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close the gap

TALENTED WOMEN WANTED

CA

**Where are the open seats?  
What makes a good candidate?  
When is someone ready to run?**



We have an ambitious goal: to recruit talented progressive women to run for every winnable open seat in the CA Legislature in 2014 and 2016.

Here's what the research tells us about what makes a good candidate; the maps to find open seats and a checklist for wise recruiting.

- Just where are the **open seats** in 2014 and 2016? [Check our lists](#). Click on the name of the districts to **see the maps**.
- Who makes a good candidate? Check out **our "10+5" [candidate profile](#)** - you'll find 10 qualities of current legislators and 5 other characteristics we'd like to see more of. For example, do you know a social entrepreneur making positive change in her community, especially someone increasing access to healthcare, improving education or closing the wage gap? We need her.

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- Know a talented, progressive woman living in an open seat district? Run through our [prospective candidate checklist](#) and let us know!

Send your nominees to [alice@closethegapca.org](mailto:alice@closethegapca.org)

**In the news:**

[A gender gap in local offices? Symposium to push for more women in politics](#)

**Calendar highlights:**

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Sep 10 - LA

Sep 18 - Sacramento

Sep 19 - Napa

**Special elections - vote!**

Sep 17 - SD 26 in LA County & AD 45 in LA  
(Northridge, Woodland Hills)

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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