

## Getting results

With national, state and local Caucuses working together, we get results by pushing . . . because government responds to pushing:

- The Caucus pushes by urging qualified women to run for office and giving them the help they need to make that decision wisely.
- The Caucus pushes both political parties to take positive steps toward equal representation for women in their conventions and their policy-making committees.
- The Caucus pushes by mounting nationwide campaigns on special issues.
- The Caucus pushes by working with other national and state groups in an alliance for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.
- The Caucus pushes by setting up a separate Campaign Support Committee that can give direct assistance to women candidates to help even the odds that traditionally favor male candidates.

## The Shape of a Caucus

To have political power, women need political organization:

- a caucus within each political party.
- a caucus within every legislative body.
- a caucus that brings together women with common concerns, even though they differ on some issues.

The National Women's Political Caucus brings together women of all ages, races, lifestyles and cultural backgrounds.

As a member of the Caucus, you'll be backing organizing efforts all across the country. We have 39 state caucuses and 205 local caucuses, working directly to build women's political clout in those levels of government. As a Caucus member you can participate in the political action undertaken by your state and local caucuses. We have Caucus Task Forces in each of the major parties, assuring that women's interests are given due attention and that the parties put no impediment in the way of women's entry into more political offices.

As a member of the Caucus, you will receive the Caucus newspaper, **Women's Political Times**, a concise and readable quarterly tabloid bringing you news in depth on women's issues. The newspaper is supplemented by periodic newsletters keeping you up to date on what the Caucus is achieving with your support.

## Join the Caucus Today!

The National Women's Political Caucus functions through the support of thousands of members and contributors who want to see able women take their rightful places in our local, state and federal governments.

For the long job of building women's political clout—and winning the last state ratifications of the Equal Rights Amendment—the Caucus needs more support. We need to have **you** as a member.

Right now, you can become a Special member of the National Caucus and your state and local caucus at a special dues rate of \$20.

To join, simply fill in the registration form above, and mail it with your check to the National Women's Political Caucus, 1411 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Women have been too long without political equality. Don't wait any longer. Join the Caucus today.

## The Caucus: Highlights of Seven Busy Years

- 1971 July 10:** 271 women meet in Washington, D.C. to found the National Women's Political Caucus.  
**December:** Caucus representatives begin a series of meetings with presidential contenders, to win their commitment to a greater women's role in the campaigns, the national conventions, and their administrations if elected.
- 1972 January - August:** Caucus activities double the number of women delegates at the Republican Convention . . . and triple the women at the Democratic Convention.  
**March:** Congress sends Equal Rights Amendment to the states and the Caucus launches ERA ratification campaign.
- 1973 February 10-11:** The Caucus holds its first national convention—the first national political convention of women since 1872.
- 1974 February 13:** the Caucus launches Win With Women '74, to focus attention on women candidates and to encourage women to run. The Caucus is the only national women's organization with an electoral strategy to defeat anti-ERA incumbents in state legislatures.  
**Election Day, November 5:** the number of women candidates for major offices has more than doubled since the previous election.  
**November 6:** As the votes are counted, the number of women in state legislatures has increased by 26%; the number of women in statewide offices has increased 36%.
- 1975 June 28-29:** the Caucus establishes Republican and Democratic Women's Task Forces to encourage more women to participate in party affairs by seeking party offices and nominations for public office.  
**October 4:** The Caucus becomes the first women's organization to create a separate national political committee.
- 1976 July 10:** women leaders meet with candidate Jimmy Carter to hammer out an agreement on women's role in his administration if he is elected.  
**August:** Caucus lobbies successfully to keep support for the Equal Rights Amendment in the Republican platform.  
**November 14:** the Caucus creates the Coalition for Women's Appointments, which lobbies successfully for inclusion of more women in the Carter Administration.
- 1977 January 4:** Caucus leaders meet with President-Elect Carter to present women's agenda for his administration.  
**September 10-11:** Caucus holds third national convention and kicks off final drive for ERA ratification.

## Special Member Registration

- YES, I want to join the Caucus and help build real political power for women.
- ☐ I enclose my Special Member Dues (for national, state and local caucuses) of \$20.
- ☐ I want to do more, by making a contribution in addition to my dues. I enclose a check for a total of—
- ☐ \$30      ☐ \$50      ☐ \$75      ☐ \$100      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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The NATIONAL WOMEN'S  
POLITICAL CAUCUS  
is women's political voice.

The most exciting changes in America today are caused by women. In fact, you might say that the most exciting changes **are** women—because women are changing and making the country change with us.

By breaking out of old patterns . . . by breaking into new professions . . . by breaking down old stereotypes . . . women are opening new opportunities for themselves and bringing untapped talent to every area of American life.

But one place where women's talent is underused and the fresh air of change is shut out . . . is our government.

Women, Change, and Government

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The National Women's Political Caucus

Women in America can't have real equality under a government composed almost exclusively of men. It is fantasy to think that such a government can truly represent the needs of a female majority undergoing complex, fundamental change.

We need a government sensitive to the tide of change that women are creating for themselves and for the country.

- a government where many more women hold power.
- a government where men respond to the needs of their female constituents.

The National Women's Political Caucus is the only national organization entirely dedicated to winning full representation for women.

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