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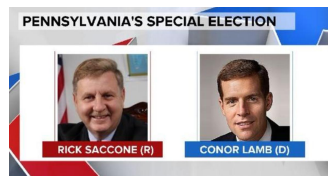
How a quiet election year became a recruiting bonanza



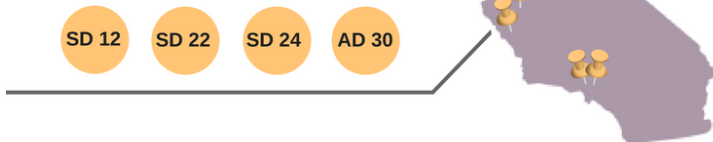
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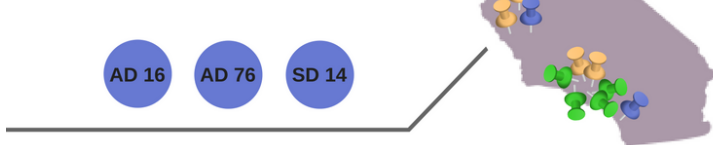
close the gap CA recruits one election cycle ahead. So in 2016, when we looked at opportunities in 2018, CTGCA targeted 4 winnable seats among only 6 seats expected to be open.



With 2017 and '18 bringing resignations, retirements and declarations for higher office, we added new target districts, recruiting in:



As progressives began to win special congressional and state legislative elections in purple districts across the country last year, and as resources began to come into targeted congressional districts across California, we broadened our focus again adding:



Filing closed last Friday for all but a handful of races, with progressive women running in all but one of our targeted seats. In the wake of #MeToo, the voters of California have many great opportunities to elect talented, effective women to lead in the Legislature.

You helped make that possible. Good work!

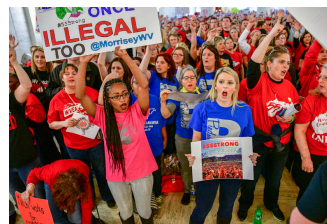
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