

A Snapshot of Women in Politics

2006 General Election Results

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California Elected Women's Associationsm
CELEBRATING WOMEN IN CALIFORNIA POLITICS

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CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

POST ELECTION ANALYSIS:

All 19 female incumbent candidates were re-elected, yet women did not gain any additional seats. As such, these women (18 Democrats, 1 Republican) continue to comprise 36% of the 53-member California Congressional Delegation.

Although not the result of a public vote, women achieved an important victory with the election of Nancy Pelosi, the representative from the State's 8th Congressional District in San Francisco, as Speaker of the House of Representatives. This is the first time this position has been held by a woman.

WOMEN ELECTED TO UNITED STATES CONGRESS NOVEMBER 2006

District	Candidate	Party
CD 5	Matsui*	Democrat
CD 6	Woolsey*	Democrat
CD 8	Pelosi*	Democrat
CD 9	Lee*	Democrat
CD 10	Tauscher*	Democrat
CD 14	Eshoo*	Democrat
CD 16	Lofgren*	Democrat
CD 23	Capps*	Democrat
CD 32	Solis*	Democrat
CD 33	Watson*	Democrat
CD 34	Roybal-Allard*	Democrat
CD 35	Waters*	Democrat
CD 36	Harman*	Democrat
CD 37	Millender-McDonald*	Democrat
CD 38	Napolitano*	Democrat
CD 39	Linda Sanchez*	Democrat
CD 45	Bono*	Republican
CD 47	Loretta Sanchez*	Democrat
CD 53	Davis*	Democrat

* Incumbent

STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES

POST-ELECTION ANALYSIS

Debra Bowen, the only woman on the ballot for a constitutional office and the democratic candidate for Secretary of State, defeated incumbent Bruce McPherson. Women now hold one of the eight statewide constitutional offices.



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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

POST-ELECTION ANALYSIS

Women achieved significant gains in the election for the Board of Equalization. There are four statewide districts, of which women now hold positions in three. This was a gain of two seats.

CANDIDATES ELECTED TO BOARD OF EQUALIZATION - NOVEMBER 2006

District	Candidate	Party
One	Betty Yee	Democrat
Two	Bill Leonard*	Republican
Three	Michelle Steel	Republican
Four	Judy Chu	Democrat

*Incumbent

STATE SENATE

POST-ELECTION ANALYSIS

Four Senators were not up for re-election in November, however term limits and redistricting has taken a toll on the number of women getting elected to the State Senate. Of the nine candidates, two incumbents sought and won re-election. Yet, overall, women suffered a loss in the November election, losing a highly competitive seat in the 34th District by a narrow margin.

THE SITUATION NOW

- There are 10 women serving in the State Senate making up 25 percent of the 40-member upper house.
- Loss of two seats.
- Caucus comprised of 10 Democrats; no Republicans

WOMEN ELECTED TO STATE SENATE IN NOVEMBER 2006

District	Candidate	Party
SD 2	Wiggins	Democrat
SD 10	Corbett	Democrat
SD 24	Romero*	Democrat
SD 28	Oropeza	Democrat
SD 32	Negrete McLeod	Democrat
SD 40	Ducheny*	Democrat

*Incumbent

STATE ASSEMBLY

POST-ELECTION ANALYSIS

Over the last 10 years, the number of women in the State Assembly has hovered around 30 percent. This remains true after the November election. Of the 14 women incumbents, all were re-elected.

Some of the same factors that have affected the number of women in the State Senate also effect women in the lower house, these being term limits and redistricting. More importantly, the lack of a “farm team” of women serving in the local elected and appointed office is also to blame.

If the numbers of women in local elected and appointed office continues to decline (a trend that is becoming evident) the number of women running for and getting elected to the State Assembly will only get smaller.

THE SITUATION NOW

- There are 24 women serving in the State Assembly, making up 30% of the 80-member lower house.
- Caucus make-up: 18 Democrats; six Republicans).
- Loss of one seat for the Assembly Women’s Caucus

WOMEN ELECTED TO STATE ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 2006

District	Candidate	Party
AD 1	Berg*	Democrat
AD 7	Evans*	Democrat
AD 8	Wolk*	Democrat
AD 12	Ma	Democrat
AD 14	Hancock*	Democrat
AD 17	Galgiani	Democrat
AD 18	Hayashi	Democrat
AD 22	Lieber*	Democrat
AD 28	Caballero	Democrat
AD 30	Parra*	Democrat
AD 32	Fuller	Republican
AD 36	Runner*	Republican
AD 37	Strickland*	Republican
AD 41	Brownley	Democrat
AD 47	Bass*	Democrat
AD 54	Karnette*	Democrat
AD 55	Richardson	Democrat
AD 61	Soto	Democrat
AD 62	Carter	Democrat
AD 73	Walters*	Republican
AD 76	Saldana*	Democrat
AD 78	Horton*	Republican
AD 79	Salas	Democrat
AD 80	Garcia*	Republican

* Incumbent



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