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## **SEN. WESTON BROOME TO LEAD NATIONAL "DON'T GET MAD GET ELECTED" WEBINAR**

### **EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE MORE WOMEN TO SEEK ELECTED OFFICE ON THE STATE & NATIONAL LEVEL**

Senate President Pro Tempore Sharon Weston Broome, along with Emmy McClelland a former state legislator from Missouri, will lead a national webinar focused on the need to encourage more women to seek elected office on the state and national level. It is an effort of The 2012 Project, a national, non-partisan campaign to give women a larger voice in Congress and state legislatures in the 2012 elections. The webinar is scheduled for Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1:00 p.m.

According to The 2012 Project, women make up more than half of the population across the United States yet women represent only 17% of the U.S. Congressional seats, less than a quarter of state legislative seats and only six governorships. For women of color the representation is even lower - 4.5% of the total members of Congress and 4.7% of state legislators.

"It is important that women have a voice at the table when important decisions are made about our state's and our nation's future. It is important that women realize they can run for elected office, win and make a difference," Sen. Weston Broome said. "This is particularly important in state legislatures with term limits where more and more seats are up for grabs."

The webinar is sponsored by The 2012 Project, the Association for Women in Communications and the Professional Women of Color Network. Citizens interested in participating in the webinar should go to [www.the2012project.us](http://www.the2012project.us) to register.

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