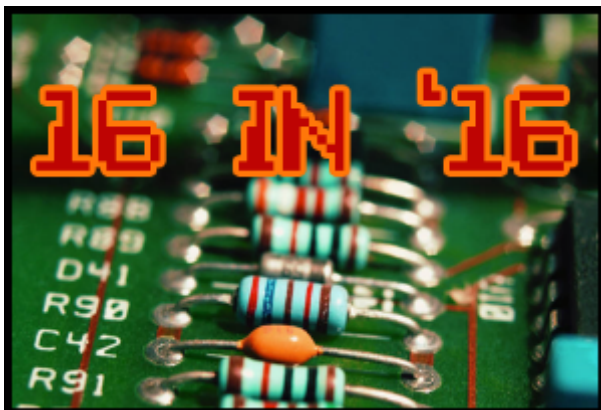


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Silicon Valley, that is!

September 17, 2014



Fresno Success



"Search Party" guests Patsy Montgomery of Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte, Leticia Corona Gomez, former Assemblymember Sarah Reyes & Betsy Cotton of **close the gap CA**.

Speaker Pelosi, Senators Boxer and Feinstein, Congresswomen Eshoo, Lofgren, Lee and Speier make the Bay Area first in women's political leadership in federal office.

Not so for state representatives. Only one women serves among the eight who comprise the Silicon Valley delegation in Sacramento. And in 2016, there could be none.

That's why AD 24, in the heart of SV, is one of our [16 in '16 targets](#).



Candidate Prospects? Holly Andrade Blair, Ruth Lopez & Leticia Corona Gomez.

Currently represented by Rich Gordon who is terming out in 2016, AD 24 encompasses Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Los Altos. Know a progressive tech-savvy woman who should run? A public policy dynamo?

Send us your [recommendations](#) today.

Look for our invitation to a mid-November Silicon Valley "search party" and bring your nominees.



Free Resources from close the gap CA

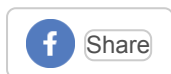
- The 10 traits of elected CA women leaders (+5 more we'd like to see)
- First steps: Questions for prospective candidates like YOU
- 10 things to do before you file to run for office
- Webinar recordings: "What makes a winning candidate?"
- Lots more at closethegapca.org

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Shoutout to our allies at DAWN - Democratic Activists for Women Now

The Santa Clara County Democratic Committee just passed DAWN's groundbreaking resolution promoting equal representation of women in elected office, making a commitment to improving the status of women in Santa Clara County, and creating a Director position to monitor progress.

Great idea for CA's other 57 counties!



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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