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CORRECTION: Democratic Women Match, But Do Not Surpass, House Candidate Filing Record

With one Democratic Asian/Pacific Islander woman in Hawaii not making it to the ballot, there are now 356 Democratic women who are currently filed U.S. House candidates in the 2020 election, **matching** the record first set in 2018. The number of Republican women who have filed for U.S. House contests has not changed and is a record high. This also changes the number of women of color – specifically, Asian or Pacific Islander women – filed House candidates by one, as indicated below. This and minor changes to men on candidate lists in Hawaii and Louisiana also result in a number of small updates to women as a percentage of filed House and Senate candidates reported by the Center for American Women and Politics.

- Changes to New Records for Women Candidates as 2020 Election Filings Close [July 28, 2020]
 - o 356 Democratic women are major-party candidates for U.S. House in 2020, matching the record set in 2018.
 - 583 women are major-party candidates for U.S. House in 2020. This is still a record, eclipsing the previous record of 476, set in 2018.
 - Women are 29.1% of all U.S. House candidates, including 37.9% of Democrats and 21.3% of Republicans.
 - Women are 23.9% of all U.S. Senate candidates, including 31.1% of Democrats and 17.4% of Republicans.
- Changes to <u>New Records for Women of Color Congressional Candidates in the 2020 Elections</u>
 [August 5, 2020]
 - 266 (175D, 91R) women of color are major-party candidates for the U.S. Congress in 2020. This is still a record.
 - 248 (162D, 86R) women of color are major-party candidates for the U.S. House in 2020.
 This is still a record.
 - 40 (25D, 15R) Asian or Pacific Islander women are major-party candidates for the U.S. House in 2020. This is still a record, both for overall API women congressional candidates and House candidates.

For the most up-to-date information about women and the 2020 elections, visit our <u>Candidate Summary</u> at <u>Election Watch</u>.

About CAWP

The <u>Center for American Women and Politics</u> (CAWP), a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is nationally recognized as the leading source of scholarly research and current data about women's political participation in the United States. Its mission is to

promote greater knowledge and understanding about the role of women in American politics, enhance women's influence in public life, and expand the diversity of women in politics and government. CAWP's education and outreach programs translate research findings into action, addressing women's underrepresentation in political leadership with effective, intersectional, and imaginative programs serving a variety of audiences. As the world has watched Americans considering female candidates for the nation's highest offices, CAWP's five decades of analyzing and interpreting women's participation in American politics have provided a foundation and context for the discussion.