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3 things you can do today

April 15, 2014



A friend sent us an urgent email asking if it was there was still time to recruit progressive women for the June ballot.

The answer is no for 2014; the filing deadline was in March.

But we've already begun recruiting for 2016, and we need your help.

1. Check out [the open seats](#). We're looking for talented women, particularly in Silicon Valley, the Central Valley, LA and San Diego. Send us your recommendations.
2. Tell Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg and the Legislative leadership: **Recruit women and make it a priority!** [Sign our petition here](#).
3. Support women who run. And consider working on a campaign. [Here's where women are running for open seats](#).

FAST FACTS about the 2014 Assembly and Senate races

Women candidates: 76 (47D, 26R and 3 other)

15 incumbents

22 challengers

39 in open seats (16 Assembly races and 7 Senate races)

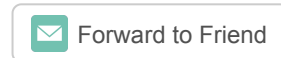
Clusters abound! There are multiple women running in several open races:

- 3 women candidates for SD 20, which has been Norma Torres' seat
- 4 women candidates for SD 26, held by Ted Lieu
- 3 women candidates for AD 62, held by Steven Bradford

Races with women candidates: 53 of 100

Races with male candidates: 89 of 100

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IN THE NEWS

KABC: [\[Video\] Find out what our friend Karriann Farrell Hinds told KABC](#) in LA about women earning less than men & why close the gap CA is recruiting women to run.

KGNU: [\[Audio\] Listen to Mary Hughes talk with journalist Sandra Fish](#) on what women politicians bring to the table (plenty).

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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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