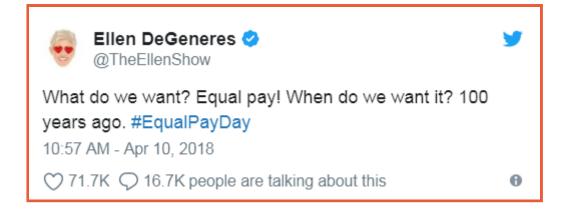
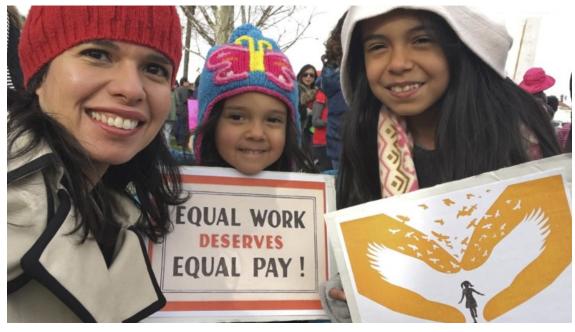


# California's Women Legislators Set The Bar High, And The Nation Follows



The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' recent ruling that previous salaries could not dictate an employee's wages comes nearly six months after California passed **Asm. Susan Eggman's** <u>AB 168</u> - a bill prohibiting previous salary inquiries across the state. The ruling couldn't have come at a more timely moment as we observed Equal Pay Day on April 10th this year.

What do we want? Equal pay. When do we want it? 100 years ago.



The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided with Aileen Rizo who sued the Fresno County Office of Education (pictured above with her daughters)

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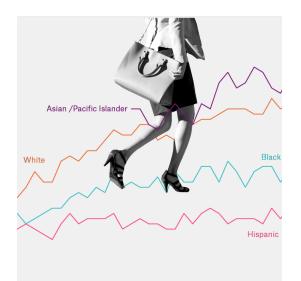
## "An Embarrassing Reality Of Our Economy"

The court's opinion on the Equal Pay Act was written by the late Judge Stephen Reinhardt who noted, "Although the Act has prohibited sex-based wage discrimination for more than fifty years, the financial exploitation of working women embodied by the gender pay gap continues to be an embarrassing reality of our economy."

Along with **Sen. Hannah Beth Jackson's SB 358**, the strongest equal pay law in the nation when it was signed in 2015, AB 168 further solidifies California as the gold standard when it comes to pay equity. The women legislators who have led on progressive policies like these have helped to level the playing field for Californians. This is just one reason of many that we are busy now, identifying and recruiting California's next generation of change-making women legislators. To succeed, we need your help!

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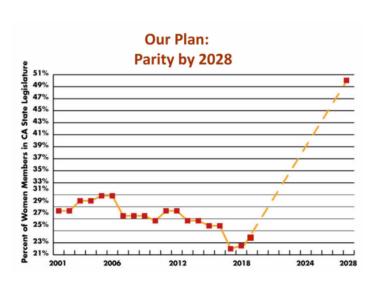
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#### Reminder: Today isn't Equal Pay Day for black, Latina or Native American women

For African-American women, Equal Pay Day won't be recognized until August 7th. For Native American and Latina women, Equal Pay Day won't be recognized until September 7th and November 1st.

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