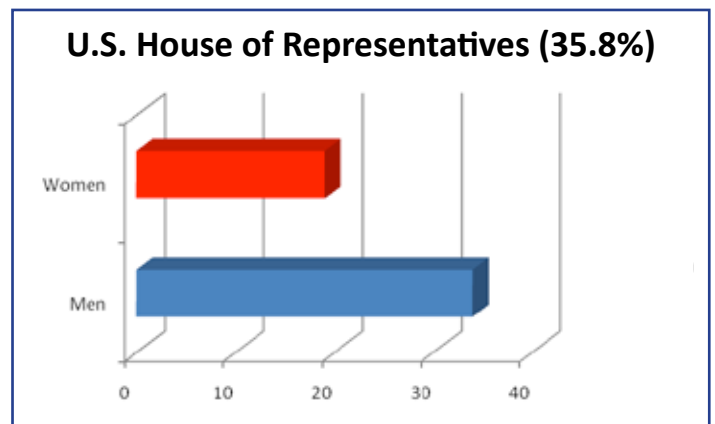
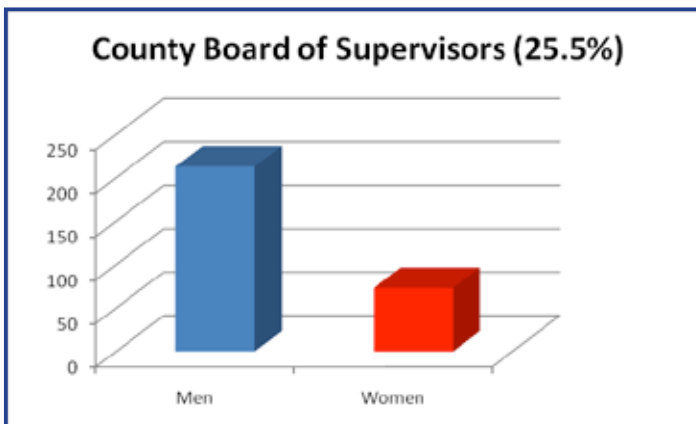
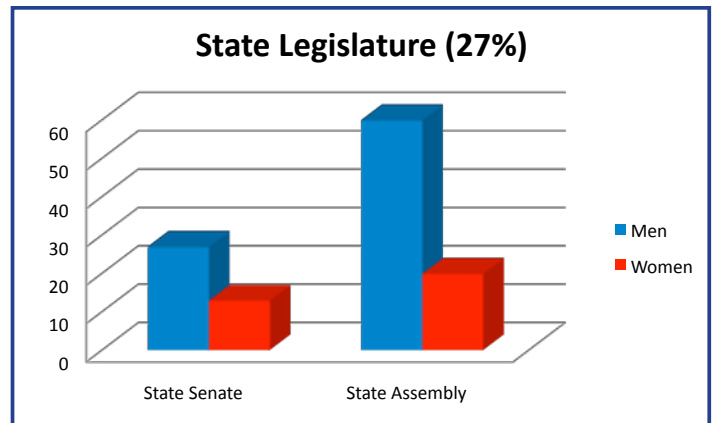
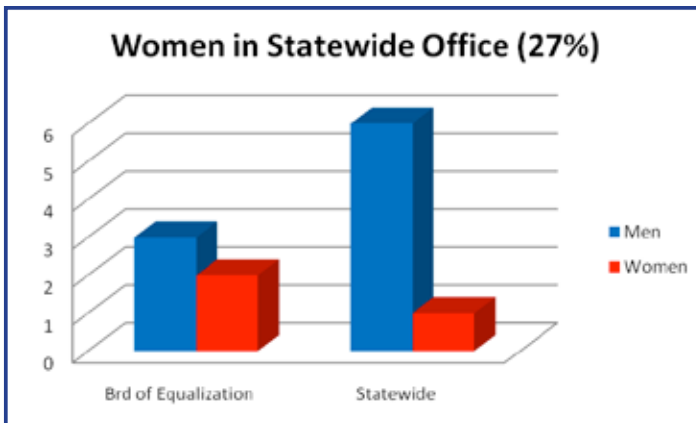


# California Women in Elected Office 2010

Women represent 51 percent of the population of California, yet women's representation on elected boards at the federal, state and county level is much lower. Women have a huge role to play in California's public policy debate – we hope you will join California Women Lead as we work to obtain our goal of parity for women in elected office in California.



