Welcome to the

Women in California Politics Foundation & Museum

Women's History Month Celebration & Awards Ceremony

March 13, 2024

Dear friends,

On behalf of the Women in California Politics Foundation & Museum, we extend a warm welcome to all attendees of our celebration in honor of Women's History Month. Tonight, we gather to pay tribute to the indomitable spirit and remarkable achievements of four extraordinary women who made history in 1918 by becoming the first to serve in the California State Legislature: Esto Broughton, Grace Dorris, Elizabeth Hughes, and Anna Saylor.

Their courage, perseverance, and unwavering dedication have paved the way for countless women leaders who have followed in their footsteps. As we celebrate Women's History Month, it is fitting that we recognize their pioneering contributions and honor their legacy.

We are thrilled to present the prestigious Esto B. Broughton, Grace S. Dorris, Elizabeth Hughes, and Anna L. Saylor Awards to deserving individuals who embody the spirit of these trailblazing pioneers. Their achievements in law, breaking the glass ceiling, empowering advocacy, and providing a pathway through knowledge are truly inspiring and deserving of celebration.

Tonight's event promises to be both enlightening and empowering, with honorees and women legislators sharing insights on their journeys to leadership.

Additionally, we are excited to announce the release of the audiobook "Women in Politics: Breaking Down Barriers to Achieve True Representation," a compelling compilation of stories and insights from influential women in California Politics.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our sponsors for their generous support, without which this event would not be possible. Your commitment to advancing the cause of women in politics is truly commendable, and we are grateful for your partnership.

We also express our sincere appreciation to the California Legislative Women's Caucus for their participation and support. Your leadership and advocacy are instrumental in advancing gender equality and women's empowerment in California and beyond.

Thank you for being part of this special evening as we honor the past, celebrate the present, and inspire the future of women in California politics.

Warm regards,

Fiona and Sunny, on behalf of the Board of Directors, WICP100

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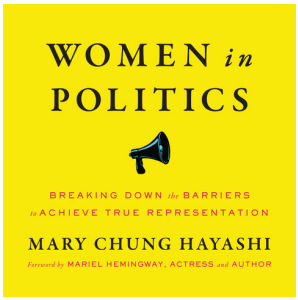

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Program

4:30 pm **Museum Doors Open**

5:30 pm **Hon. Sunny Mojonnier #30, WICP Founder**

- *Welcoming Remarks*
- *Introduction of Elected Officials*
- *Sponsor Recognition*

5:35 pm **Hon. Mary Chung Hayashi #111, Co-Chair, WICP 2024 Women's History Month Event**

- *Announcement of Women in Politics audiobook release*

5:40 pm **Presentation of Anna L. Saylor #4 Award**

5:50 pm **Presentation of Elizabeth Hughes #3 Award**

6:00 pm **Presentation of Grace S. Dorris #2 Award**

6:10 pm **Presentation of Esto B. Broughton #1 Award**

6:20 pm **Hon. Fiona Ma #112, President of WICP and California State Treasurer**

- *Closing Remarks*

Awards

ESTO B. BROUGHTON #1

Jurisprudence Award for Achievement in Law

Chief Justice of California

Patricia Guerrero

Introduction by Assemblywoman Tina McKinnor #175

GRACE S. DORRIS #2

Trailblazer Award for Breaking the Glass Ceiling

Elizabeth Healy, Executive Director

The Doctors Company Foundation &

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Introduction by Assembly Majority Leader

Cecilia Aguiar-Curry #148

ELIZABETH HUGHES #3

Voice of Change Award:

Empowering Advocacy and Inspiring Action

Jennifer Barrera, President/CEO

California Chamber of Commerce

Introduction by Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio #153

ANNA L. SAYLOR #4

Wisdom Award for Education:

Providing a Pathway Through Knowledge

Harjinder Shergill Chima, Director

California Lottery Commission

Introduction by Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh #170

Esto B. Broughton #1

In 1918, attorney Esto Broughton was the first woman to be elected to the legislature, at only 26 years old.

Born: Esto Bates Broughton on January 9, 1890, in Modesto
Died: November 20, 1956, in San Jose
Married: Single

Education: University of Berkeley, Bachelor of Arts – 1914, University of Berkeley, Juris Doctor – 1916, Admitted to Bar on May 17, 1916

Esto B. Broughton ran on the Democratic ticket in 1918 representing the 46th District (Modesto) and was re-elected in 1920, 1922 and 1924.

Legislation:
Broughton introduced 86 pieces of legislation of which 23 were enacted and 11 were vetoed. She successfully carried legislation to allow development of electrical power by irrigation districts; grant authority of irrigation districts to issue bonds, provide extension of public works during high periods of unemployment; regulate the quality of dairy products and their sale and advertising to prevent deception and fraud in the production and sale; and a bill to give wives authority as to community property equal to that of their husbands.

