$30 today.

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Join us for
Literature,
Leadership and
Lunch celebrating
women writers,
leaders and
thinkers.

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San Diego!

Join CTGCA, Run Women Run and Asm. Laura Friedman on 2/23 to hear about her leadership against sexual harassment.



Deja Villanueva, Mary Hughes, Central Valley Dem Club President Jessica Self and Lise Talbott at the Merced reception



Supervisor Lee Lor speaking to crowd in Merced

close the gap CA is a statewide campaign to find talented, progressive women to run for open seats in the California legislature in 2018 and 2020. 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.



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