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"Whatever your fight, don't be ladylike."

-Mother Jones



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Organized labor gave us the weekend, minimum wage and an 8 hour work day. But now they're really out to improve life for workers: The President of the CA Labor Federation is a candidate for the CA State Senate!

Progressive women with labor ties would make strong candidates in several [16 for '16 open seats](#):

**AD 27** (San Jose) Here's where the South Bay Labor Council earned a reputation for winning under the leadership of ace organizers Cindy Chavez, Amy Dean and Phaedra Ellis-Lamkins.

**AD 30** (Salinas, Watsonville, Gilroy) A progressive woman with ties to the farm workers and a record of environmental protection would do well in this largely agricultural district.

**SD 35** (Compton, Carson, Inglewood & Hawthorne) This district is ripe for a progressive champion for jobs. A young women with a big vision could join forces with the LA County Federation of Labor and María Elena Durazo to make a real contribution here.

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