## Only 6 months to file



Leaves are turning, school's in session, time to buckle down. For political women, the 2014 election season opens now!

Candidates for next year's open Assembly and Senate seats must file by Friday March 7, 2014. Here's the schedule of critical deadlines.

Talented, committed women are stepping up to run, but not enough. Yet! To ensure that progressive women run in every winnable open seat, we need your help.

Here's what you can do:

- Bloggers, join us Sep 10 at our blogathon/tweetup in Palo Alto with Planned Parenthood Mar Monte.
- Join us for a "search party" to discuss districts and prospects:

Napa: Sep 19
Check our calendar for details.

- Let us know who would serve in office with distinction.

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In case you missed 'em:
Texas moment in the [San Joaquin Central] Valley
Terrific op-ed by Steering Committee member and former State Senator Liz Figueroa

The Women Candidates We Need
Washington Post op-ed by Katrina vanden Heuvel
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 ấc close the gapâ ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ 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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