

TOWARD PARITY:

Breaking Down Barriers, Building Momentum

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Purpose of today's session?

1. How can we support women in leadership roles – as candidates and as they continue to serve in elected office?

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2. Learn more about the information, resources, and tools that are available to support women in leadership roles.

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How does BC measure up?

2018 Local Government Elections - **Candidates**

- Men 1,486 (66.8%)
- Women 738 (33.2%)

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2018 Local Government Elections - **Elected**

- Men 749 (63.3%)
- Women 434 (36.7%)

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BC – Summary from 2018 Local Elections

- BC doing better than most other provinces
- 41 BC mayors are female
- Municipalities have more women than RDs
- % of elected women is almost always higher than % women candidates – voters vote for women when there are fewer of them on the ballot

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- UBCM role in Toward Parity
- March 2019 webinar promoting initiative
- Women Deliver conference June 2019
- UBCM Convention – Toward Parity session
- FCM – National Action Plan and Next Steps
- Over to you ... Stephanie!