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Q2 Report: More Great Women Stepping Up To Run



WE'VE ADDED TARGET DISTRICTS AND CANDIDATES

We increased the number of [target districts](#) from 16 to 20. Among these 20 seats, 15 progressive women are now running in 11 districts. Twelve are women of color.

We expect prospects completing explorations with us to make decisions in 3 additional districts before Labor Day.

Here's where we're still recruiting:

- [AD 16](#) Livermore [AD 31](#) Fresno
- [AD 35](#) San Luis Obispo [AD 45](#) San Fernando Valley*
- [SD 27](#) SFV/Ventura [SD 35](#) South Central LA

***Not yet open, but we'll be ready!**

Know a strong prospect? Send your nominees to alice@closethegapCA.org.

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Check out our new "[really?!?](#)" feature for articles highlighting why we need more women leaders.

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If you've ever wondered why we need more **women in office**, check out the articles below.

Rachel Maddow had to explain to a confused Rick Santorum what the Supreme Court does and what its decisions mean for Congress: [Here](#)

Researchers at Carnegie Mellon University have determined that Google's algorithms display far fewer highpaying executive jobs to a certain group: Women! More [here](#).

Missouri State Rep Paul Joseph Wieland (R) has filed a lawsuit against the Obama Administration to prevent his daughters—two of whom are adults—from accessing birth control under his health

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HOORAY for these allied organizations that have made the election of women a priority for 2016 and who support our work with their time, talent and treasure:

- Black Women Organized for Political Action
- California Labor Federation
- California League of Conservation Voters
- California Nurses Association
- California Professional Firefighters
- California School Employees Association
- Consumer Attorneys of CA
- Educate Our State
- EMERGE CA
- Leadership for a Clean Economy
- NARAL Pro-Choice CA
- National Women's Political Caucus
- Planned Parenthood of CA
- Progressive Era Project
- SEIU
- United Food and Commercial Workers

plan. Though previously dismissed, his case was just reinstated by an appellate panel: [Here](#)

Have you come across any articles that made you say "really!?!?"

Please submit them at alice@closethegapCA.org



We're excited for [Jen Welter](#) - the first female coach hired by the NFL! She will be joining the coaching staff of the Arizona Cardinals.

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