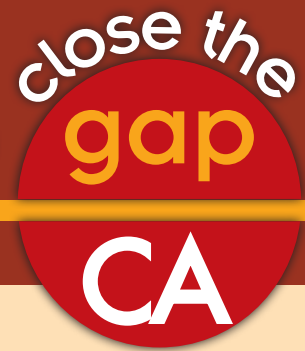


# 2018 SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT



RECRUITING TALENTED WOMEN

## RECRUITING

Our recruiting work continues to propel women forward in 2018.

- On April 16th, we celebrated the swearing-in of our longtime ally, Asm. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (AD 54).
- On June 11th, our recruit, Asm. Luz Rivas (AD 39) joined her.
- Their Special Election victories bring the CA Legislature to 1/4 women (60% are women of color).
- With the women below running off in targeted seats, progressive

women are positioned to replace male legislators in a total of 9 targeted seats by year's end.

- Stay tuned! CA could equal its largest cohort of women legislators (31%) following the fall elections. If so, we're on a fast track to parity!
- We are focused now on identifying strong contenders for these 2020 seats, and preparing them to launch winning campaigns: **SD 1, SD 5, SD 13, SD 15, SD 17, SD 33.**

### ALLIES CELEBRATE OUR 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:

*"It's not a coincidence that the number of Latinas serving in the CA State Legislature has skyrocketed after recent elections—close the gap CA is a key partner in ensuring that qualified women who truly look like California are prepared to compete for legislative seats. Happy birthday!"*

– **DIANA RODRIGUEZ,**  
Latinas Lead President

### January - June 2018: Sworn Into Office



AD 51  
Wendy Carrillo



AD 54  
Sydney Kamlager-Dove



AD 39  
Luz Rivas

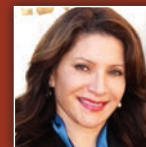
### November 2018: Headed to the Run-Off



SD 12  
Anna Caballero



SD 14  
Melissa Hurtado



SD 22  
Susan Rubio



SD 24  
Maria Elena Durazo



AD 15  
Buffy Wicks



AD 15  
Jovanka Beckles



AD 16  
Rebecca  
Bauer-Kahan



AD 76  
Tasha  
Boerner-Horvath



AD 76  
Elizabeth Warren

# OPERATIONS

We welcomed volunteer Chief of Operations Sarah Wernikoff who will oversee systems, structure and effectiveness. Sarah comes to us with experience launching and growing a national non-profit. Two new recruiters, Emily Getoff and Kathy Torgerson, will extend our reach in SoCal and keep us ready for more unexpected vacancies. We held a one-day retreat to orient new recruiters and improve our already successful model. Content on the website has been updated, including Our Story: [www.closesthegapca.org/about-us/our-story](http://www.closesthegapca.org/about-us/our-story)

*“EMILY’s List applauds close the gap CA’s incredible targeted early work with future candidates, which helps ensure we can consider and support a diverse and competitive set of women candidates in election years.”*

LUCINDA GUINN, *Emily’s List VP Campaigns*

# FUNDRAISING

Thank you! We exceeded our quarterly goal, raising \$70K . The San Francisco Roundtable lunch on April 3 rd with Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-2) was a treat for donors old and new, offered great policy conversation, and resulted in a new major donor joining our ranks. We also received a major contribution from SEIU United Health Care Workers West.

Our East Bay Literature, Leadership & Libations event on May 31st in Berkeley brought in 32 new donors and packed the room! Additionally, we experimented with online fundraising initiatives, to some success: both our \$20 for 2020 monthly donation drive and our \$2,500 5th Anniversary matching gift challenge met their modest goals.

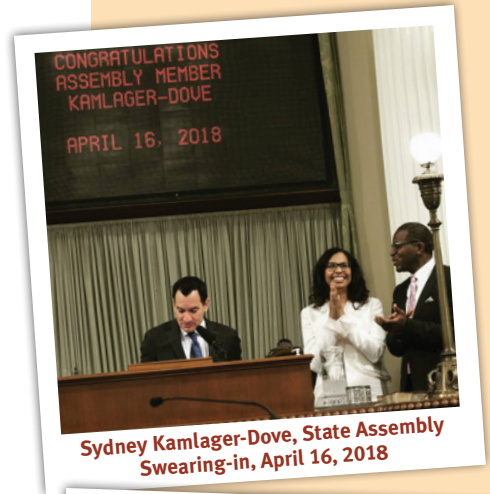
## PUBLIC IMPACT

- Hosted a Webinar on Independent Expenditure Campaigns April 26th, featuring Asm. Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Vicki Veenker, Mike Young, and moderated by Michelle Henry. View the recording here! [www.closesthegapca.org/webinar](http://www.closesthegapca.org/webinar)
- Tabled and spoke at events from Napa to San Diego
- Hosted a volunteer open house

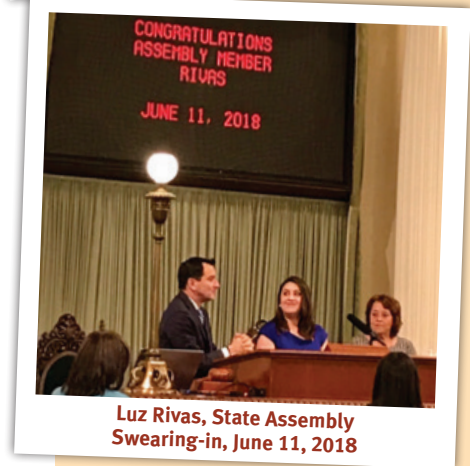
## WHAT’S NEXT:

### Mark Your Calendars!

- San Francisco LLL Event September 18th
- Los Angeles LLL Event November 11th
- Sacramento Symposium for prospective candidates December 3rd, reception December 2nd



Sydney Kamlager-Dove, State Assembly Swearing-in, April 16, 2018



Luz Rivas, State Assembly Swearing-in, June 11, 2018

*“close the gap CA’s guidance and strategic insight were instrumental in my decision to run, and I look forward to celebrating with them as more accomplished women join me at the State Capitol.”*

– **Luz Rivas**, Assemblywoman, AD39