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Introducing 16 in '16

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Imagine a talented progressive woman you admire running for the California Assembly or Senate.

Reducing poverty, improving schools, expanding access to reproductive healthcare. Collaborative, ethical, policy-changing.

Now multiply that and think **16 in '16!** There are [16 open seats](#) progressives should win in 2016. We're recruiting accomplished women to run in each of them.

But we need your expertise and judgment.

1. **[Nominate a great woman.](#)** Think about leaders you know on city councils and county boards. Who's worked hard for others? Who's a social entrepreneur? (Perhaps you just need to look in the mirror!)
2. **Did you know?**
 - o Fewer women serve in the CA legislature than a decade ago!
 - o 2016 provides a unique opportunity to increase our numbers in the Capitol. This many open seats won't come along again until 2022.
 - o If a woman runs for president in 2016, women candidates will benefit from the



uptick in voter turnout. It's time. Let's be ready.

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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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