*This report represents statistics from Statewide offices in California, the California Congressional Delegation, the State Legislature and County Board of Supervisors. If you are interested in sponsoring a report focusing on city councils, special districts or school boards please contact Rachel Michelin at California Women Lead.*



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**W**omen in California should be proud – two United States Senators, the first woman Speaker of the House and the first African America woman Speaker of the Assembly. Yet, as we peel back the layers, the outlook is not as bright.

Currently, California has only one woman holding statewide elected office and the number of women running and getting elected to the State Legislature, County Board of Supervisors and City Councils is decreasing. This is discouraging in a time when our state desperately needs effective leadership. Leaders who will put good public policy before politics and focus on issues Californians care about – decisions that affect our pocketbooks, our family’s education, our healthcare, our way of life.

California Women Lead is the state’s largest non-partisan, non-profit association of women leaders committed to training and encouraging women to become leaders in their communities. Over the course of this election year we will update this document to show where we are headed.

## CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION UNITED STATES SENATE

SENATOR	PARTY
Dianne Feinstein	D
Barbara Boxer	D

## UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- There are 19 women serving in the California Congressional delegation making up 35.8 percent of the 53 member delegation (18 Democrats, 1 Republican)
- All House seats are up for election every two years.

DISTRICT	CONGRESSWOMAN	PARTY
5	Doris Matsui	D
6	Lynn Woolsey	D
8	Nancy Pelosi	D
9	Barbara Lee	D
12	Jackie Speier	D
14	Anne Eschoo	D
16	Zoe Lofgren	D
23	Lois Capps	D
32	Judy Chu	D
33	Diane Watson	D
34	Lucille Roybal-Allard	D
35	Maxine Waters	D
36	Jane Harman	D
37	Laura Richardson	D
38	Grace Napolitano	D
39	Linda Sanchez	D
45	Mary Bono Mack	R
47	Loretta Sanchez	D
53	Susan Davis	D

## CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE OFFICES

- Only one woman serves in a state constitutional office out of six possible seats.
- Two women sit on the Board of Equalization making up 40 percent of the five member board (One Democrat, One Republican)

OFFICE	NAME	PARTY
Secretary of State	Debra Bowen	D
Brd of Equalization, District 1	Betty Yee	D
Brd of Equalization, District 3	Michelle Steel	R

## WOMEN IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE OVERALL

33 women serve in the State Legislature (Assembly and Senate) making up 27.5 percent (28 Democrats and 5 Republicans)

## STATE SENATE

- There are 13 women serving the in the State Senate making up 32.5 percent of the 40 member upper house (12 Democrats, 1 Republican).
- Seven Senators are not up for re-election.
- Three Senators are seeking re-election.
- Two Senators are leaving the upper house due to term limits.
- One is retiring

DISTRICT	SENATOR	TERM	STATUS
2	Patricia Wiggins	2010	Not seeking re-election
5	Lois Wolk	2012	Not up for re-election
9	Loni Hancock	2012	Not up for re-election
10	Ellen Corbett	2010	Seeking re-election
13	Elaine Alquist	2012	Not up for re-election
21	Carol Liu	2012	Not up for re-election
25	Fran Pavely	2012	Not up for re-election
24	Gloria Romero	2010	Termed out/Seeking Statewide office
28	Jenny Oropeza	2010	Seeking re-election
32	Gloria Negrete McLeod	2014	Seeking re-election
33	Mimi Walters	2012	Not up for re-election/ Seeking statewide office
39	Christine Kehoe	2012	Not up for re-election
40	Denise Moreno Ducheny	2010	Termed out

## THE STATE ASSEMBLY

- There 20 women serving in the State Assembly making up 25 percent of the 80 member lower house (16 Democrats, 4 Republicans).
- All Assembly seats are up for election every two years.
- 13 Assemblywomen are running for re-election.
- Four Assemblywomen are running for the State Senate.
- Three Assemblywomen are retiring due to term limits.

