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Our African American women legislators Past & Present

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The 14 accomplished African American women who serve(d) in the California Legislature offered diverse life experiences, varied policy expertise and a commitment to progress. Several achieved historic "firsts" and seven went on to serve in Congress.

Today we send our thanks and congratulations. Thanks for all they have done and will do for us. Congratulations on their groundbreaking accomplishments. [Learn more about each of them here.](#)



Hon. Yvonne Brathwaite Burke



Hon. Karen Bass



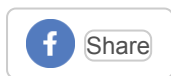
Hon. Holly Mitchell



Hon. Shirley Weber



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