



# EMILY's List

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## EMILY's List's Work to Promote Democratic Women Candidates of Color

Since EMILY's List was founded in 1985, its goal has been to increase the number of pro-choice Democratic women elected to the House, Senate, and as governor. In the process, EMILY's List has become the largest financial resource for minority women seeking federal office.

Of the 90 women serving in the 111th Congress, 20 are women of color. Of those, 19 are Democrats and one is a Republican. Women of color constitute 3.7% of the total 535 members of Congress.

- To date, EMILY's List has raised more than \$6.7 million to help pro-choice Democratic women candidates of color run for political office.
- EMILY's List has supported every one of the 21 African-American congresswomen elected since our inception, including 20 Representatives and one Delegate.
- EMILY's List endorsed every one of the five Latina Democratic women currently serving in the U.S. House of Representatives: Lucille Roybal-Allard of California, Grace Napolitano of California, Loretta Sanchez of California, Nydia Velazquez of New York and Linda Sanchez of California.
- EMILY's List endorsed the late Rep. Patsy Mink of Hawaii, along with Reps. Mazie Hirono of Hawaii and Doris Matsui of California, the only three female Democratic Asian-American/Pacific Islanders to have served in Congress.
- In 1992, EMILY's List helped Sen. Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois make history by becoming the first African-American woman elected to the United States Senate.
- In 1998, three of seven women EMILY's List helped elect to the U.S. House were women of color: Stephanie Tubbs Jones of Ohio, Barbara Lee of California and Grace Napolitano of California.
- In 2000, now Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis of California became the fiftieth woman EMILY's List helped elect to the U.S. Congress after she defeated an incumbent in the Democratic primary.
- In 2006, Mazie Hirono was elected with the help of EMILY's List, to represent the 2nd District of Hawaii in the United States House of Representatives. Hirono became the first immigrant woman of Asian ancestry to serve in Congress.
- In 2008, EMILY's List helped Donna Edwards defeat eight term incumbent Al Wynn in Washington D.C.'s backyard, Maryland's fourth Congressional district. The highly democratic district was strongly behind Edwards and Wynn resigned. Edwards then won a special election to start her term in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. Donna Edwards was among the three new Congresswomen of color that EMILY's List helped elect in the 2008 cycle.

Almost one-third of women EMILY's List has helped to elect to the House and Senate have been women of color.