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## ***California Women in Elected Office 2018 Election Report***

Election night 2018 proved, nationally, to be a great year for women. Record numbers of women were elected to serve in Congress, and in California, we elected our first woman to serve as Lieutenant Governor.

The turnout of women as contenders in state elections this cycle was promising, but going into the June primary, women were again outnumbered as candidates by at least four-to-one. The June 2018 primary results placed some women in prime positions to win in November, but eliminated many from the final race, further narrowing the number of women candidates, even though we have an increased number of women on the November ballot. The question remains – Was 2018 the next “Year of the Woman?”

Due to term limits, there were a limited number of open seats in California, which resulted in fewer opportunities for women to run for the State Legislature in open seats, but with resignations of elected members in the State Legislature, there were a record number of special elections this year which resulted in an increase in the number of women serving in the State Legislature. What we did see is women taking on incumbents, and being competitive, both with messaging and money. While we did not see huge gains in the number of women serving in elected office, we did see increases and more importantly, three strong women serving in statewide office – which is the stepping stone to the Governor’s office!

Please review the information, compiled by **California Women Lead**, analyzing how women performed in the 2018 General Election. At the time this report was written, some races were too close to call so the numbers are fluid. California Women Lead will update this with our final report when the Secretary of State finalizes the numbers.

There is still much work to do! Let’s work together to support women aspiring to serve in political office.

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

# CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

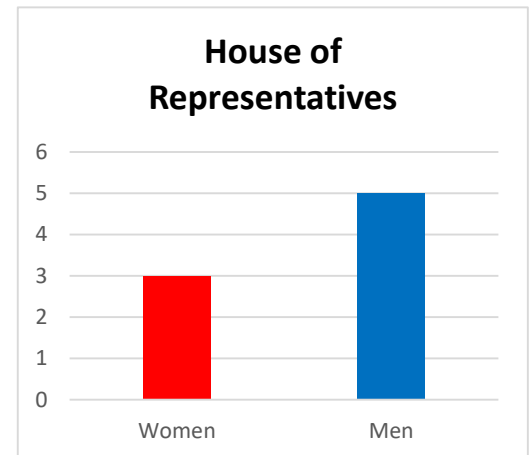
## UNITED STATES SENATE

Current Officeholder	Candidate	Party	Status	Outcome
Dianne Feinstein	Dianne Feinstein	Dem	Incumbent	Female
Kamala Harris	NOT UP FOR REELECTION	Dem	Incumbent	Female

## UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

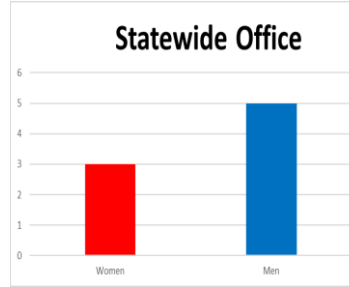
- Currently, 17 women serve in the California Congressional Delegation making up 32 percent of the 53-member delegation (one Republican; 16 Democrats);
- All congressional seats were up for re-election in 2018; two male members of the delegation did not seek re-election (Royce & Issa);
- There were 36 women running in a congressional district;
- We predict the following:
  - 18 congressional districts in California will be represented by a woman;
  - Two seats are too close to call, but could be represented by a woman; one seat has two woman candidates
  - 19 congressional seats could be held by women (17 Democrats; two Republicans)
- The representation of women in the California Congressional Delegation can increase by two to 19 (35.8 percent).

DISTRICT	CONGRESSWOMAN	PARTY	COMMENTS
6	Doris Matsui	Dem	
12	Nancy Pelosi	Dem	
13	Barbara Lee	Dem	
14	Jackie Speier	Dem	
18	Anna Eshoo	Dem	
19	Zoe Lofgren	Dem	
25	Katie Hill	Dem	
26	Julia Brownley	Dem	
27	Judy Chu	Dem	
32	Grace Napolitano	Dem	
35	Norma Torres	Dem	
37	Karen Bass	Dem	
38	Linda T. Sanchez	Dem	
39	Young Kim	Rep	Too close to call
	Gil Cisneros	Dem	
40	Lucille Royal-Allard	Dem	
43	Maxine Waters	Dem	
44	Nanette Diaz Barragan	Dem	
45	Mimi Walters	Rep	Too close to call
	Katie Porter	Dem	
53	Susan Davis	Dem	



## STATEWIDE OFFICE

Office	Officers	Party
Lt. Governor	Eleni Kounalakis	Dem
State Controller	Betty Yee	Dem
State Treasurer	Fiona Ma	Dem
Board of Equalization – District 2	Malia Cohen	Dem

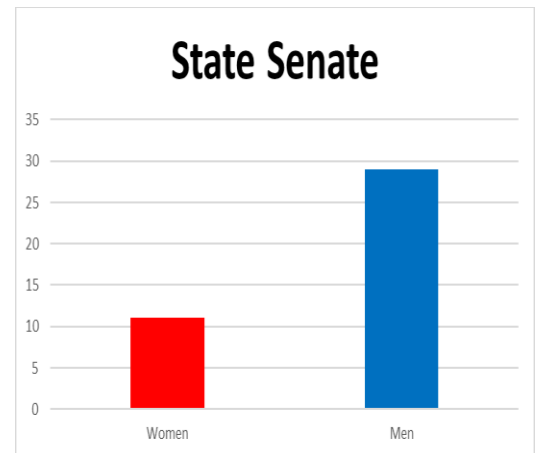


- There are eight statewide constitutional officers; women represent three of them (37.5 percent); all women serving in statewide office are Democrats.
- There are four elected members of the State Board of Equalization; one woman is on the board (down from two). The State Controller also sits on the Board of Equalization.

