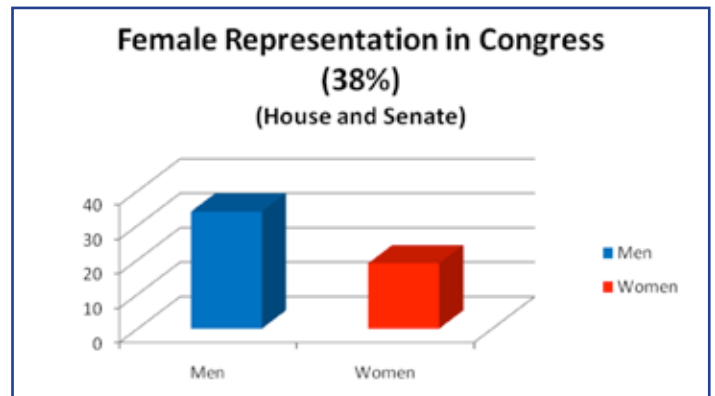
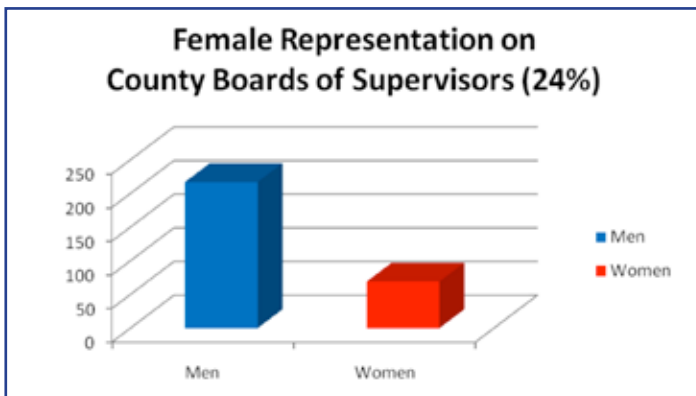
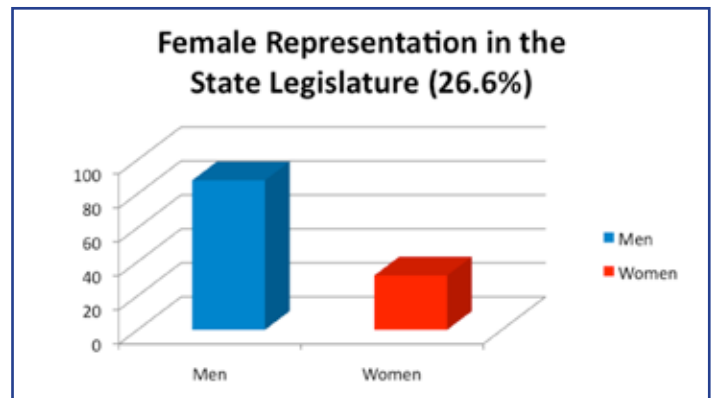
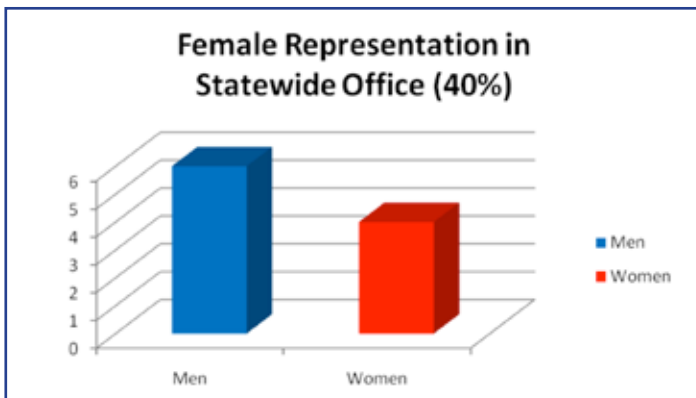


# California Women in Elected Office

# 2011

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Election 2010 was a mixed bag for women across the United States, but in California things remained relatively the same, only some names changed. Women still represent over 51% of the population, but only a little more than a quarter of elected positions at the county, state and federal levels. There is still much work to be done to inspire and empower women to run for office in our great state. Please visit [www.cawomenlead.org](http://www.cawomenlead.org) where you can join us to **ENGAGE • EMPOWER • ELECT**.



