

# LOCC WOMEN'S CAUCUS

## Statistics on Women

- Women comprise 51.4 percent of the U.S. population.
- Women are starting their own businesses at twice the rate of men.
- Women make 80% of healthcare decisions.
- Women make 68% of new car purchase decisions.
- One out of every 11 American women owns a business.
- Women account for 58% of all total online spending.
- Heart disease is the # 1 killer of American women; 1 in every 3 women dies of heart disease.
- Women hold only 17% of the seats in Congress.
- Only 22% of all statewide elective executive office positions are currently held by women.
- State Legislatures are only 24% women.
- Only 6 out of 50 states have a female governor.
- The United States trails behind much of the world—ranking 90th in the number of women in our national legislature.  
(Note: The U.S. is listed as 73rd, but after accounting for tied rankings of other countries, the ranking for the U.S. is 90th)
- On average, male cabinet appointees outnumber women cabinet appointees in our states by a ratio of 2 to 1.
- 50% less women than men consider running for office. Of those, 30% less actually run, with only a fraction seeking higher office.
- Women constituted 54% of voters in the 2008 elections, but only 24% of state legislators.
- Women hold only 3% of clout positions in the mainstream media (telecommunications, entertainment, publishing and advertising).
- Women comprise 7% of directors and 13% of film writers in the top 250 grossing films.
- The United States is 90th in the world in terms of women in national legislatures.
- Women hold 17% of the seats in the House of Representatives (the equivalent body in Rwanda is 56.3% female).
- Women are merely 3% of Fortune 500 CEOs.
- About 25% of girls will experience teen dating violence.
- 65% of American women and girls have an eating disorder.

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## About the Women's Caucus

The Women's Caucus is a diversity caucus organized within the League of California Cities. The Women's Caucus endorses and supports the League of California Cities' mission to restore and protect local control for cities and to support policies that directly promote the development and redevelopment of safe and healthy cities.

We are building stronger communities throughout California by supporting our members to lead more effectively and succeed on every level.

As a non-partisan affiliate of the League, the Women's Caucus is a leadership and advocacy group focused on supporting locally elected women, increasing the number of women in elected office, and advocating for budget priorities and public policy that benefit the women and children of California.

Meet our Board Members:

San Jose Councilmember Rose Herrera  
Fremont Councilmember Anu Natarajan  
Diamond Bar Councilmember Ling-Ling Chang  
Sunnyvale Councilmember Tara Martin-Milius  
Grass Valley Councilmember Jan Arbuckle

## Benefits of Membership

- Excellent networking opportunities
- Invitations to conferences and events
- Access to innovative training programs available to members only
- Free membership tote

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## Women's Caucus Membership

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