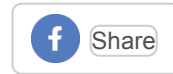


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Ask a Woman You Admire to Run

Did you know women legislative candidates win their races as often as their male counterparts? Gender disparity exists because far fewer women run. Men are more likely to enter a race on their own accord, but women are more likely to run because someone asked them or planted the seed. We need more people asking.

Enter close the gap, CA.

Since 2013, we have recruited progressive women to run for the California legislature in open and winnable districts. Last year, 21 women ran in our 17 targeted districts; 15 advanced to the general election, and 7 won.

We've been recruiting for 2018 since April with good results: a viable, progressive woman has declared in every winnable open seat but one, and we're working on it. Now, we're actively training more recruiters to identify prospective stars for the 2020 races.

Many thanks to Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, Asm. Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Asm. Anna Caballero, Asm. Sharon Quirk-Silva, Asm. Cristina Garcia, and Asm. Blanca Rubio for making our Sacramento reception and panel discussion such a success!

We ask women to explore running for office every day.
We're just getting started -- join us!



Women's Caucus Chair
Assemblywoman Cristina
Garcia is fearlessly showing
that Sacramento's
challenges won't stop her
from charging forward
toward progressive change -
- all while staying true to
herself and her community.
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