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The Times Require Women to Lead



Donald Trump meets 30 men to discuss future of maternity care ([The Independent](#))

If ever you have thought of running for office, now is the time to pursue it.

The need is greater, the threat of women losing ground in Congress and falling farther behind in our state legislatures is real.

Women have worked hard to affect policy as elected leaders. But on many fronts, equal opportunity still isn't there. There are too few of us in decision-making positions; too few of us shaping the policies and budgets that should reflect our values and aspirations for our country. Too few of us stepping forward.

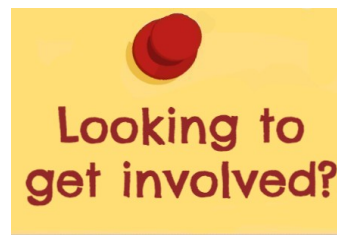
It's 2017. Women are 22% of the California



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MODERN FAMILY: How Women Candidates Can Talk About Politics, Parenting, and Their Personal Lives

An important memo from the Barbara Lee Family Foundation, researched in conjunction with Lake Research Partners. [Here](#).



1. VOLUNTEER! Orientations for Bay Area Supporters who want to lend their time and talents to CTGCA

Evenings, March 30th and April 20th. If you're interested in volunteering with us, email Elizabeth [here](#) for orientation details.

2. Literature, Leadership and Lunch heads to Los Angeles! June, 2017. Details forthcoming.

Legislature. We know women legislators change the agenda, procedures, the content and outcome of legislation. And we know how we can add more progressive women to make the changes we need.



WE RECRUIT PROGRESSIVE WOMEN WHO FIT THEIR DISTRICTS.

ARE YOU WITH US?



"The Fight is Female"

This piece published in Lenny Letter discusses the author's pro-bono legal work assisting traveler's affected by the Presidents ban, as well as the broader picture of the ways in which women are leading the fight against the new administration's problematic policies.

Read more [here](#).

We Recruit.



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Close the gap CA is a campaign to increase the number of progressive women serving in the California Legislature by recruiting viable, progressive women to run for open seats in targeted, winnable districts. The campaign recruits accomplished women who are pro-choice, pro-public school funding and support paths out of poverty. By partnering with CA progressive organizations, close the gap CA aims to achieve gender parity in the CA legislature in 2028.

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