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Listen, Learn, Lead

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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.

To celebrate **Women's Equality Day** (Wednesday, August 26th), close the gap CA is presenting a **special, onetime webinar**:

"Inspirational Moments."

Watch and listen to the words and brilliance of past and current women political leaders as they bring audiences to their feet, to tears and to action. From Congresswoman Barbara Jordan and Governor Ann Richards to Senator Elizabeth Warren and Secretary Hilary Clinton, these women can move a room. And you can, too.

Friday, August 28th
Noon to 1 with Q & A
 Narration by [CTGCA](#) Founder
Mary Hughes
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In opposing paid maternity leave, Carly Fiorina's position on paid parental leave lags behind 177 nations, including Afghanistan. Read more [here](#).

Fox News contributor Erick Erickson noted that the current trend of victories for progressive social movements is only temporary, as "we will eventually breed them [liberals] out of existence demographically." More [here](#).

While discussing his desire to defund Planned Parenthood, presidential hopeful Jeb Bush commented, "I'm not

Learn the elements of becoming an inspiring speaker: the preparation, purpose and passion that comes together to lift others to action. Appreciate the role of biography, story telling and vision that powers the women's movement. Hear how you can inspire others to do great things.

sure we need a half a billion dollars for women's health issues". The US Department of Defense has a [budget](#) of over half a **trillion** dollars. More [here](#).

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

Please submit them at alice@closethegapCA.org

Check out some of the other awesome **Women's Equality Day** [events](#):

- Women For Orange County presents:**
[35th Annual Suffrage Day Celebration](#)
- Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women presents:**
[Women's Equality Day Luncheon 2015](#)
- Democratic Activists for Women Now (DAWN) presents:**
[National Women's Equality Day March](#)

Hats off

 to [Netflix](#), [Adobe](#), and [Microsoft](#) for expanding access to paid time off for new parents. While there is still much to be done, we celebrate even small steps forward!

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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