*This report represents statistics for the California Congressional Delegation, Statewide offices, the State Legislature and the County Board of Superiors. The numbers in this reports are taken from uncertified election results. Some data may change. California Women Lead will update the report upon certification of elections by the Secretary of State.*

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**E**lection 2010 was an exciting year for women in California politics. One woman was on the ticket for Governor and we had a heated race between two women for United States Senate. Two other women ran for statewide office - Debra Bowen, who was reelected Secretary of State, and Kamala Harris, who will become the first woman elected to Attorney General. Although women have made gains, women are still underrepresented in elected office. Meg Whitman was not elected the first female Governor in California, and the number of women in the State Legislature overall remained the same.

California desperately needs leadership and women bring a unique and different perspective to the policy-making process. California needs leaders who will put good public policy before politics and focus on the issues Californians care about - decisions that affect our pocketbooks, our family's education, our healthcare and our way of life.

While the 2010 election can be disappointing, there is hope on the way - 2012 brings in major changes to California's political system with the open primary and new district lines for Congressional and State Legislative seats. That is why we need to start **NOW** to **ENGAGE • EMPOWER • ELECT** women from across the state and inspire them to be leaders in elected office.

California Women Lead is the state's largest nonpartisan association of women leaders committed to training, inspiring and encouraging women to run for office or apply for an appointment and become a leader in their community and state. Please join us in our mission by visiting [www.cawomenlead.org](http://www.cawomenlead.org).

## 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 members delegation (18 Democrats, 1 Republican).
- Other than the election of Karen Bass who replaced retiring Diane Watson, there was no change after the November 2, 2010 midterm election.

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	<b>Karen Bass<sup>1</sup></b>	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

<sup>1</sup> Newly elected Congresswoman

## CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE OFFICES

- Two women serve in a state constitutional office out of six possible seats.
- Two women sit on the Board of Equalization making up 50 percent of the four member elected board (One Democrat, One Republican).
- There was an increase after the November 2, 2010 midterm election in the number of women serving in statewide office.

OFFICE	NAME	PARTY
Secretary of State	Debra Bowen	D
Attorney General	Kamala Harris <sup>2</sup>	D
Brd of Equalization, District 1	Betty Yee	D
Brd of Equalization, District 3	Michelle Steel	R

<sup>2</sup> Newly elected

## WOMEN IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE OVERALL

- Currently there are 33 women elected to serve in the State Legislature (Assembly and Senate) making up 27.5 percent (26 Democrats and 7 Republicans).
- There will be a special election in SD 28 (Oropeza - D) which could represent a loss of one seat for women in the State Legislature.
- Election 2010 remained the same for women in the State Legislature. The women's caucus may lose one seat following the Special Election in SD 28.

## STATE SENATE

- There are 12 women elected in the State Senate as of the November 3, 2010 midterm election making up 30 percent of the 40 member upper house (10 Democrats, 2 Republicans).
- This represents a loss of one seat for women senators.
- Due to the passing of Senator Jenny Oropeza and her election postmortem, there will be a special election for the 28th Senate Seat which could result in a loss of two seats for women the State Senate, bringing the number to 11 or 27.5 percent.

DISTRICT	SENATOR	PARTY
2	Noreen Evans <sup>3</sup>	D
5	Lois Wolk	D
9	Loni Hancock	D
10	Ellen Corbett	D
13	Elaine Alquist	D
18	Jean Fuller <sup>3</sup>	R
21	Carol Liu	D
23	Fran Pavley	D
28	Jenny Oropeza <sup>4</sup>	D
32	Gloria Negrete McLeod	D
33	Mimi Walters	R
39	Christine Kehoe	D

<sup>3</sup> Newly elected State Senator

<sup>4</sup> Elected postmortem, special election to be called

## THE STATE ASSEMBLY

- Twenty-one women were elected to serve in the State Assembly in the November 2, 2010 midterm election making up 26 percent of the 80 member lower house (16 Democrats, 5 Republicans).
- This represents a gain of one seat for women for women serving in the State Assembly.

