

## Report From the Congressional Engagement Committee

SBWPC recognizes that our own CA-24 is considered a swing district, but we also want to make information available to our members about other important 2018 races so you can help change Congress. Although there are good candidates running across the country, our focus is on California.

You can donate money to candidates in key races or work with organizations such as Emily's List, Swing Left, She Should Run, Run for Something, Color of Change PAC, Indivisible, Hillary Clinton's Onward Together, and campaign organizations in the districts. We will update this information as it becomes available. In California's June 5 primary, the top two candidates (regardless of party) will compete in November.

In the wake of the 2016 presidential election, thousands of first-time political candidates decided to run for office. Many were female. According to the Huffington Post, "Regardless of motivation, the numbers tell a clear story: Women are stepping up and saying **they deserve a seat — or three or four or five seats — at the table.**" Many political outsiders are being given a good chance to win in open seats and against vulnerable incumbents.

### Some Candidates to Support

#### Orange County:

- **Katie Porter** – Challenging **Rep. Mimi Waters'** re-election in CA-45. Endorsed by Emily's List, Kamala Harris and Elizabeth Warren. A consumer advocate, public interest attorney and UC Irvine professor. Three Democratic men running against her in the primary.
- **Mai Khanh Tran** – Running for the seat of **Ed Royce** (CA-40), who is retiring. She's a Doctor, so is a strong advocate for health care. Supports women's rights, human rights and common-sense gun safety. Born in Viet Nam, came to the US at age 9, alone, in an airlift of orphans and disabled children. A decade later, admitted to Harvard. There are 20 candidates.
- **Rachel Payne**—Running in the 48<sup>th</sup> District against **Dan Rohrabacker** (who has been called "Putin's favorite Congressman"). Endorsed by Emily's List, she is a technology executive and entrepreneur who wants to expand economic opportunity for women and working families.
- **Sara Jacobs**—Candidate in CA-49, where **Darrell Issa** isn't seeking re-election. She grew up in the district and has served as policy advisor working for the State Department under President Obama, at the United Nations, UNICEF and at Hillary for America. "If we're going to change the way power is wielded in this country, we need to change the face of power in this country," she says.

#### Los Angeles:

- **Katie Hill**—Running against **Steve Knight** (CA-25). She is 29, an executive director and deputy CEO of People Assisting the Homeless or PATH, and endorsed by Sheila Kuehl, who calls her "a rare find in politics. Her open and straightforward dedication to achieving real progress for her community will make her a force to be reckoned with in Congress." She is also endorsed by Emily's List.

#### Central Valley:

- **Virginia Madueno**—Challenging incumbent **Jeff Denham** (who has supported President Trump's agenda almost 99% of the time) in CA-10. Endorsed by Emily's List, she is the daughter of immigrants and says, "I understand the true inherent value of what it is to make it in this country." She served on the Riverbank City Council (2005-8) and as mayor (2009-12). She established her own firm to help businesses and government agencies connect with the underserved Spanish-speaking community.