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## California Women in Elected Office 2016

The trend for women's representation in elected office over the past several election cycles in California has either remained stagnant or decreased. In 2016, the number of women in elected office fell once again. While the number of women in the State Legislature and Congressional Delegation decreased, we did see an increase in the number of women serving on County Boards of Supervisors.

The turnout of women as contenders in state elections this cycle was disheartening. Going into the June Primary Election, women were again outnumbered as candidates by at least four-to-one. The June 2016 Primary Election results placed some women in prime positions to win their races in November, but eliminated many from the final race, further narrowing the number of female candidates. That resulted in a loss of seats for women in the State Legislature and in the Congressional Delegation. This continues the trend we saw after the 2014 General Election with women losing seats in that cycle as well.

The 2016 General Election did see an increase in the number of women serving in county offices across the state, which is good news. In 2018, there will be a few opportunities for women to run for the State Legislature, but this will be our last opportunity to try and make up some of the losses we have experienced in previous election cycles. This presents an incredible opportunity to **ENGAGE • EMPOWER • ELECT** women to participate in public service.

Please review the information, compiled by **California Women Lead**, that analyzes the data on the number of women serving in elected office in California at the Federal, State and County level. Then join California Women Lead in developing a farm team of women seeking higher office. We need to do more to empower women to run for office and ensure there is more realistic representation when it comes to women serving in elected offices. Please be sure to visit the California Women Lead website where you can get more information on exciting new programs, such as the LEADership Academy which aims to inspire women in leadership Personally, Politically and Professionally while looking at important Policy issues facing the state. Let's work together to support more women aspiring to political office!

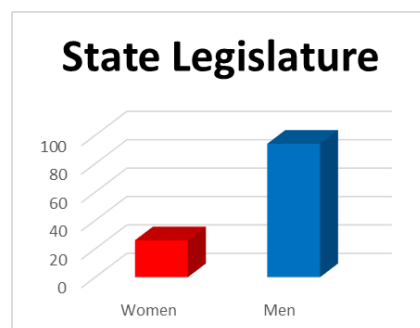
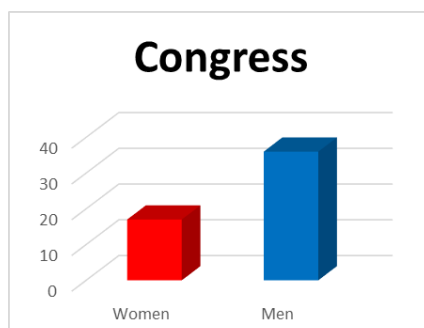
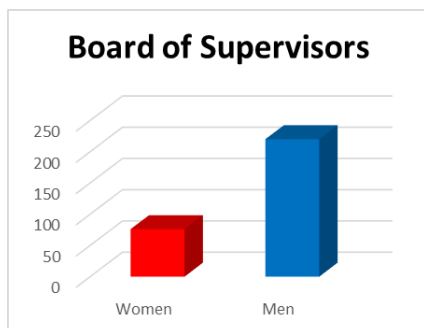
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We look forward to working with you to **ENGAGE • EMPOWER • ELECT** women in California.





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## CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

### UNITED STATES SENATE

SENATOR	PARTY
Dianne Feinstein	Dem
<b>Kamala Harris</b>	<b>Dem</b>

### UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- In 2014, there were 19 women serving in the California Congressional Delegation making up 35.8 percent of the 53-member delegation (18 Democrats; one Republican). In 2016, the number DECREASED to 17 (a loss of two seats) making up 32 percent of the delegation (16 Democrats; one Republican).

DISTRICT	CONGRESSWOMAN	PARTY
6	Doris Matsui	Dem
12	Nancy Pelosi	Dem
13	Barbara Lee	Dem
14	Jackie Speier	Dem
18	Anna Eshoo	Dem
19	Zoe Lofgren	Dem
26	Julia Brownley	Dem
27	Judy Chu	Dem
32	Grace Napolitano	Dem
35	Norma Torres	Dem
37	Karen Bass	Dem
38	Linda Sanchez	Dem
40	Lucille Roybal-Allard	Dem
43	Maxine Waters	Dem
<b>44</b>	<b>Nanette Diaz Barragan</b>	<b>Dem</b>
45	Mimi Walters	Rep
53	Susan Davis	Dem

**BOLD = new member**

In an effort to increase the number of women in elected and appointed office in California, California Women Lead is launching its *LEADership Academy* in 2017 to provide leadership training for women focusing on four modules – Personal, Professional, Political and Policy.

