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**Punxsutawney Phyllis came out, looked around and saw too few women in office. She wanted to go back into her hole.**



**Then she wondered why.** Women were waking up every day to the same legislature yet expecting better policies for themselves and their daughters. **Phyllis realized she wouldn't get out of her hole unless we tried something different.**

That's why **close the gap CA** is here: to find and recruit progressive women with the talent and experience to help Phyllis see something new next time.

**Make it happen!**



The Senate Majority Leader in Ohio suggested that his female opponent might not be fit for office because she is a "young gal" and mother of two. Read it [here](#).

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A Kansas State Senator imposed a dress code for women testifying before his committee to prevent them from being distracting. The men, he felt, needed no guidance. More [here](#).



Seven women are campaigning to become London's next mayor. Story [here](#).





**ctgCA events at the CDP convention. Feb. 26 - 28 in San Jose:**



- 1. Come see us at our booth!
  - 2. Join our program Sat., 2-4 pm
  - 3. We're hosting a party Saturday evening!
- [Volunteers Needed.](#)



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**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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