



Sacramento Symposium Sparks Decisions

On Monday, May 22nd, close the gap CA hosted 19 prospective candidates for the legislature at its once-a-cycle Sacramento Symposium. Prospective candidates heard from past and present Legislative leaders, policy experts, advocates and women legislators.

Nearly a dozen women’s political organizations also introduced themselves and explained how they can help. For a number of prospects, the symposium was the last event before making a final decision to run.



Sacramento Mayor and former President Pro Tem of the CA State Senate Darrell Steinberg opens the Symposium.



Advisors to the Democratic Caucuses and the Democratic Party with Moderator and CTGCA



Progressive advocates advise prospects on winning endorsements with Moderator Lindsey

Board Member Sonya Logman.

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Prospects and recruiter Ennette Morton with Senator Connie Leyva (second from right).



Asm. Monique Limon with Johanna Silva Waki, Emily's List CA Director.



CTGCA recruiter Jackie Wheeler and Symposium Chair Nancy Sun.



NWPC CA President Karen Humphrey and Symposium MC and CTGCA recruiter Janet Cook.



Asm. Shirley Weber and Asm. Eloise Reyes describe the challenges of a legislator's daily life with Moderator and CTGCA Board Member Betsy Cotton.



Asm. Cristina Garcia, Chair of the Legislative Women's Caucus, addresses the evening reception.



Aimee Allison, Senior VP of PowerPAC+, shares data on recent voter behavior.



Noreen Farrell, ED of Equal Rights Advocates, shows off her Official Woman Card while discussing "A Stronger California" agenda.



Senator Holly Mitchell inspired everyone with the story of her rise from non-profit leader to Senate Budget Chair.



Prospects and Sacramento veterans engaged in several rounds of "speed dating".



Potential candidates also directed many great questions to our panelists.



Three of our wonderful volunteers helping out with check-in at our reception.
(Yes, we went from 7AM to 7PM!)

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