



California Women in Elected Office 2014

The trend for women's representation in elected office over the past several election cycles in California has either remained stagnated or decreased. In 2014, the number of women in elected office fell once again.

THE DOWNWARD TREND

The turnout of women as contenders in state elections this cycle was disheartening. Going into the June primary, women were again outnumbered as candidates by at least four-to-one. The June 2014 primary 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 women candidates. That resulted in a loss of seats for women in the State Legislature and on County Boards of Supervisors. Women gained only one seat in the Congressional delegation.

THE SILVER LINING

The 2016 election offers great opportunities for women to run in higher numbers and increase overall representation. In 2016, at least 10 women will end their careers in the State Legislature. This presents an incredible opportunity to **ENGAGE • EMPOWER • ELECT** women to participate in public service.

Please review the information, compiled by **California Women Lead**, analyzing the number of women serving in elected office in California at the National, State and County level. Then join California Women Lead in developing a farm team for women seeking higher office. We need to do more to empower women to run for office and realize a more representative portrait of the state in our elected offices.

Let's work together to support more women aspiring to political office.

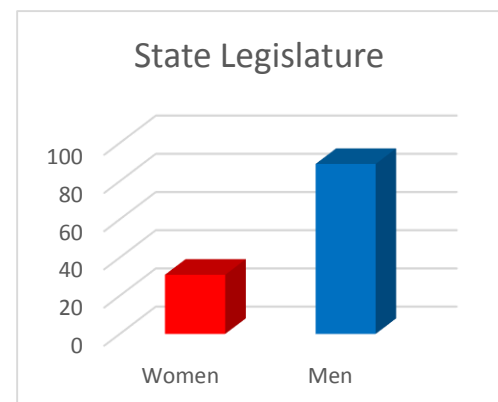
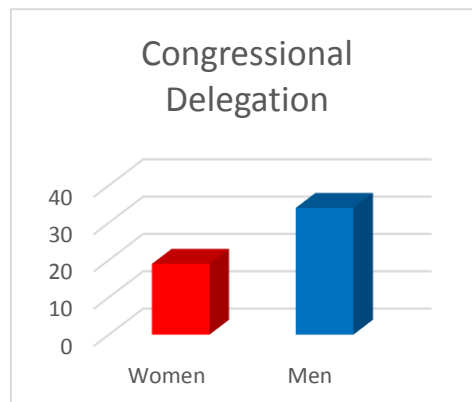
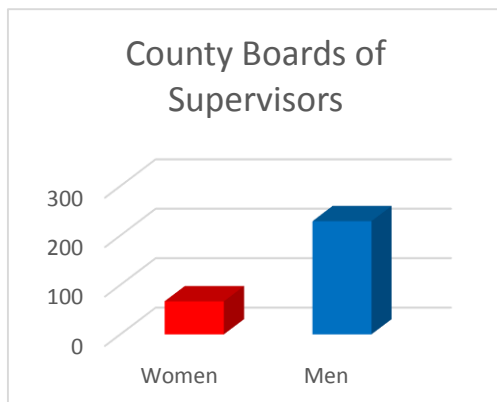
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Consider financially supporting **California Women Lead's** nonpartisan mission to **ENGAGE • EMPOWER • ELECT** by joining our statewide network.

Attend **California Women Lead** events around the state, and when you do, bring a friend!

Thank you for your support and interest in **California Women Lead**. We look forward to working with you to **ENGAGE • EMPOWER • ELECT** women in California.





CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

UNITED STATES SENATE

SENATOR	PARTY
Dianne Feinstein	Dem
Barbara Boxer	Dem

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- There are 19 women serving in the California Congressional delegation making up 35.8 percent of the 53 members delegation (18 Democrats; One Republican)
- Women had a net gain of one seat in the Congressional Delegation.

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
24	Lois Capps	Dem
26	Julia Brownley	Dem
27	Judy Chu	Dem
32	Grace Napolitano	Dem
35	<i>Norma Torres</i>	<i>Dem</i>
37	Karen Bass	Dem
38	Linda Sanchez	Dem
40	Lucille Roybal-Allard	Dem
43	Maxine Waters	Dem
44	Janice Hahn	Dem
45	<i>Mimi Walters</i>	<i>Rep</i>
46	Loretta Sanchez	Dem
53	Susan Davis	Dem

BOLD/Italicized = newly elected member

California Women Lead will release our updated report on the number of women serving on California City Councils in 2015 as part of our partnership with the League of California – Women’s Caucus. Be sure to update your contact information with California Women Lead to get the most up to date information.



CALIFORNIA STATE OFFICES

- Two women serve in a state constitutional office out of six possible seats.
- 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.
- There was no net change in women serving in California State offices as the Secretary of State (Debra Bowen) was replaced by a man and the Controller (John Chaing) was replaced by a woman.

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

STATE LEGISLATURE

- 31 women serve in the State Legislature (Assembly and Senate) making a combined 25.8 percent of the Legislature (12 Republicans; 19 Democrats). This represents a loss of one seat in the Women's Caucus.