Chief Justice of California
Patricia Guerrero

Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero is the 29th Chief Justice of California. She was sworn into office on January 2, 2023, making history as the first Latina to serve as California's Chief Justice. Chief Justice Guerrero was nominated to office by Governor Gavin Newsom in August 2022.

When she first joined the California Supreme Court as an associate justice in March 2022, Chief Justice Guerrero was also the first Latina to serve on the state's high court.

In her first State of the Judiciary address, Chief Justice Guerrero highlighted her commitment to a more diverse and inclusive judicial branch, as well as technology that helped preserve access to justice for Californians during the pandemic. Chief Justice Guerrero also adopted the Power of Democracy Civic Learning Initiative and has been active in the "Judges in the Classroom" civics program, which engages schools and encourages students to learn about the role of the judiciary.

Chief Justice Guerrero is the daughter of Mexican immigrants and was born and raised in California's Imperial Valley. She attended the University of California, Berkeley as an undergraduate and earned a Juris Doctor degree from Stanford Law School.

Grace S. Dorris #2

She was the first woman to introduce a piece of legislation thus "shattering the glass ceiling."

Born: Grace Storey McMillian on March 14, 1887, in Ventura, (mother died when 11 months old, and was raised by her maternal aunt as Grace S. Green).
Died: December 29, 1968, in Bakersfield.
Married: Wiley Casey Dorris, lawyer, on August 13, 1913, in Kern.
Occupation: Worked as a teacher and as a law clerk at Dorrrs, Fieharty and Phillips

Grace S. Dorris ran on the Republican ticket in 1918 representing the 56th District (Bakersfield) and won re-election in 1922 and 1924

She introduced 56 pieces of legislation – 8 were enacted and 16 were vetoed. She pioneered many social reforms in her legislation – many that would later become law. She authored the first bill to be introduced by a woman (AB 25) to shorten the hours of domestic workers to 10 hours per day. She believed public defenders as well as public prosecutors should be provided in California courts. She fought for water rights for the farmers in her district. Several bills to provide stricter controls on the employment of children were pocket vetoed or held in committee. She introduced legislation to exempt from attachment motor trucks where they are being used in a man's business; and a civil service reform prohibiting discrimination because of a physical affliction. She supported laws to enable the purchase or condemnation of idle tracts of land owned by large corporations to be sold to soldiers returning from WWI.

Elizabeth Healy, Executive Director
The Doctors Company Foundation &
Vice President of Government and Community Relations
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As Vice President of Government and Community Relations at The Doctors Company, the nation's largest physician owned medical professional liability insurer, Healy directs political and public policy advocacy strategies nationwide and in Washington, DC for The Doctors Company Group.

In more than 30 years in government relations, she has been involved in political campaigns and fundraising, grassroots organizing, state government, and legislative advocacy in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Healy is also responsible for The Doctors Company's corporate charitable giving program which is focused on addressing the social determinants of health and is the Executive Director of The Doctors Company Foundation which provides grants to advance patient safety research and education.

Healy resides with her husband and daughter in Napa, where she volunteers for her daughter's Girl Scout troop and serves as a board member of the California Community Health Initiative.

Elizabeth Hughes #3

Elizabeth Hughes played a key role in legislation that created the California Department of Agriculture.

Born: Elizabeth Irene Lorentzen, March 19, 1876 in San Francisco
Died: March 15, 1941, San Francisco
Married: James Boaz Hughes, teacher, on August 1, 1905 in Alameda

Children: James Shepard Hughes
Education: State Normal School, San Jose, California 1893; Graduate of USC with Masters in Speech 1930. She worked as a teacher until her election to the State Assembly in 1918.

Hughes ran on the Republican ticket in 1918 representing the 7th District (Oroville) and was re-elected in 1920. Campaign slogan: The Right Kind of Politics is Patriotism on the Job.

She introduced 37 pieces of legislation – 15 were enacted and 2 were vetoed. Hughes' main focus was education. She carried legislation to raise the compulsory school attendance law to 16 years; proposed part-time school of 4 hours a week for children 14-16 who of necessity could not complete their education. This resulted in more vocational courses and night school classes. She also carried bills important to the agricultural interests in her district. A bill to create a California Department of Agriculture and definition of its duties was pocket vetoed by the Governor. She served as Chairman of the Education Committee during her two terms, becoming the first woman appointed to chair a major committee.

Jennifer Barrera, President/CEO
California Chamber of Commerce

Jennifer Barrera is president and chief executive officer of the CalChamber. Barrera took over the leadership position in October 2021, after serving as the executive vice president of policy for four years, where she oversaw the development and implementation of policy and strategy.

