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...and continue to do!



With your support, we recruit candidates with a commitment to healthy families, to public education and to creating paths out of poverty. We search for accomplished women, serious about the work.

We're proud that these Assemblymembers are following through with solid legislation. We'll keep you posted as they continue to shape public policy in California.

CREATING A PATH OUT OF POVERTY

Assemblymember **Cecilia Aguiar-Curry's** (D-Winters) bill, AB 273, "will help Californians who are pursuing English-language education or a High School Equivalency certificate receive state assistance for childcare services." ([details](#))

"Assemblymember **Anna Caballero** (D-Salinas) introduced AB 225, which will allow more working families to qualify for the Cal EITC. The bill will open eligibility to full-time minimum wage earners and will also adjust the minimum wage increase through 2020." ([details](#))

ENSURING HEALTHY FAMILIES



Congratulations, Peggy Whitson!

"Early Monday morning, Whitson officially set the US record for most cumulative days in space, surpassing astronaut Jeff Williams' record of 534 days, according to NASA." -CNN

Having taken eight spacewalks, Whitson also holds the record for the most among female astronauts. More [here](#).



Hundreds of thousands of people will converge on Washington, DC this weekend for the People's Climate March. **Rachel's Network will be working to train hundreds of pro-environment women to run for office the following day.**

What: Run to Win 101 – Environmental Candidate Training
When: Sunday, April 30, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Assemblymember **Laura Friedman** introduced a bill in response to the current ratio preventing physicians from supervising more than four nurse practioners. "AB 1560 eliminates the ratio, easing access to quality health care, particularly in underserved communities." ([details](#))

"This bill [AB 557, introduced by Assemblymember **Blanca Rubio**] would instead require a county to waive a CalWORKs program requirement for an applicant or recipient who is a past or present victim of abuse when the program requirement, if not waived, would place the family at risk of harm, unfairly penalize the family, or make it more difficult for the family to escape abuse." ([details](#))

PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY AND OPPORTUNITY

"AB 162 [introduced by Assemblymember **Sabrina Cervantes**] would make more small businesses eligible for the California Competes tax cut.... The tax cut is available to small businesses that wish to establish a business, or stay and grow an existing business, in California." ([details](#))

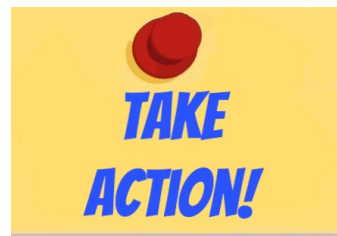
"In order to provide more transparency and accountability to the public, Assembly Bill 1328, a bill by Assemblymember **Monique Limón** (D-Santa Barbara), requires quarterly disclosure of chemicals used in oil and gas operations, just passed its first legislative hurdle in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee..." ([details](#))

Think we need more legislative action like this?
Help us recruit more great women candidates!



Where: Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, location TBD

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Convention Volunteers Needed. CTGCA will be tabling at the CA Democratic Convention 5/19 - 21 in Sacramento. If you can spare a few hours to volunteer at our booth, please let Elizabeth know at elizabeth@closethegapca.org and we'll be in touch.

We're going Hollywood!
On Saturday, May 13th join CTGCA at the 11th annual West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference.
"It's Your Turn: Running for Office 101"
3:30pm-5pm
West Hollywood Library
More conference info is here: <http://wehowlc.org>

We Recruit.



ABOUT CLOSE THE GAP CA

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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