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## **Women to Face Off in Marquee Senate Race in CA** More Woman-versus-Woman Races Anticipated Around Nation

In one of the nation's most closely watched contests, former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina (R) will meet Senator Barbara Boxer (D) in the race for California's U.S. Senate seat. The election is one of a handful of highly visible woman-versus-woman bouts shaping up for November 2010.

With two women as major-party candidates, New Mexico will elect its first woman governor this fall. And high-profile U.S. House races in Arizona, California, Minnesota and South Dakota are confirmed or likely to pit women against one another.

Among the woman-versus-woman races either already set or likely to result from upcoming primaries are:

<b>State</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Democratic candidate</b>	<b>Republican candidate</b>	<b>Race status</b>
CA	US Senate	Barbara Boxer (I)	Carly Fiorina (C)	Won primary
NM	Governor	Diane Denish (O)	Susana Martinez (O)	Won primary
AZ	US House	Ann Kirkpatrick (I)	Sidney Hay (C)	Primary 8/24
CA	US House	Laura Richardson (I)	Star Parker (C)	Won primary
MN	US House	Taryl Clark (C)	Michele Bachmann (I)	Primary 9/14
SD	US House	Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin (I)	Kristi Noem (C)	Won primary

I=Incumbent      C=Challenger      O=Open Seat

The first woman-versus-woman Senate race took place in 1960, when Margaret Chase Smith bested Lucia Cormier. In all, there have been only eight such races prior to this year.

The first woman-versus-woman gubernatorial contest occurred in 1986 when Kay Orr (R) defeated Helen Boosalis (D) in Nebraska. The only other such race took place in Hawaii in 2002, when Linda Lingle (R) beat Mazie Hirono (D).

The largest number of woman-versus-woman races in one election cycle occurred in 1998, when there were 15 such match-ups. A complete history of woman-versus woman races for Senate, House and Governor is available at:

[http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/fast\\_facts/elections/documents/WomVWom.pdf](http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/fast_facts/elections/documents/WomVWom.pdf)

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