Prior to that, she led CalChamber advocacy on labor and employment and taxation from September 2010 through the end of 2017. From May 2003 until joining the CalChamber staff, Barrera worked at a statewide law firm that specializes in labor/employment defense, now Carothers, DiSante & Freudenberger, LLP. She represented employers in both state and federal court on a variety of issues, including wage and hour disputes, discrimination, harassment, retaliation, breach of contract, and wrongful termination. She also advised both small and large businesses on compliance issues, presented seminars on various employment-related topics, and regularly authored articles in human resources publications.

Barrera earned a B.A. in English from California State University, Bakersfield, and a J.D. with high honors from California Western School of Law.

Anna L. Saylor #4

Anna L. Saylor played a key role in legislation that created the California Department of Education.

Born: Anna Louise McBride, March 1, 1871 in Otter Creek, Indiana.
Died: September 20, 1956 in Berkeley, where she moved in 1912.
Married: Franklin Lass Saylor, small business owner, on June 12, 1895, in Elwood, Indiana.
Children: Helen Louis Saylor and Robert McBride Saylor

Mrs. Saylor was very active in the Twentieth Century Club, the Civic League and the Navy League of Berkeley, and was president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs while living in Indiana. Participation in these women's clubs provided women with the means to influence legislation prior to passage of the 19th Amendment. It was Berkeley's Twentieth Century Club, one of the more influential women's clubs in California, that urged Saylor to run for office.

Anna Saylor ran on the Republican ticket in 1918 representing the 41st district (Berkeley) and was re-elected in 1920, 1922, and 1924.

Campaign Slogan: In union there is strength.

Harjinder Shergill Chima, Director
California Lottery Commission

Harjinder “Harj” K. Shergill Chima is the Director of the California Lottery. She brings extensive experience to the Lottery, having served more than four years as Chief Deputy Director before being appointed to the top role by Governor Gavin Newsom.

As one of five daughters to Indian immigrant parents, the importance of education was impressed upon her and her sisters from an early age. Her mother and paternal grandfather were teachers in India, and her parents recognized that it would be difficult for their daughters to receive equal treatment and education in India, so they immigrated to the United States. Her parents stressed the importance of education and integrity and encouraged each of them to complete graduate degrees.

Shergill Chima believes an excellent leader demonstrates respect and fosters both collaboration and accountability at the same time. She truly believes good leaders are not only accountable for their own actions and decisions, but they help hold others accountable as well. She strives to be an available and approachable leader who shows regular appreciation for the hard work her team puts in every day to ensure the right decisions are made for the Lottery.

Assemblywoman Tina McKinnor #175
Presenting the Esto B. Broughton #1 Award

Assemblywoman Tina McKinnor #175 (D - Inglewood), was first elected to the California State Assembly in June 2022 representing the 61st District and cities and communities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lenox, Los Angeles, Marina del Rey, Venice, West Athens, Westchester and Westmont in Los Angeles County.

McKinnor chairs the Public Employment and Retirement Committee and sits on the Arts, Entertainment, Sports and Tourism; Business and Professions; Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials; Governmental Organization; and Judiciary Committees. In March 2023, she was appointed to the State Coastal Conservancy. In this capacity, she has become one of the most influential, respected and progressive policy leaders in California.

In January 2024, McKinnor was unanimously elected Chair of the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation, the largest, bi-partisan, and most diverse delegation in the California Legislature.

Prior to her election, McKinnor served as Civic Engagement Director for the non-profit LAVoice and previously was Operational Director for the California Democratic Party and Chief of Staff to several Members of the State Assembly. McKinnor received a BA in Accounting from California State University, Dominguez Hills. McKinnor was born and raised in Los Angeles County, is the mother of two adult sons and recently welcomed her first grandchild.

Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry #148
Presenting the Grace S. Dorris #2 Award

In November 2016, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry was elected to the California Assembly to represent the 4th District that includes all or parts of Napa, Lake, Yolo, Sonoma, Colusa and Solano counties. Cecilia grew up in western Yolo County and has long served her community.

After going to school and working in the Bay Area for several years, she moved back to her hometown of Winters where she almost immediately became active in the local community and a regional leader on several issues. She first served as planning commissioner and then was elected to the city council, eventually serving as the first female mayor of Winters.

As mayor of Winters, Cecilia oversaw improvements in the downtown area and worked to improve local schools, including securing computers for every sixth grader in the city. She brought broadband internet to rural communities, built senior housing and helped the area to become an agricultural and food innovation hub for the region. Cecilia was also involved in efforts to create the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in the inner California Coast Ranges that was proclaimed by President Obama in 2015.

