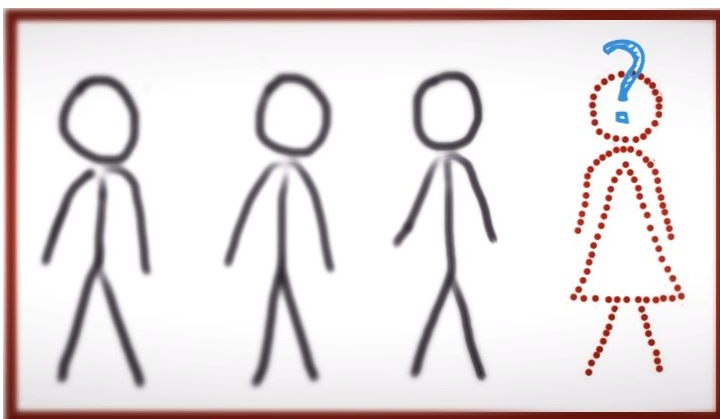


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April 5, 2016

Special Election! (men only)



Despite enthusiastic local advocates and a roster of extraordinary potential candidates, a special election was held yesterday in AD 31 (Fresno) without a single woman on the ballot.



It takes a bench of viable prospects to ensure that a strong progressive woman will run at every opportunity and in every seat. **It is also takes time, funding and organizations committed to gender equality.**

Today, only 24% of the candidates for the state legislature in 2016 are women.



Facebook? Twitter?
Web savvy?
Help manage our website and social media. [Email us!](#)

Great resources for future candidates:



Ready to Run Training
Interested in running for political office, working on a campaign, or pursuing public service? The Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) has an upcoming training:

Saturday, April 9, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles
[Registration here](#)



Appointments Training
Ever considered getting involved in your local community as an

Close the gap CA is making progress, but not fast enough. We're ready to do more.



appointee to a board or commission? California Women Lead is holding a training:
Thursday, May 12, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Ashford University, Santa Clarita

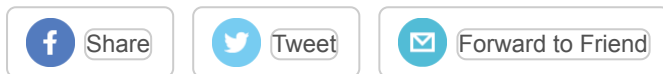
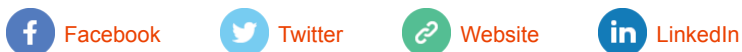
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And we encourage you to take action, too:

- Support a candidate in the June primary. Find state legislative candidates [here](#).
- Check out the trainings in the sidebar to better prepare yourself to volunteer on a campaign or pursue an appointment.
- Look for great candidates for 2018. How about you!



"Congratulations!" to the women of [UConn's basketball team](#) for their fourth straight NCAA championship win.



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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