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No women on the bench
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 No women on the team
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 No women leaders

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FEWER women serve in the CA legislature today than a decade ago. Without intervention, that trend will continue. Consider:

- Women are in the "top two" of just 37 of 100 legislative races this fall.
- 20 women are leaving the legislature in 2014 and 2016 and we must replace them simply to stop the slide.

The bench is thin and we need recruits. See our [16 in '16](#) priority seats.

- Historically 30 of 92 CA women legislators served on city councils, women today hold only 28% of city council seats statewide.
- 71 CA cities have no women on their councils. (See a [new study by CA Women Lead and the Women's Caucus of the League of California Cities](#))
- Just 7 women legislators served on a county board of supervisors, and 17 counties have no women serving. (Find out where [the women legislators got their start.](#))

As former Assemblywoman and Caucus Chair Dion Aroner says, "2016 could be a huge year for women up and down the ballot, but women must run to win." **close the gap CA** is on the job, but we need your help. Attend a search party, send us a name, make a contribution. Get in the game!

Fresno Search Party To Identify Prospects
 Thursday, 9/4, 6 pm to 8 pm

Planned Parenthood Advocates Regional Office
633 N. Van Ness Ave
Fresno, CA 93728

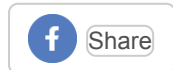
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Webinar, "Preparing to Be a Winning Candidate"

Tuesday, 9/9, noon PT

Great candidate tips including how to make the 2014 elections your political learning lab.

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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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