DISTRICT	ASSEMBLYWOMAN	PARTY
8	Mariko Yamada	D
10	Alyson Huber	D
11	<b>Susan Bonilla</b> <sup>5</sup>	D
12	Fiona Ma	D
14	Nancy Skinner	D
15	Joan Buchanan	D
17	Cathleen Galgiani	D
18	Mary Hayashi	D
23	<b>Nora Campos</b> <sup>5</sup>	D
25	<b>Kristin Olsen</b> <sup>5</sup>	R
29	<b>Linda Halderman</b> <sup>5</sup>	R
32	<b>Shannon Grove</b> <sup>5</sup>	R
34	<i>Connie Conway</i> <sup>6</sup>	R
41	Julia Brownley	D
47	<b>Holly Mitchell</b> <sup>5</sup>	D
53	<b>Betsy Butler</b> <sup>5</sup>	D
54	Bonnie Lowenthal	D
61	Norma Torres	D
62	Wilmer Amina Carter	D
73	Diane Harkey	R
76	<b>Toni Atkins</b> <sup>5</sup>	D

<sup>5</sup> Newly elected State Assemblywoman

<sup>6</sup> A woman has not been elected Assembly Republican Leader in 29 years.

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## COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

- 69 women serve on County Boards of Supervisors after the November 2, 2010 midterm election, down from 73 women prior to November 2010. Women comprise 24 percent of the possible seats.
- Five boards have a female majority down from six boards prior to the November 2010 election.
- 18 boards have no female representation, up from 16 boards prior to the November 2010 election.

COUNTY	SUPERVISOR
Alameda	Nadia Lockyer, Wilma Chan
Alpine	Terry Woodrow
Amador	None
Butte	Maureen Kirk (loss of one seat)
Calaveras	Merita Callaway
Colusa	Kim Vann, Denise Carter
<b>Contra Costa</b>	<b>Gayle Vilkema, Mary Piepho, Karen Mitchoff</b>
Del Norte	Leslie McNamer, Martha McClure
El Dorado	Norma Santiago
<b>Fresno</b>	<b>Debbie Poochigian, Susan Anderson, Judy Case</b>
Glenn	None
Humboldt	Virginia Bass (loss of one seat)
Imperial	None
Inyo	Linda Arcularius, Susan Cash
Kern	None
Kings	None
Lake	Denise Rushing
Lassen	None
Los Angeles	Gloria Molina
Madera	None
Marin	Susan Adams, Judy Arnold
Mariposa	Janet Mankins-Bibby
Mendocino	Carre Brown, Kendall Smith
Merced	Deidre Kelsey
Modoc	Patricia Cantrall, Geri Byrne
Mono	Vicki 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 (loss of one seat)
San Bernardino	Josie Gonzales, Janice Rutherford
San Diego	Dianne Jacob, Pam Slater-Price
San Francisco	Janet Reilly, Jane Kim, Carmen Chu
San Joaquin	None
San Luis Obispo	None
<b>San Mateo</b>	<b>Carole Groom, Rose Jacob Gibson, Adrienne Tissler</b>
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	<b>Janet Wolf, Doreen Farr, Joni Gray</b>
Santa Clara	Liz Kniss
Santa Cruz	Ellen Pirie
Shasta	Linda Hartman
Sierra	None (loss of one seat)
Siskiyou	Grace Bennett, Marcia Armstrong
Solano	Barbara Kondylis, Linda Seifert
Sonoma	Valerie Brown, Shirlee Zane
Stanislaus	None
Sutter	None
Tehama	None
<b>Trinity</b>	<b>Judy Pflueger, Judy Morris, Wendy Reiss</b>
Tulare	None
Tuolumne	Liz Bass (loss of one seat)
Ventura	Linda Parks, Kathy Long
Yolo	None (loss of one seat)
Yuba	Mary Jane Griego

## OVERALL FINDINGS OF WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION IN ELECTED OFFICE IN CALIFORNIA

- There are 471 elected seats available (Two United States, 53 Congressional, 10 Constitutional, 120 State Legislature, 286 Board of Supervisors). Women represent 129 of these seats or 27.38 percent.



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