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September 7, 2016



**Congratulations** to the women whose bills are awaiting the Governor's signature. They represent a giant step forward for California families. Women legislators have the power to change lives, open doors and multiply opportunities. **Imagine what we could accomplish if women were half the legislature instead of a quarter.** How amazing would that be?

**SB 1015**



### Great Reads:



**Women who run succeed just as often as men, but not enough women run.** [This opinion piece](#) discusses the need for more women to step up. **ctgCA** works to change this through recruiting.



Photo: Bryan Anselm for the NYT  
**Fox News' parent company settled former anchor Gretchen Carlson's sexual harassment suit against Roger Ailes, paying out \$20 million.** More [here](#).

### **We're hard at work!**

Check out these upcoming events from



### 2016 Domestic Worker Bill of Rights

Introduced by Sen. Connie Leyva  
This bill ensures that domestic workers receive permanent overtime protections.

our calendar. Please join us if you're able.



### SB 654 The New Parent Leave Act

Authored by Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson  
Will make it possible for more new parents to take time off to bond with a new child while being confident their job will await their return.

**ctgCA founder Mary Hughes will be speaking at Elect to Run**, a project of California Women Lawyers, on Friday, September 9 in LA. Register [here](#).



### AB 1676 - Gender Pay Equity

Introduced by Asms. Nora Campos and Lorena Gonzalez  
This bill helps end the gender pay gap by prohibiting employers from determining salaries based off of an applicant's prior pay.

**close the gap CA We Recruit. ...and we need your help!**

Please join us in Los Angeles for a candidate search party. Together, let's identify women leaders to run for State Senate District 24 in 2018.

**When:** Wednesday, September 14  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Where:** City Terrace Library  
Main Meeting Room  
4025 E. City Terrace Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90063  
\*Parking available behind building

**RSVP:** <http://tinyurl.com/ctgca2016sd24>  
\*Please contact Ennette Murton with any questions (ennette11@gmail.com)

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ctgCA 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.

**ctgca has TWO upcoming search parties in the Los Angeles area!**

-SD 24, Wednesday, 9/14  
RSVP [here](#)

-SD 22, Wednesday, 9/28  
RSVP [here](#)

### AB 2288 Multi-Craft Core Curriculum and Women in Trades

Introduced by Asm. Autumn Burke  
Hopes to increase women's enrollment in apprenticeships.



**Please join us as we begin to recruit great women to run in 2018!**

**What do you think?** Can you give us a hand by answering three questions?  
Click [here](#) for the survey.



# We Recruit.



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## ABOUT CLOSE THE GAP CA

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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