IGNITE to host post-election mobilization event to galvanize the next generation of women into political leadership

San Francisco, December 15, 2016 - The recent election yielded little to no change in the number of women in office. For those of us who care about political parity, there has never been a more important time to organize. With women holding only 22% of the 500,000 offices across the US we need 140,000 more women serving to achieve parity. Hundreds of thousands of women must step up to run. That is a next generation proposition, and IGNITE is the only national organization reaching young women across the country and providing them with the inspiration, tools and networks to become the next generation of political leaders.

In response to the election and the growing need for a community wide effort that floods the pipeline with politically ambitious young women, IGNITE is hosting a Mobilization Breakfast at LinkedIn, San Francisco from 8:00-10:00 AM on January 6, 2017. Rosie Rios, the 43rd US Treasurer who successfully led efforts to put a woman on US currency, will kick off the morning with opening remarks. California Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, and San Francisco Supervisor Hillary Ronen will join two politically ambitious college IGNITE women (from UC Berkeley and Santa Clara University) for a panel discussion on what we can do to get the next generation of women to run. The breakfast provides a platform for the business community to meet and network with college women who are preparing to run for office. The event will culminate with calls to action around concrete ways our community can accelerate political parity. IGNITE is pleased to be hosting this event at LinkedIn, with their mission of connecting the world’s professionals to make them more productive and successful.

“Since the election, IGNITE has heard from young women from across the United States. They are undaunted, they are hopeful, and they are ready to get to work. IGNITE wants them to know that they should never give up, and that we have their backs. Let’s mobilize to support their ambitions to lead,” says Anne Moses, Founder and President of IGNITE.

"As we count up to the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote in 2020, we have a lot of work ahead of us. The only way to advance women’s equality is to inspire the next generation of leadership to advocate for structural changes in decision-making. In the spirit of democracy, it is our obligation to make sure we work across generations to ensure that women own their fair share of political power," says Rosie Rios, 43rd Treasurer of the United States.

Tickets start at $25.00. For more information visit: [http://www.ignitenational.org/ignite_mobilization_breakfast](http://www.ignitenational.org/ignite_mobilization_breakfast)

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About IGNITE

IGNITE is building a national movement to dramatically increase the pool of women who are ready and eager to become the next generation of political leaders. To date we’ve trained over 5,000 young women. As a nonpartisan 501c3, IGNITE builds political ambition in high school and college-aged young women in their own communities. We provide civic education, exposure to women in political leadership, hands on training and work opportunities, and a peer network of women who support and nurture each other’s aspirations for civic and political leadership.

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