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Substantive women make real change.



It's quite a climb to reach equality, but elected women in office are making strides. That's why we're working to recruit more of them. **Here are 5 whose current bills demonstrate how important our women legislators really are:**



Sen. Holly J. Mitchell

Repeal Maximum Family Grant - [SB 23](#)

Repealing MFG increases financial assistance to babies born in poverty. An Assembly budget hearing on Repeal MFG is set for today. This [article](#) explains the bill's importance.

Sen. Connie Leyva

Reliable Schedules Act - [AB 878](#)

This bill would improve the rights of retail and food workers who are subject to



Measuring Progress:

The "[Women's Well-Being Index](#)", created by:

the **WOMEN'S FOUNDATION**
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Measures: Health, Personal Safety, Employment & Earnings, Economic Security, and Political Empowerment. **Here's how the counties compare:**



The project states "When



unreliable scheduling and shift changes. Read an overview [here](#).



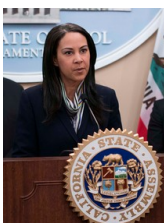
Asm. Nora Campos
Place Limitations on Prior Salary Inquiries by Employers - [AB 1676](#)

Private employers would be prohibited from seeking prior salary information from an applicant. Assembly Labor Committee hearing will be in April.



Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson
Protect Leave for Working Families - [SB 1166](#)

Provides for job-protected paternity and maternity leave of up to 3 months for nearly all employees in CA. Hearing 4/6. More [here](#).



Asm. Autumn Burke
Direct Access to Reproductive Health Act - [AB 1954](#)

Would allow women on commercial health plans to go out-of-network if necessary to get timely sexual and reproductive health care.

women thrive, their families and communities prosper. Yet despite decades of progress, women still face persistent disparities on a range of issues" - **We agree! It's why we do what we do.**

A Stronger California:

"A Stronger California" agenda outlines key legislative priorities to improve the economic security of women.

"We seek to promote policy reform in order to meet basic needs and provide better income support, achieve fair pay and working conditions, support workforce development, encourage asset building, and ensure work-family flexibility and access to quality child care." Read more about the agenda [here](#).

"Not just Hillary"

This [article](#) in NY Magazine reminds us all that, though one particular woman is dominating the political scene this cycle, she's not alone.

We need more great women in office.
We'll find them.



Women are running for office at all levels of government. Find a great one to support! Check out our [page](#) for CA legislative candidates.

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