THE STATE SENATE

- 12 women will serve in the State Senate making up 30 percent of the 40 member upper house (four Republicans; 8 Democrats). The number of women remains even.
- Seven women senators were not up for re-election; two women senators were re-elected; three were newly elected.
- Senate District 37, Mimi Walters (R), will result in a special election when Senator Walters is sworn in as a Congresswoman in January 2015.
- Four Senators (Wolk, Liu, Pavley, & Hancock) will be termed out of office in 2016.

DISTRICT	SENATOR	TERM	PARTY
3	Lois Wolk	2016	Dem
5	Cathleen Galgiani	2020	Dem
9	Loni Hancock	2016	Dem
16	Jean Fuller	2018	Rep
19	Hannah Beth Jackson	2020	Dem
20	Connie Leyva	2026	Dem
25	Carol Liu	2016	Dem
27	Fran Pavley	2016	Dem
30	Holly Mitchell	2021	Dem
34	Janet Nguyen	2026	Rep
36	Pat Bates	2020	Rep
37	Mimi Walters**	2020	Rep

**Senate District 37 will have a special election in 2015 due to Walters election to Congress.



THE STATE ASSEMBLY

- There are 19 women serving in the State Assembly making up 23.7 of the 80 member lower house (8 Republicans, 11 Democrats). This represents a loss of one seat.
- All Assembly seats were up for re-election in 2014
- Six newly elected women have not served in the State Legislature prior to this election.
- Six women will be termed out in 2016.

DISTRICT	ASSEMBLYWOMAN	TERM	PARTY
6	Beth Gaines	2016	Rep
12	Kristin Olsen	2016	Rep
13	Susan Eggman	2024	Dem
14	Susan Bonilla	2016	Dem
16	<i>Catharine Baker</i>	2026	Rep
27	Nora Campos	2016	Dem
34	Shannon Grove	2016	Rep
39	<i>Patty Lopez**</i>	2026	Dem
44	<i>Jaqui Irwin</i>	2026	Dem
47	Cheryl Brown	2024	Dem
55	<i>Ling Ling Chang</i>	2026	Rep
58	Christina Garcia	2024	Dem
62	<i>Autumn Burke</i>	2026	Dem
65	<i>Young Kim</i>	2026	Rep
67	Melissa Melendez	2024	Rep
75	Marie Waldron	2026	Rep
78	Toni Atkins	2016	Dem
79	Shirley Weber	2024	Dem
80	Lorena Gonzalez	2024	Dem

****at press time Lopez is ahead by seven votes.**

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 city. 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 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 67 women hold seats on County Boards of Supervisors out of a possible 296 seats, making up 22.6 percent. A net loss of one seat.
- There is an opportunity for women to pick up two seats due to resignations of Supervisors elected to the State Legislature** (Riverside & Orange Counties).
- Three counties have a female majority (Alpine, Contra Costa, Marin).
- 15 counties have no female representation on the county board.

COUNTY	SUPERVISOR
Alameda	Wima Chan
Alpine	Katherine Rakow, Terry Woodrow , Mary Rawson
Amador	Lynn Morgan
Butte	Maureen Kirk
Calaveras	Debbie Ponte
Colusa	Kim Vann, Denise Carter
Contra Costa	Mary Piepho, Karen Mitchoff , Candace Andersen
Del Norte	Martha McClure
El Dorado	Shiva Frentzen, Sue Novasel
Fresno	Debbie Poochigian
Glenn	No women
Humboldt	Virginia Bass, Estelle Fennell
Imperial	No women
Inyo	No women
Kern	Leticia Perez
Kings	No women
Lake	No women
Lassen	No women
Los Angeles	Hilda Solis, Sheila Kuehl
Madera	No women
Marin	Katie Rice, Kathrin Sears, Judy Arnold
Mariposa	Rosemarie Smallcombe
Mendocino	Carre Brown
Merced	Dedire Kelsey
Modoc	Kathy Alves, Geri Byrne
Mono	Stacy Corless
Monterey	Jane Parker
Napa	Diane Dillon
Nevada	No women

COUNTY	SUPERVISOR
Orange**	Michelle Steel, Lisa Barlett
Placer	Jennifer Montgomery
Plumas	Sherrie Thrall
Riverside**	No women
Sacramento	Susan Peters, Roberta MacGlashan
San Benito	Margie Barrios
San Bernardino	Janice Rutherford , Josie Gonzales
San Diego	Dianne Jacob
San Francisco	Katy Tang , Christina Olague, Jane Kim, Malia Cohen
San Joaquin	Kathy Miller
San Luis Obispo	Debbie Arnold, Lynn Compton
San Mateo	Carole Groom , Adrienne Tissier
Santa Barbara	Janet Wolf , Doreen Farr
Santa Clara	Cindy Chavez
Santa Cruz	No women
Shasta	Pam Giacomini
Sierra	No women
Siskiyou	Grace Bennett
Solano	Erin Hannigan, Linda Seifert
Sonoma	Susan Gorin, Shirlee Zane
Stanislaus	No women
Sutter	No women
Tehama	Sandy Bruse
Trinity	Judy Morris
Tulare	No women
Tuolumne	Sherri Brennan
Ventura	Linda Parks , Kathy Long
Yolo	No women
Yuba	Mary Jane Griego

BOLD = Elected/re-elected in 2014 **RED** = New Supervisor