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The Women of 2016

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Why Don't More Women Run? Part 3



Friends, Prospects, and CTGCA Alums: Susan Rubio, Blanca Rubio, Sharon Quirk Silva, Karina Cervantez, Monique Limon, and Sabrina Cervantes

Every week this month, we are answering the question above. Our answer this week: **They don't have a road map.**

No road map, no on ramp, no GPS: many women just don't have access to political power brokers or a clear path to office.

The **California Democratic Convention** in Anaheim this past weekend proved a rousing success! We connected prospective candidates with old and new allies and expanded our statewide network of people who share our mission.



Janet Cook (l) and Betsy Cotton (r) of CTGCA, with State Senator Connie Leyva



CTGCA, Emerge CA, CDC, and WIP PAC make the case for

However, if there's one thing the convention reminded us of, it's that there is a huge network of women and men who want more women to run and win. They'll do whatever they can to help. We, and our allies at Emerge CA,

political parity: Candidate Sharon Quirk Silva, Assembly member Susan Talamentes Eggman, Assembly member Nora Campos, CTGCA Founder Mary Hughes, CDC President Emilie Gatfield, Assembly member Cristina Garcia, Speaker Toni Atkins, Assembly member Mark Stone, Delegate, Assembly member David Chiu

the California Democratic Council, and Women in Power PAC, are **#ReadyForHerToo**.

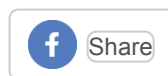
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close the gap CA is a statewide campaign to find talented, progressive women to run for open seats in the California legislature in 2014 and 2016. With focus and a targeted strategy, we can 'close the gap' and not just the gender gap. When we elect 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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