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Will you be watching the Oscars on Sunday?

Some of us wouldn't miss it for anything – the excitement, the drama, the glamour, the speeches, the anticipation of who will win.

We can't help noticing, though, the Academy Awards' [big diversity gap](#):

- Only one woman of color has ever won an award for Best Actress (Halle Berry, 2002).
- Only one woman has ever won Best Director (Kathryn Bigelow, 2010).

Diversity gaps will close faster if we close them first in Sacramento. :

- Only 1 Latina serves in the Senate today versus 6 a decade ago; this drops to 0 if we don't recruit a woman to replace Senator Norma Torres as she is running for Congress.
- Only 1 Asian-Pacific Islander woman serves in the Assembly, versus 4 a decade ago.
- Only 32 women serve now, versus 37 in 2006.

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We can change the picture if we recruit.

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Find out how to get involved and increase the number of women filing to run and getting elected.

Meet Senator Holly Mitchell, Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva, Senator Christine Kehoe (ret.), San Francisco Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu, Norma Vargas of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest & other inspiring speakers.

Plus, special guest **Rebecca Sive**, author of "Every Day is Election Day" – her book has been described as the "Lean In" of politics.

IN THE NEWS

[Listen to a podcast](#) of Mary Hughes (at the 30 min mark) on the "California Woman 411" progressive radio show.

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.

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