



### SUMMARY OF WOMEN CANDIDATES 2006

Number of states where filing deadlines have passed: **50**

Number of states where primaries have been held: **50\***

#### U.S. Senate - 12 (8D, 4R)

Won Primary

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#### U. S. Senate Races in 2006

In 2006, 33 states have Senate races. In five states (CT, MD, MN, TN, VT) there are open seats because incumbent senators have announced they are not seeking reelection or have lost their primaries. No women have announced that they are retiring.

**A record 12 (8D, 4R) women are candidates in nine states.** The total number of women who filed for Senate races was 24.

**6 (4D, 2R) are incumbents:** Maria Cantwell (D-WA); Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY); Dianne Feinstein (D-CA); Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX); Olympia Snowe (R-ME); and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI).

**1 (1D) is a candidate for an open seat:** Amy Klobuchar (D-MN).

**5 (3D, 2R) are challengers:** Jean Hay Bright (D-ME); Katherine Harris (R-FL); Claire McCaskill (D-MO); Barbara Ann Radnofsky (D-TX) and Cynthia Thielen (R-HI).

12 (8D, 4R) women have lost their primaries.

A record 14 (9D, 5R) women currently serve in the U. S. Senate. The new record of 12 (8D, 4R) women candidates for U.S. Senate beat the previous record of 11 (8D, 3R), set in 1992. The candidate record still to beat is the 1992 Senate race in which 29 (22D, 7R) women filed.

#### U.S. House - 136 (94D, 42R)

*(does not include candidates for the four non-voting delegate and one resident commissioner seats)*

Won Primary

135 (93D, 42R)

#### U.S. House Races in 2006

Of the 435 House and 5 Delegate seats, there are currently **34 (11D, 22R, 1I)** House members or delegates who have already announced their intention to leave Congress. Two women will not be returning to the U.S. House of Representatives: Katherine Harris (R-FL) is running for the U.S. Senate and Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) lost her primary.

A total of **136 (94D, 42R) women are candidates for House seats.** Three incumbent Democratic women and a Republican challenger are candidates for delegate to Congress from the District of Columbia, Guam, Virgin Islands and American Samoa. The total number of women who filed for House races was 210.

73 (45D, 28R) women have lost their primary races, and two candidates dropped out after winning their primaries.

**65 (42D, 23R) incumbents are running for re-election.**

**18 (12D, 6R) women are running in 17 districts with open seats.**

**53 (40D, 13R) are running as challengers.**

A record 222 (140D, 82R) women filed for the U.S. House in 1992. Of the 222 who filed, 106 (70D, 36R) won their parties' primaries. In 2004 a record 141 (88D, 53R) women won their primaries.

\* In Louisiana, primaries will be held on November 7; any candidate who wins more than 50% of the vote is elected, and in races where no candidate wins 50%, a December runoff between the top two vote-getters determines the winner.

## SUMMARY OF WOMEN CANDIDATES 2006 (continued)

### Governor 10 (5D, 5R)

Won Primary 10 (5D, 5R)

#### Governor Races in 2006

In 2006, 37 states have gubernatorial races; in 10 (1D, 9R) there are open seats.

10 (5D, 5R) women are candidates in 10 states, tying the record set in 1994, 1998 and again in 2002. Five are incumbents running for re-election; they are: Jennifer Granholm (D-MI); Linda Lingle (R-HI); Janet Napolitano (D-AZ); M. Jodi Rell (R-CT); and Kathleen Sebelius (D-KS). Three are seeking open seats: Kerry Healey (R-MA); Sarah Palin (R-AK); Dina Titus (D-NV). Two are challenging incumbents: Lucy Baxley (D-AL); Judy Baar Topinka (R-IL).

9 (6D, 3R) women have lost their primaries.

**Eight women currently serve as governors:** Kathleen Blanco (D-LA); Jennifer Granholm (D-MI); Christine Gregoire (D-WA); Linda Lingle (R-HI); Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE); Janet Napolitano (D-AZ); M. Jodi Rell (R-CT) and Kathleen Sebelius (D-KS).

In 1994, a record 34 (18D, 15R, 1ACP\*) women filed for gubernatorial races. This year's figure of 10 women primary winners matches the record set in 1994, 1998 and 2002.

### Lieutenant Governor 18 (11D, 7R)

Won Primary 18 (11D, 7R)

18 (10D, 8R) women have lost their primaries.

The record number of nominees for lieutenant governor is 29, set in 1994.

### Additional Statewide Elective Executives 76 (43D, 32R, 1NP)

Won Primary 76 (43D, 32R, 1NP)

20 (10D, 7R, 3NP) women lost their primaries.

### State Legislature 2,429 (1,559D, 861R, 7NP, 2Prg)

Won Primary 2,429 (1,559D, 861R, 7NP, 2Prg)

The 2,429 women candidates for state legislature sets a new record. The previous record was 2,375, set in 1992.

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\* ACP is included because in 1994 the Governor's party in Connecticut was the American Connecticut Party.

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