Cecilia has a degree in business administration from San Jose State University. She currently resides in Winters a block from her childhood home with her longtime partner, Larry Harris, and has a stepson and two grown daughters.

Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio #153
Presenting the Elizabeth Hughes #3 Award

Assemblywoman Blanca E. Rubio was elected in November 2016 to represent California's 48th Assembly District. Blanca has worked tirelessly to give her constituents a voice in the Capitol, placing advocacy for children, women, families, students, immigrants, and California's economy at the forefront of her work.

Since her election in 2016, Blanca has authored bills that support victims of domestic violence, create opportunities for children within the foster care system, ensure our youngest students are given proper support to succeed in school, and support immigrant communities. She has served on numerous committees and chairs the Assembly Select Committee on Domestic Violence.

Before coming to the Assembly, Blanca spent 16 years as a teacher and over 20 years in elected office, serving on the Valley County Water Board and Baldwin Park Unified School District.

Blanca was born in Juarez, Mexico, and came to the United States with her parents at a young age. Her experiences have given her a genuine understanding of the everyday struggles and barriers that immigrants and working families continue to face in the United States.

Blanca received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Master's Degree in Education with a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential from Azusa Pacific University. She is a resident of Baldwin Park and a proud mother of two children.

Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh #170
Presenting the Anna L. Saylor #4 Award

Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh is a native Californian and the daughter of Mexican immigrants and credits her family with teaching her personal responsibility, the value of an education and hard work, and that home ownership is the cornerstone of the American Dream. She is a graduate of San Bernardino High School and UC Santa Barbara.

Ochoa Bogh worked towards her teaching credential at CSU San Bernardino and taught English language learners at the elementary level. A Realtor for over 20 years, she has helped many others achieve the American Dream. Ochoa Bogh has served on the boards of Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District, Yucaipa Valley Chamber of Commerce and the East Valley Association of Realtors.

In November 2020, Ochoa Bogh was elected to represent Senate District 23. She has been appointed vice chair of the committees on Education; Housing and Human Services. She is also a member of the committees on Governmental Organization, Insurance and Legislative Ethics. Throughout her career, Ochoa Bogh has been a champion for stronger schools, lower taxes, better infrastructure, and more affordable home prices. In the State Senate, she has worked to lower the cost of living in California, support a strong economic recovery, preserve local control, and reverse the cycle of higher taxes and increased government intrusion.

Senator Ochoa Bogh and Greg Bogh, her husband of 26 years, live with their son, two daughters and a Cocker Spaniel named Penny in the city of Yucaipa.

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Women in California Politics Foundation & Museum

Women In California Politics Foundation & Museum is proud to have been recognized as having the largest collection of historical information and video recorded oral histories of the women that have served in the California Legislature.

Our Mission: Educate, empower and inspire future generations to foster the spirit of public service and encourage community involvement.

Our Vision: Accomplish our mission by preserving the political history of the women elected to serve in California's Legislature by: 1) producing and collecting video recorded oral histories to provide education and historic preservation, 2) producing a Centennial Celebration in 2018 to celebrate 100 years and honor the legacy of women elected to the California Legislature, and 3) open a museum to display exhibits and artifacts showing the impact that women legislators have made in California, by displaying the multiple collections and thousands of historical items such as photos, plaques, letters with original signature, books, awards and specific clothing items that are noteworthy.

Acknowledgements: Women In California Politics Foundation & Museum wishes to thank the Legislative Women's Caucus and Women in California Leadership for their unwavering support over the years, including for the Centennial Celebration and the launch of the Women In California Politics Museum.

Legacy of the “First Four”

1918, four women with ties to UC Berkeley broke through the glass ceiling that had blocked women from being elected to the California Assembly. From left: Grace S. Dorris, Elizabeth Hughes, Anna L. Saylor and Esto B. Broughton.

Each woman legislator has a number in order of their election (just like the US presidents). In a little over 100 years 4400+ members of the legislature have been elected, and fewer than 200 of those have been women.

Our roster of women elected to the California Legislature is available on the website at www.wicp100.org.

The years between 1918 and 1920 were a time of great change for the world and the United States. World War I ended on November 11, 1918, and over a million men were returning home. The 18th Amendment prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages in the United States was ratified on January 16, 1919, taking effect in January 1920. The Spanish Influenza affected over 500 million people world-wide in four successive waves, killing an estimated 50 million, between February 1918 and April 1920.

Although California women had won the right to vote in 1911, it wasn't until November 4, 1918, that the first four women were elected to the California Legislature. It would be another 2 years before the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote nationally was ratified.

Some of the greatest moments in California's history were created by the courageous women that stepped out of traditional roles to become elected public servants and shape the future of California politics. The legacy of these strong women will endure through Women in California Politics (WICP) and will inspire future generations.

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