



## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



A highlight of the month of June was the first meeting of the Vision 2020 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration Advisory Committee. You can read a summary of the meeting [here](#).

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As we begin the "Countdown to 2020" at our Fifth National Congress in Nashville (October 26-28), we're working toward the day when the exceptional woman is unexceptional. The 2016 presidential race, for the first time, has a woman's presence in the nominating competition for both parties: **Hillary Clinton** for the Democrats, **Carly Fiorina** for the Republicans. We'll know that political equality is here when women competing for office at all levels is a normal occurrence, not an exceptional circumstance.

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When Vision 2020 opens its three days in Tennessee on Monday, October 26, there will be exactly 1527 days until the Year 2020. Keeping that in mind should inspire us

to make sure we have measurable progress to celebrate when the centennial begins.

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## Spotlights on Delegate Activities

**California Delegate Sara Terheggen** has created "Vision 2020 Think Tanks," regularly assembling ever-expanding groups of women to talk about Vision 2020 issues and opportunities. Hosted by her law firm, Skadden, and with a Stanford University partnership, Sara has developed a replicable model. The "Think Tank" idea is instantly adaptable around the Vision 2020 network.

**Alaska Delegate Teri Tibbett** is expanding her Girls on the Run of Greater Alaska program to include all of Alaska outside of Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley. This successful program that helps girls build self-esteem and confidence, and make good choices, will now cover the entire state.

**Pennsylvania Delegate Dana Brown**, Director of the Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics at Chatham University in Pittsburgh, just completed New Leadership™ Pennsylvania that brought together women from 30 universities to help them become effective leaders in politics, public policy and public service.

**New York Delegate Dr. Melinda Weisberg** from Marist College in Poughkeepsie seeks connections for her Vision 2020 campus chapter. We welcome and encourage leadership in developing chapters on college campuses around the U.S.

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## And Coming Up...

- On July 17, at the invitation of **Pennsylvania Delegate Susan Belin**, I will participate in *The Gathering*, a conference of Northeast Pennsylvania women at Keystone College. I will have the great pleasure of introducing the featured speaker, **Anita Hill**, who made history in a Senate Hearing Room in Washington in 1991.

This opportunity is particularly meaningful to me, because it was Anita Hill's courageous testimony in the hearings on the confirmation of Clarence Thomas for The U.S. Supreme Court that propelled me into running for the U.S. Senate in 1992. That campaign laid the groundwork for everything I've done since, including Vision 2020.

I look forward to thanking Anita Hill for her courage and inspiration that led so

many women, including me, to stand up and speak out for women's equality and civic engagement.

- On July 21, I will participate in a Member Engagement Webinar in partnership with the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), a **Vision 2020 National Ally**. The webinar will feature three of NAWBO's partners, including Vision 2020, to describe our program and encourage engagement among its entrepreneurs.

**Be on the lookout for:**

- A Delegate Survey, to be distributed on July 15, with response due by August 3. **This is important** and all Delegates are urged to complete the survey as soon as possible.

- The detailed agenda for the Fifth National Congress, October 26-28 in Nashville. It will be emailed to all of you this month. **If you have not yet made your hotel reservation, please do so right away by calling the Airport Marriott (615-889-9300).**

Happy July,

