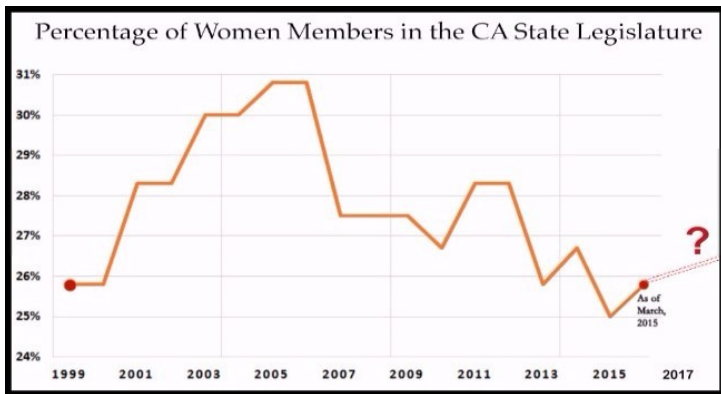


[View this email in your browser](#)



June 14, 2016

## What could our Legislature look like in 2017?



Friends and Colleagues,

Last week's California Primary gave us a lot to celebrate. Thanks to you we have an opportunity to elect more women to the Legislature in November.

**Targeted Recruiting Works!** (See results [here](#))

In 2014, we identified districts for recruiting. Last Tuesday, we exceeded expectations. **Women prevailed in 15 of our 17 target districts and will be on the ballot in November.**

Eight placed first and eight placed second. Three-quarters of the women advancing in CTGCA districts are women of color.



**A Stronger Calif<sup>o</sup>rnia:**

**We're seeing successes for "A Stronger California" Agenda!** The Legislature and Governor have reached an appropriations agreement. Successes include expanding funding for childcare programs for low income families by \$500 mil. The bill would also repeal the Maximum Family Grant (MFG) which prevents mothers from receiving additional public assistance if they have another child. "A Stronger California" is a project of Equal Rights Advocates and the Legislative Women's Caucus. More [here](#).

**really?!?**



## THANK YOU!

This is a significant victory for women in California and demonstrates the power of targeted recruiting.

Onward.

**Join us.**



\*Read our press release on last Tuesday's victory [here](#).

Left to Right: Justices Kagan, Sotomayor and Ginsburg.

Mother Jones reports: **even on the Supreme Court, men do most of the interrupting and women receive the most interruptions.**

*"Research going back to the 1970s shows definitively what women have long understood intuitively: Men have a hard time letting women talk without interrupting them—frequently. Apparently, not even holding one of the most powerful posts in America spares women from this irritating phenomenon."*  
Read more [here](#).

---

## 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.

\*Federal tax law requires us to publicly report cumulative contributions of \$200 or more. We may not deposit your contribution without your name, occupation, and employer, and may not accept contributions of \$100 or more made in cash. Contributions to close the gap CA are not tax deductible. close the gap CA is a registered 527 organization.

Paid for by 2016 Close the Gap CA, All rights reserved.  
You are receiving this email because you opted in.

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)