

Media Alert
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IGNITE to host San Francisco Young Women's Political Leadership Summit

March 3, 2018, from 9 AM - 2:30 PM

Over 20 national and local elected women, activists, policy experts and campaign consultants join IGNITE to train the next generation of women to run for office.

Since the 2016 election, IGNITE has experienced five times the volume of young women who are asking for our political leadership training. Young women from colleges across northern CA who represent the diversity of our state are set to join us on March 3, 2018 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m for IGNITE's Young Women's Political Leadership summit at the Google Community Space. With over 150 people attending it is clear that young women in the Bay Area are ready and eager to own their political power.

Stacey Abrams, House Minority Leader for the Georgia General Assembly and the leading candidate for Georgia Governor, will keynote the event. If elected, Rep. Abrams will be the first Black woman Governor in US history, an inspirational message for the young women of IGNITE, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college.

The morning plenary will spotlight Fiona Ma, candidate for State Treasurer; Eleni Kounalakis, candidate for Lieutenant Governor; and Amanda Renteria, candidate for California Governor in discussion around what it would mean for California to have women in these powerful positions. Most important, 150+ politically ambitious young women will be there receiving the training and resources needed to run for office. Find the full program [here](#).

"At a time when our country is crippled by partisan stasis, young women are emerging as leaders, impatient and demanding policy action. At IGNITE we've known for a long time that young women are going to save our democracy. They are fired up, they have solutions for change, and they are ready to lead. IGNITE is dedicated to training this future generation to step into political leadership", shares Anne Moses, IGNITE's Founder and President.

"IGNITE encouraged me to declare my ambition and showed me the ins and outs of politics, easing my transition from college to my current role as Immigration Specialist in the Office of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi. I look forward to sharing my experiences with these young

women,” shares IGNITE alumna Jocelyn Yow who will be speaking about launching careers in the political sector.

Join the conversation by following #YoungWomenRunSF. The media partner for the event, [The Representation Project](#), will make it possible for young women around the country to watch portions of the event via livestream on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter: @IGNITE_national and @thereproject.

Sponsors include: Kaiser Permanente, The California Endowment, Facebook and Union Bank

About IGNITE

IGNITE is building a national movement of young women who are ready and eager to become the next generation of political leaders. As a nonpartisan 501c3, IGNITE builds political ambition in high school and college-aged young women in their own communities. IGNITE provides civic education, exposure to women in political leadership, hands on training, work opportunities, and a peer network of women who support and nurture each other's aspirations for civic and political leadership. www.ignitenational.org

About The Representation Project

Using film and media as catalysts for cultural transformation, The Representation Project inspires individuals and communities to challenge and overcome limiting stereotypes so that everyone – regardless of gender, race, class, age, religion, sexual orientation, ability, or circumstance – can fulfill their human potential.

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