Visit [www.cawomenlead.org](http://www.cawomenlead.org) for more information.



## CALIFORNIA STATE OFFICES

- One woman currently serves in a state constitutional office out of six possible seats. The office of Attorney General, vacated when Kamala Harris was elected to the United States Senate, is appointed by Governor Brown, who has nominated a man for the position.
- Two women sit on the Board of Equalization, but with the addition of the State Controller, who is a woman, the board has a female majority. The current chair of the board is a woman – Fiona Ma.

OFFICE	NAME	PARTY
Controller	Betty Yee	Dem
Brd of Equalization, District 1	Fiona Ma	Dem
Brd of Equalization, District 3	Diane Harkey	Rep

## STATE LEGISLATURE

- In 2014, 31 women served in the State Legislature (Assembly and Senate) making up a combined 25.8 percent of the Legislature (12 Republicans; 19 Democrats). After the 2016 General Election that number **DECREASED** to 26 making up a combined 21.6 percent of the Legislature (six Republicans; 20 Democrats).

### THE STATE SENATE

- In 2014, 12 women served in the State Senate making up 30 percent of the 40-member upper house (four Republicans; 8 Democrats). Post 2016 General Election that number will **DECREASE** to nine women in the State Senate making up 22.5 percent of the upper house (three Republicans; six Democrats).
- Five female senators were not up for re-election; two female senators were re-elected; two were newly elected.
- One senator (Jean Fuller) will be termed out of office in 2018.

DISTRICT	SENATOR	TERM	PARTY
5	Cathleen Galgiani	2020	Dem
<b>9</b>	<b>Nancy Skinner</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Dem</b>
16	Jean Fuller	2018	Rep
19	Hannah Beth Jackson	2020	Dem
20	Connie Leyva	2026	Dem
30	Holly Mitchell	2021	Dem
34	Janet Nguyen	2026	Rep
36	Pat Bates	2020	Rep
<b>39</b>	<b>Toni Atkins</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Dem</b>

**BOLD = New member**



## THE STATE ASSEMBLY

- In 2014, there were 19 women serving in the State Assembly making up 23.7 of the 80-member lower house (eight Republicans, 11 Democrats). In 2016, that number **DECREASED** to 17, resulting in 21.2 percent of the 80-member lower house (three Republicans; 14 Democrats).
- All Assembly seats were up for re-election in 2016.
- Six newly-elected women have not served in the State Legislature prior to this election. One, Sharon Quirk Silva, was re-elected after losing in 2014.
- One woman, Anna Caballero, is termed out in 2018. She previously served four years in the State Assembly under the previous term limit laws. Due to the change in term limits in 2012, through the initiative process, (members can now serve 12 years total in the State Legislature) the other 16 women serving in the State Assembly are eligible for re-election.

DISTRICT	ASSEMBLYWOMAN	TERM	PARTY
<b>4</b>	<b>Cecilia Aguiar-Curry</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>Dem</b>
13	Susan Eggman	2024	Dem
16	Catharine Baker	2026	Rep
<b>30</b>	<b>Anna Caballero**</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Dem</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>S. Monique Limon</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>Dem</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>Laura Friedman</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>Dem</b>
44	Jaqui Irwin	2026	Dem
<b>47</b>	<b>Eloise Reyes</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>Dem</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>Blanca Rubio</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>Dem</b>
58	Christina Garcia	2024	Dem
<b>60</b>	<b>Sabrina Cervantes</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>Dem</b>
62	Autumn Burke	2026	Dem
<b>65</b>	<b>Sharon Quirk-Silva**</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Dem</b>
67	Melissa Melendez	2024	Rep
75	Marie Waldron	2026	Rep
79	Shirley Weber	2024	Dem
80	Lorena Gonzalez	2024	Dem

**BOLD = New Member**

**\*\* = Term out in 2018; served four years in State Assembly under previous term limit law**

**\*\* = Is returning to the State Assembly after losing re-election bid in 2014**

California Women Lead's mission is increasing the number of women in elected and appointed office at all levels of California government – state, county and local. We are a statewide, nonpartisan network of citizen, business and government leaders. Our successful programs include leadership trainings and workshops, providing the tools women need as office holders, community advocates and policymakers in California.

