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## Eight states could end up electing their first female governor



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Mary Fallin (left) and Jari Askins (right)

**From NBC's Mark Murray**  
As we mentioned earlier today, the results from last night's primaries in Oklahoma ensure that Oklahoma will have its first-ever female governor -- either **Mary Fallin** (R) or **Jari Askins** (D).

In fact, per [Rutgers' Center for American Women and Politics](#), there are eight states this year that could very well elect it's first-ever female governor:

California (Republican **Meg Whitman**?), Florida (Democrat **Alex Sink**?), Georgia (Republican **Karen Handel**?), Maine (Democrat **Libby Mitchell**?), Minnesota (Dem **Margaret Anderson Kelliher**?), New Mexico (either **Dem Diane Denish** or Republican **Susana Martinez**), Oklahoma, and South Carolina (Republican **Nikki Haley**?).

As NBC's Jillian Hughes [noted](#) earlier this month, come 2011, we could approach or surpass the previous record of nine women residing in governors mansions simultaneously.

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