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# close the gap



## TALENTED WOMEN WANTED

*"Are women candidates losing ground when it comes to winning elected office in solidly blue California?"*

*Not if veteran state political strategist Mary Hughes " who for decades has been dedicated to breaking the glass ceiling for women in office " has anything to do with it." - [Carla Marinucci, San Francisco Chronicle 8/20](#)*



We're delighted to share the news that our founder Mary Hughes is being honored tonight as "Woman of the Year" by CA Women Lead.

Each of us can make a difference. Help us find talented progressive women to run for the open seats in the CA legislature in 2014 & 2016. Together we can all be Women of the Year.

Connect with an event in your region. Here's what's on our [calendar](#):

- **Regional search parties** to identify outstanding candidates - see our list [here](#)
- **Campaign training** for future candidates - by EMILY's List, EMERGE, NWPC and more
- **Networking events:** 40th Birthday Celebration, Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women, San Jose

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### **Did you know?**

While August 26, 1920 is the anniversary of American women's right to vote, California women won the right on October 10, 1911. It was a close vote that was "[soundly defeated in the San Francisco Bay Area and just barely passed in Los Angeles](#)," but the far-flung counties came through, fortunately.

**close the gap CA** is a statewide campaign to find talented, progressive women to run and win 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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