



Press Advisory
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Woman-versus-Woman Races 2008

The marquee woman-versus-woman contest in 2008 is the Senate race in North Carolina featuring incumbent Senator Elizabeth Dole (R) against challenger State Senator Kay Hagan (D). Nine incumbent congresswomen will also face female opponents in the general election, and one race for an open House seat pits two women against one another. In addition, two statewide elective executive offices will be filled in woman-versus-woman contests.

The all-women races are:

U.S. Senate

NC: Elizabeth Dole (R-incumbent) vs Kay Hagan (D)

U.S. House (9 incumbents – 4D, 5R, and 1 open seat)

AZ 1: Ann Kirkpatrick (D) vs. Sydney Hay (R) (open seat)

CA 39: Linda Sanchez (D-inc.) vs. Diane Lenning (R)

CA 45: Mary Bono Mack (R-inc.) vs. Julie Bornstein (D)

CA 47: Loretta Sanchez (D-inc.) vs. Rosemarie Avila (R)

CO 4: Marilyn Musgrave (R-inc.) vs Betsy Markey (D)

FL 18: Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-inc.) vs. Annette Taddeo (D)

KS 02: Nancy Boyda (D-inc.) vs. Lynn Jenkins (R)

OH 2: Jean Schmidt (R-inc.) vs Victoria Wulsin (D) (a rematch of the 2006 contest)

PA 13: Allyson Schwartz (D-inc.) vs Marina Kats (R)

WV 2: Shelley Moore Capito (R-inc.) vs Anne Barth (D)

Statewide Elective Executive Office

MT Superintendent of Public Instruction: Denise Junea (D) vs. Elaine Sollie Herman (R)

NC Labor Commissioner: Cherie Berry (R-inc.) vs. Mary Fant Donnen (D)

Visit CAWP's website to check out our fact sheet about past woman-versus-woman races and to track the 2008 congressional races as primaries take place.

Past Woman vs Woman Races: www.cawp.rutgers.edu/fast_facts/elections/documents/WomVWom.pdf

2008 Congressional Races: www.cawp.rutgers.edu/fast_facts/elections/election_watch.php

For comments on woman-versus-woman races in 2008 and in past years, contact

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About CAWP

The Center for American Women and Politics, a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is a university-based research, education and public service center. Its mission is to promote greater knowledge and understanding about women's changing relationship to politics and government and to enhance women's influence and leadership in public life. CAWP is a leading authority in its field and a respected bridge between the academic and political worlds.

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