

2020 SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT

CLASS OF 2022 GETS INTO FORMATION

Mining the Motherlode begins, and CTGCA is shaping the 2022 field.

In Q1, we kicked off explorations with exciting prospective candidates in our 2022 target districts: 7 seats confirmed to open when incumbents term out or move on, plus an additional 12 districts that could present a vacancy in 2022 or a special election in 2021.

We're not wasting any time. We're diving deep into the districts that present progressive women their best opportunities to win.



GOLDEN NUGGETS OF TIMELY INFORMATION

2022 Districts: With court-approved census delays, we'll see new proposed district lines by November 1, 2021.

June 2022 Primary: As a result of SB 970, California's primary election moves back to June in non-presidential, even-numbered years, so the filing deadline for 2022 races will be in March 2022!

Sacramento Symposium Spring 2021: A core element of CTGCA's exploration process, the Symposium often serves as the venue for a Recruit's final decision on whether to run. We can't wait to introduce our 2022 recruits to Sacramento power brokers in person, in Spring 2021.



TAKE IT FROM A RECRUIT -

Explorations makes a difference! "Close the Gap is an organization that puts the pieces together for women to run. If you're a first-time candidate, if you're a woman, if you're a woman of color, our biggest barrier to running is even believing that we can. A lot of folks say 'Run for office,' but they don't tell you the backend of what you need, who the power players are. Close the Gap is about connecting all of these dots."

- Asm. Wendy Carrillo (AD-51), who decided to run following CTGCA's 2017 Symposium



BALDWIN, KOUNALAKIS, STEINEM & UNDERWOOD INSPIRE AT CTGCA GALA

Thank you to all who joined us for our **first-ever** virtual event on May 28th - Leadership Starts at Home! We exceeded our fundraising goal of **\$50,000** for the evening! We heard from a sensational chorus of national stars about the importance of electing women at the state level, including U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, Representative Lauren Underwood, Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis and special guests Mandana Dayani and Lauren Greenfield. Our surprise guest was the incomparable Gloria Steinem, who affirmed that progress requires state-by-state strategies like CTGCA's and reminded us that politics must grow from the ground up. Finally, we were thrilled by an intimate serenade from R&B superstar duo Chloe x Halle.



Gloria Steinem photo credit: Beowulf Sheehan



Representative Lauren Underwood



U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin



ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME Michelle Behar, our new Communications and Development Manager. Michelle is based in San Diego and will help oversee communications strategy and broaden awareness of our work.

THANK YOU

for investing in CTGCA's strategy & helping us grow our capacity!

▶ Welcome New Members of the Recruiting Team: Our recruiting team continues to grow! Please welcome Andrea Slater (NorCal) and Kenya Taylor (San Diego) as our newest recruiters, and Kathrina Abrot (South LA), Tina Vartanian (San Fernando Valley) and Molly Watson (Long Beach) as scouts who are helping our team connect with talented progressive women (pictured in order from left to right).













