



Fund Her Expands Support to Include Women Running for Statewide Office in California

With women's issues under threat at the federal level, Fund Her aims to strengthen women's protections in California by endorsing 11 progressive women running for California legislative and statewide office.

Sacramento, CA — July 31, 2018 — Fund Her, the newly-launched political action committee dedicated to achieving gender parity in California politics, announced its program will expand beyond the State Legislature to include statewide candidates. Fund Her is endorsing the following 11 candidates, including its first candidate for statewide office:

Eleni Kounalakis: Lieutenant Governor
Jovanka Beckles: Assembly District 15
Rebecca Bauer-Kahan: Assembly District 16
Christy Smith: Assembly District 38
Cottie Petrie-Norris: Assembly District 74
Tasha Boerner Horvath: Assembly District 76
Elizabeth Warren: Assembly District 76
Sunday Gover: Assembly District 77
Maria Elena Durazo: Senate District 24
Joy Silver: Senate District 28
Vanessa Delgado: Senate District 32

Fund Her launched in November 2017 and has seen early success: three of the last four members sworn into the State Legislature are progressive women supported by Fund Her, and 10 of their 11 endorsees advanced in the June 5th primary. Building on those successes, the organization is expanding their program to include statewide candidates. The first of these endorsements is Eleni Kounalakis, the former US Ambassador to Hungary under President Barack Obama, who would be California's first female Lieutenant Governor.

"The blue wave has already enabled progressive victories here in California, but we still have some major fights ahead of us and we have an opportunity to make history with this election. In addition to increasing women's representation by a significant percentage, we can also break the glass ceiling at the top of the ticket," said Valerie McGinty, Fund Her Founder and President.

As the Trump administration undermines progressive gains at the federal level, state governments are becoming an increasing focal point for concerned citizens. "This is a critical time for California," said McGinty. "From Justice Kennedy's resignation to the constant attacks by the Trump Administration, California must be ready to fight back. Fund Her will help elect the right women for the job."

Only one in four California legislators are women. Victories by Fund Her's 11 candidates would significantly impact California politics, delivering eight legislative seat gains for women (increasing female representation from 25% to 32%) and sending California's first woman Lieutenant Governor to Sacramento. If elected, Fund Her's slate would also deliver five pickup seats for Democrats. California's June primary generated record turnout in contested areas like Orange County, which saw the highest turnout in 30 years, opening the door for progressive candidates who will face Republican incumbents in November.

About Fund Her

Fund Her is the newly-launched political action committee dedicated to achieving gender parity in California politics. The organization supports the campaigns of progressive women running for California legislative and statewide office. To learn more about Fund Her, visit www.fundher.org.

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