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Targeted recruiting works!



CTGCA founder Mary Hughes and Executive Director Holly Teliska discuss CTGCA at the Inspiring Women Luncheon in Philadelphia.



Carla Hayden was recently confirmed by the Senate, becoming the first woman and first African American to hold the post of Librarian for Congress! More [here](#).



[Political Animals](#) is a new documentary that shares the contributions of Sheila Kuehl, Carole Migden, Jackie Goldberg and Christine Kehoe, the first four openly gay people in the CA Legislature. Director Jonah Markowitz shares the struggles & triumphs of these four women as they fought for the rights of the LGBT community and set the stage for nationwide marriage equality. Read more [here!](#)

Last Wednesday, we shared that message in historic Philadelphia.

We were joined by activists from Georgia to Washington, DC, California to Pennsylvania who want to learn more about our targeted recruiting of progressive women to run for the state legislature.

With the nomination of Hillary Clinton we reached a significant milestone, but there is still so much work to be done. More women need to be recruited. More women need to serve and lead. Please contribute to CTGCA.

One woman at the top will only change national priorities if there is a second and a third and many more who follow.



This week, we celebrate **the first woman to become the nominee for a major party.** Here's a list at several other broken glass ceilings from throughout our country's history. [Check it out.](#)



Our friends over at **Emerge California** are hiring! Check out the details [here.](#)



Former Director and Current Board Member **Betsy Cotton** recently scored 13th out of 497 in a contest to guess the outcomes of the CA primary. Congrats, Betsy! She sure knows her districts.

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Close the gap CA is a campaign to increase the number of progressive women serving in the California

Legislature by recruiting viable, progressive women to run for open seats in targeted, winnable districts. The campaign recruits accomplished women who are pro-choice, pro-public school funding and support paths out of poverty. By partnering with CA progressive organizations, close the gap CA aims to achieve gender parity in the CA legislature in 2028.

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