**Film Quotes Worksheet**

Handout

With a partner, read the quotes from the film *Strong Sisters*. Choose one quote that you find especially interesting or thought-provoking. Then answer the analysis questions on the next page for the quote you chose.

“There are some issues where it is uniquely painful or really problematic to not have women on the floor.” Former State Rep. and State Senator Rep. Morgan Carroll

“You can’t have fear if you want to succeed. And you have to be able to work.” Former State Rep. and State Senator Norma Anderson

“With one hand these women would be handing out a cup of soup and with the other a flyer, a propaganda flyer saying if women can vote we will clean up politics, we will make things better for everyone.” Historian Marcia Goldstein

“Some women get very involved in what’s going on in the community and they become activists for the betterment of children or other issues in the community and I think that engenders a lot of trust.” Former State Senator Evie Hudak

“Women in Colorado just feel the need to step up and make the state a better place.”  Former State Rep. and State Senator Nancy Spence

“Fame is very fleeting so you shouldn’t run for fame or fortune. You should run because you want to make a difference. You have to be there for a cause.” Former State Rep. and State Senator Polly Baca

“I found my voice really through allowing my pain and suffering to come through. I’m not quite sure I would be in office if it wasn’t for me wanting to advocate for the pain I experienced for losing my child.” State Senator and former State Rep. Rhonda Fields

“I remember one guy saying, ‘A woman can’t be attorney general unless she looks like a linebacker’.” Former Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton

“Women sit around and wait to be asked and that’s not the way politics works.” U.S. Congressmember Diana DeGette

“I think money is a huge thing because I hear women get insecure . . . I needed people to help me. Would you call this person? Would you open a door for me? . . . That’s not easy to do.” Former State Rep. Amy Stephens

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“It’s an interesting paradox that we have the highest number of women percentage wise in the legislature but we don’t have historically a woman governor or a woman senator or even a woman mayor (of Denver).” Former State Senator Kiki Traylor

“It seems whoever preceded you wants to reach back and help you come along with them and learn what they learned.” Former State Rep. Su Ryden

“We really did have a sisterhood. It wasn’t a covert organization. It was just that feeling we had that we were in this together. And that she (Senator Ruth Stockton) would lead the way by example as to how the very few of us—there were three of us women in the Senate when I was elected—could be effective.” Former State Senator Martha Ezzard

**Analysis Questions**

1. Who is the author of your quote?
2. What problem or issue is the author talking about?
3. What questions do you have about this problem/issue?