DISTRICT	ASSEMBLYWOMAN	TERM	STATUS
7	Noreen Evans	2012	Running for the Senate
8	Mariko Yamada	2014	Seeking re-election
10	Alyson Huber	2014	Seeking re-election
12	Fiona Ma	2012	Seeking re-election
14	Nancy Skinner	2010	Seeking re-election
15	Joan Buchanan	2014	Seeking re-election
17	Cathleen Galgiani	2012	Seeking re-election
18	Mary Hayashi	2012	Seeking re-election
28	Anna Caballero	2012	Running for the State Senate
32	Jean Fuller	2012	Running for the State Senate
34	Connie Conway	2014	Seeking re-election
37	Audra Strickland	2010	Termed out
41	Julia Brownley	2012	Seeking re-election
47	Karen Bass	2010	Termed out
54	Bonnie Lowenthal	2014	Seeking re-election
61	Norma Torres	2014	Seeking re-election
62	Amina Carter	2012	Seeking re-election
73	Diane Harkey	2014	Seeking re-election
76	Lori Saldana	2010	Termed out
79	Mary Salas	2012	Running for the State Senate

**California Women Lead is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing leadership training, policy discussion forums, and networking opportunities for women holding – or interested in holding – elected or appointed office.**

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## COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

- 73 women hold seats on County Boards of Supervisors out of a possible 286 making up 25.5 percent.
- Seven boards have a female majority.
- 16 boards have no female representation.

COUNTY	SUPERVISOR
Alameda	Gail Steele, Alice Lai-Bitker
Alpine	None
Amador	None
Butte	Jane Dolan, Maureen Kirk
Calaveras	Merita Callaway
Colusa	Kim Vann, Denise Carter
Contra Costa	Gayle Vilkema, Mary Piepho, Susan Bonilla
Del Norte	Leslie McNamer, Martha McClure
El Dorado	Norma Santiago
Fresno	Debbie Poochigian, Susan Anderson, Judy Case
Glenn	None
Humboldt	Bonnie J. Neely, Jill Duffy
Imperial	None
Inyo	Linda Arcularius, Susan Cash, Beverly Brown
Kern	None
Kings	None
Lake	Denise Rushing
Lassen	None
Los Angeles	Gloria Molina
Madera	None
Marin	Susan Adams, Judy Arnold
Mariposa	Janet Bibby
Mendocino	Carre Brown, Kendall Smith
Merced	Deidre Kelsey
Modoc	Patricia Cantrall
Mono	Vickki Magee-Bauer
Monterey	Jane Parker
Napa	Diane Dillon
Nevada	None

COUNTY	SUPERVISOR
Orange	Janet Nguyen, Pat Bates
Placer	Jennifer Montgomery
Plumas	Sherrie Thrall, Lori Simpson
Riverside	None
Sacramento	Susan Peters, Roberta MacGlashan
San Benito	Margie Barrias, Pat Loe
San Bernardino	Josie Gonzales
San Diego	Dianne Jacob, Pam Slater-Price
San Francisco	Michela Alioto-Pier, Carmen Chu, Sophie Maxwell
San Joaquin	None
San Luis Obispo	None
San Mateo	Carole Groom, Rose Jacob Gibson, Adrienne Tissler
Santa Barbara	Janet Wolf, Doreen Farr, Joni Gray
Santa Clara	Liz Kniss
Santa Cruz	Ellen Pirie
Shasta	Linda Hartman
Sierra	Patricia Whitley
Siskiyou	Grace Bennett, Marcia Armstrong
Solano	Barbara Kondylis, Linda Seifert
Sonoma	Valerie Brown, Shirlee Zane
Stanislaus	None
Sutter	None
Tehama	None
Trinity	Judy Pflueger, Judy Morris, Wendy Reiss
Tulare	None
Tuolumne	Liz Bass, Teri Murrison
Ventura	Linda Parks, Kathy Long
Yolo	Helen Thomson
Yuba	Mary Jane Griego

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