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## COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

- In 2014, 67 women held seats on County Boards of Supervisors out of a possible 296 seats, making up 22.6 percent. In 2016, that number **INCREASED** to 76, a gain of nine seats making up 25.6 percent of elected county seats.
- In 2014, three counties had a female majority (Alpine, Contra Costa, Marin). In 2016, that number **INCREASED** to five counties (Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Marin, San Francisco & Sonoma).
- In 2014, 15 counties had no female representation on the county board. That number **DECREASED** in 2016 to only 14 counties.

COUNTY	SUPERVISOR
Alameda	Wilma Chan
Alpine	Katherine Rakow, Terry Woodrow
Amador	Lynn Morgan
Butte	Maureen Kirk
Calaveras	Debbie Ponte
Colusa	Kim Vann, Denise Carter
<b>Contra Costa</b>	<b>Diane Burgis, Karen Mitchoff, Candace Andersen</b>
Del Norte	Martha McClure
El Dorado	Shiva Frentzen, Sue Novasel
<b>Fresno</b>	<b>NO WOMEN</b>
<b>Glenn</b>	<b>NO WOMEN</b>
Humboldt	Virginia Bass, Estelle Fennell
<b>Imperial</b>	<b>NO WOMEN</b>
<b>Inyo</b>	<b>NO WOMEN</b>
Kern	Leticia Perez
<b>Kings</b>	<b>NO WOMEN</b>
Lake	Tina Scott
<b>Lassen</b>	<b>NO WOMEN</b>
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>Hilda Solis, Sheila Kuehl, Janice Hahn, Kathryn Barger</b>
<b>Madera</b>	<b>NO WOMEN</b>
<b>Marin</b>	<b>Katie Rice, Kathrin Sears, Judy Arnold</b>
Mariposa	Rosemarie Smallcomb, Debbie Cook
Mendocino	Carre Brown
<b>Merced</b>	<b>NO WOMEN</b>
Modoc	Kathy Alves, Geri Byrne
Mono	Stacy Corless
Monterey	Jane Parker, Mary Adams
Napa	Diane Dillon, Belia Ramos
Nevada	Heidi Hall

COUNTY	SUPERVISOR
Orange	Michelle Steel, Lisa Bartlett
Placer	Jennifer Montgomery
Plumas	Sherrie Thrall, Lori Simpson
<b>Riverside</b>	<b>NO WOMEN</b>
Sacramento	Susan Peters, Sue Frost
San Benito	Margie Barrios
San Bernardino	Janice Rutherford, Josie Gonzales
San Diego	Dianne Jacob, Kristin Gaspar
<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>Katy Tang, Jane Kim, Malia Cohen, London Breed, Sandra Lee Fewer, Hillary Ronen</b>
San Joaquin	Kathy Miller
San Luis Obispo	Debbie Arnold, Lynn Compton
San Mateo	Carole Groom
Santa Barbara	Janet Wolf, Joan Hartmann
Santa Clara	Cindy Chavez
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	<b>NO WOMEN</b>
Shasta	Mary Rickert
<b>Sierra</b>	<b>NO WOMEN</b>
Siskiyou	Lisa Nixon
Solano	Erin Hannigan, Monica Brown
<b>Sonoma</b>	<b>Susan Gorin, Shirlee Zane, Lynda Hopkins</b>
Stanislaus	Kristin Olsen
<b>Sutter</b>	<b>NO WOMEN</b>
Tehama	Candy Carlson
Trinity	Judy Morris, Bobbi Chadwick
Tulare	Amy Shuklian
Tuolumne	Sherri Brennan
Ventura	Linda Parks, Kelly Long
<b>Yolo</b>	<b>NO WOMEN</b>
<b>Yuba</b>	<b>NO WOMEN</b>

**ORANGE** = Majority women board    **RED** = No women on the board