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President's Message

Cassandra Pye, President, CA Women Lead



Home stretch! Can you believe we are almost to the General Election finish line! To all of our California Women Lead members who will be on the November ballot - GOOD LUCK and thank you! Thank you for taking the risk and putting yourself out there, thank you for the time you have committed to public

service and thank you for being a role model and inspiration for other women who aspire to run. Win or lose, being "in the game" is a huge accomplishment and we thank you!

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Please Support our Annual

Legislative Reception

Honoring

February
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
The Citizen Center
Downtown Sacramento



Fiona Ma
Chairwoman, State Board of Equalization



Jean Fuller
Minority Leader, CA State Senate



Marybel B...
Secretary, Government Operations

And the members of the Legislative Women's Caucus

2017 Legislative Reception

We might be a little more than a month out from a very historic election, but California Women Lead is already looking ahead to 2017. California Women Lead's most notable event, the Legislative Reception, will be held on February 1, 2017, at The Citizen Hotel in Sacramento. Tickets and sponsorship packages are available now. This event WILL sell out, so don't wait to get your tickets. And, a big THANK YOU to our partners that have already committed to sponsoring our Legislative Reception. We couldn't do the work we do without you! Thank you for allowing us to **ENGAGE EMPOWER ELECT!**



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Dive In

A Message From Executive Director Rachel Michelin

My eight-year-old daughter is on our local swim team; so many afternoons are spent by the pool. The other day the coaches decided to give the kids a "treat" and let them jump off the diving board. Our pool has a normal diving board and a "high" dive. My daughter had no problems jumping off the lower diving board, but as I watched her stand in line for the high dive, I noticed she was letting other kids jump in front of her. I could tell she really wanted to do it, but was scared. I walked over to her and told her she didn't have to go off the high dive, but she looked at me with that determined look in her eye and said she really wanted to do it.



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Have You Ever Wondered?

Have you ever wondered why we vote on the first Tuesday in November? According to Election 101, the answer lies with the farmers.



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2016 Candidate Spotlight Series

California Women Lead is putting the spotlight on women running for public office across the state! Currently featured: State Assembly



Candidate Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, West Sacramento City Council Candidate Beverly "Babs" Sandeen, and Mission Viejo City Council Candidate Shelly Blair.

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Updated Gubernatorial Appointment Vacancy List

This just in! The Governor's Office has released its latest Appointment Vacancy List! California Women Lead is committed to helping women throughout the state realize their full leadership potential. Getting appointed to board positions through the Governor's Office is one way of doing just that. Click the link below to view the latest vacancy list.



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Remembering Extraordinary Women

It's with great sadness that we said goodbye to two incredible female leaders over the summer: Marian Bergeson and Sharon Runner. These two women were undoubtedly trail blazers for other California women looking to enter politics. Their presence will be missed, but their legacy and contributions to California will live on for many years to come.



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Did You Catch CA Women Lead In The Sac Bee?

The Sacramento Bee ran an op-ed authored by California Women Lead Executive Director Rachel Michelin with a plea for more women to run for elected office. It's incredible that there is a female candidate on the presidential ticket, and in California we have two women from diverse communities vying for Barbara Boxer's US Senate seat, but when we look at races a little closer to home, that's not reality.



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Building A Diverse Workforce

Roz Hudnell, Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Intel and President of the Intel Foundation, was recently featured on NPR's Inflection Point with Lauren Schiller. Click the link below to hear her inspiring discussion on the importance of building a diverse workforce, and how she has made it her life's work.



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Thank You To Our Members

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of our members who support the mission of California Women Lead. Without your support we would not be successful in our mission to **ENGAGE EMPOWER ELECT**. We thank you for sharing our vision that women have a place at the policy making table and that all elected and appointed boards in the state should be as diverse as our great state. Not a member? Need to renew? We hope you will consider joining us and our mission!

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