## THE STATE SENATE

- Currently there are eleven women serving in the State Senate making up 32.5 percent of the upper house (four Republicans; seven Democrats);
- Five women senators are not up for re-election;
- There were 15 women candidates running in State Senate districts;
- Seven women won their elections in November, bringing the total number of women in the State Senate to 12. Two seats are too close to call. Should they win that could bring the total number of women in the State Senate to 14; a gain of three seats (four Republicans and 10 Democrats).
- Women still represent less than 30 percent (27.5 percent) of the seats in the State Senate.

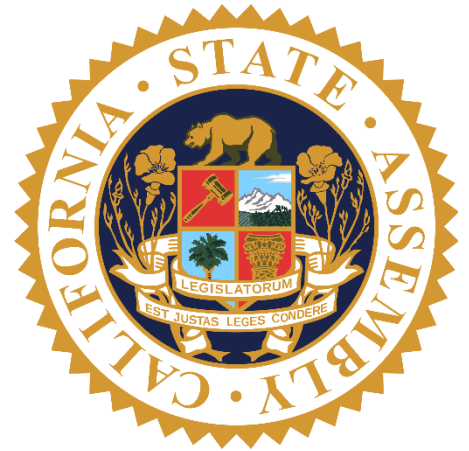
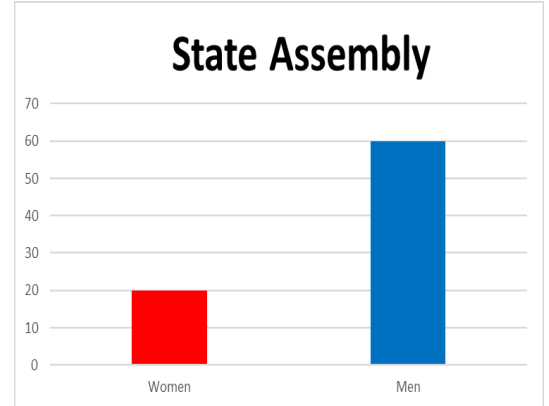
DISTRICT	CURRENT SENATOR	PARTY	COMMENTS
5	Cathleen Galgiani	Dem	
9	Nancy Skinner	Dem	
12	<b>Anna Caballero</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Too close to call</b>
	<b>Rob Poythress</b>	<b>Rep</b>	
14	<b>Melissa Hurtado</b>	<b>Rep</b>	
16	Shannon Grove	Rep	
19	Hannah-Beth Jackson	Dem	
20	Connie Leyva	Dem	
22	<b>Mike Eng</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Too close to call</b>
	<b>Susan Rubio</b>	<b>Dem</b>	
24	Maria Elena Durazo	Dem	
29	Ling Ling Chang	Rep	
30	Holly Mitchell	Dem	
34	Janet Nguyen	Rep	
36	Pat Bates	Rep	
39	Toni Atkins	Dem	



## THE STATE ASSEMBLY

- Currently there are 20 women serving in the State Assembly (Three Republicans and 17 Democrats);
- All Assembly districts are on the November General Election ballot;
- There are 51 women candidates compared to 96 men;
- 20 Assembly seats will be represented by women after the November Election (AD 16 is too close to call, but has two women candidates); three seats are too close to call (AD 38; AD 60; AD 74) and could be won by a woman.
- Potentially, 23 seats in the Assembly could be represented by women, a gain of three seats.
- Women still represent less than 30 percent (28.75 percent) of seats in the State Assembly.

DISTRICT	ASSEMBLYMEMBER	PARTY	COMMENTS
4	Cecelia Aguiar-Curry	Dem	
13	Susan Talamantes Eggman	Dem	
15	Tony Thurmond	Dem	
16	<b>Catharine Baker</b>	<b>Rep</b>	
	<b>Rebecca Bauer-Kahan</b>	<b>Dem</b>	
37	S. Monique Limon	Dem	
38	<b>Dante Acosta</b>	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Too close to call</b>
	<b>Christy Smith</b>	<b>Dem</b>	
39	Luz Maria Rivas	Dem	
43	Laura Friedman	Dem	
44	Jacqui Irwin	Dem	
47	Eloise Reyes	Dem	
48	Blanca Rubio	Dem	
51	Wendy Carrillo	Dem	
54	Sydney Kamlager	Dem	
58	Cristina Garcia	Dem	
60	<b>Sabrina Cervantes</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Too close to call</b>
	<b>Bill Essayli</b>	<b>Rep</b>	
62	Autumn Burke	Dem	
65	Sharon Quirk Silva	Dem	
67	Melissa Melendez	Rep	
74	<b>Matthew Harper</b>	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Too close to call</b>
	<b>Cottie Petrie-Norris</b>	<b>Dem</b>	
75	Marie Waldron	Rep	
76	Rocky Chavez	Dem	
79	Shirley Weber	Dem	
80	Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher	Dem	



***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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