

Notes from the Field

Advocacy updates from the Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund

Legislative Priorities Update

The 2021 state legislation is in full swing! All of our sponsored bills have passed and are moving to the second house. Thank you to our supporters and community partners who continue to advocate for reproductive rights.

AB 32: Expands Telehealth

Maintains and ensures that telehealth stays flexible, including payment parity for both video and audio services funded by Medi-Cal. This is major for equity, particularly trans people, rural communities, and immunocompromised people trying to access care.

AB 1356: Improve Health Center Security

Updates and strengthens the FACE Act, and prohibits malicious videography and photography on reproductive health center premises to protect the privacy and safety of reproductive health center patients, providers, staff, and volunteers.

AB 265: Medi-Cal Lab Rates and Clawbacks

Removes the 80% of Medicare Cap on Medi-Cal lab rates and reduces or eliminates the arduous, costly, and burdensome practice of clawbacks.

AB 1184: Protecting Patient Confidentiality

Expands California's existing protections to ensure that information about sensitive services is not sent to the policyholder that is not the patient, such as a parent or spouse.

SB 245: Abortion Accessibility Act

Ensures all pregnant people can access abortion services, regardless of income, status, race, zip code, or bank account. Requires health care service plans or disability insurance policies to cover abortion services without a co-payment, deductible, or any type of cost-sharing requirement.

Local Election Results

Congrats to our endorsed candidates!

Santa Barbara City Council

District 4 - Kristen Sneddon

District 5 - Eric Friedman

District 6 - Meagan Harmon

Oxnard City Council

District 2 - Gabe Teran

State of Abortion

This year, the U.S. Supreme Court is reviewing a direct challenge to the long-standing legal protections of abortion services under Roe v. Wade. Should the Court overturn Roe or allow a pre-viability ban to remain in place, people in over half of the states in the country - over 36 million women and other people who may become pregnant - will lose access to abortion care.

This is already happening to women and other pregnant people in Texas under Senate Bill (S.B.) 8.

What about California?

According to a [report](#) released in October 2021 by the Guttmacher Institute, if Roe v. Wade is overturned or gutted as most legal observers anticipate, 26 states are certain or likely to ban abortion, increasing the number of out-of-state patients from 46,000 to 1.4M - a nearly 3000% increase for California abortion providers like PPCCC.

California is taking the lead to live up to our proclamation as a "Reproductive Freedom State" and Planned Parenthood is getting ready to serve anyone who seeks abortion services in our state.

Local Reproductive Freedom Resolutions

The cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara unanimously passed resolutions in support of reproductive freedom, affirming that access to reproductive freedom is essential to public health. Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors passed a similar resolution, 3-1 in favor.

Dismantling Abortion Stigma

To combat stigma and misinformation spread in the wake of SB 8, PPCCAF is organizing "Dismantling Abortion Stigma" trainings for our supporters.

If your group would like a training, please email Kyra Solis at kyra.solis@ppcentralcoast.org.

Rallies for Abortion Rights

On Oct. 2, hundreds of thousands of supporters rallied in support of abortion rights and in protest against Texas' SB 8 across the country. Supporters, youth and staff came together to remind everyone that we are in this together: over 3,500 people in Santa Barbara, 150 people in Santa Maria, 500 people in SLO, and many more in Ventura County stood in community to demonstrate our shared commitment to access for all.



Top photo: supporters at the Santa Barbara rally

Middle photo: PPGA Cal Poly-SLO members after speaking at the SLO Rally

Bottom photo: PP staff and promotorxs at the Santa Maria rally



Let's Get Social

Want to stay informed about PPCCAF's work with real-time updates? Follow @ppccaf on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.



Redistricting

Every ten years, state and local governments use data from the census and redraw electoral district boundaries to reflect how local populations have changed.

Each government body has a different process for selecting new electoral maps.

PPCCAF is monitoring changes to district maps and the impact that it will have on the strategy for our advocacy work.

Politics, Sex & Cocktails

Thank you to all our donors and supporters who attended PSC this year! With 150 attendees (both in-person and virtually), we raised \$121,000 for PPCCAF.

Shout-out to our special guests. State Senator Monique Limón, and Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara!



Share Your Story

Personal stories can connect people to the work Planned Parenthood does on a deeper level. Whether someone shares their story on the My Story Project social media accounts, with Planned Parenthood staff, with an elected official, at a Planned Parenthood event, or with another community member, storytelling humanizes our work and fosters empathy. Staff may refer back to My Stories and ask folks to share their stories at events or lobby visits, or your story may live on our Instagram and Facebook accounts for people to return to as a way to remember all the ways Planned Parenthood impacts people's lives.

To share your story, please use the QR Code or go to tinyurl.com/ppccc-my-story.



Spotlights:

Director of Public Affairs: Christian Alonso (he/they)



Meet Christian, PPCCC and PPCCAF's new Director of Public Affairs. He is joining Planned Parenthood after spending the last 6 years in the local

tech industry as a sales/marketing professional. During that time he collaborated with PPCCAF as a community organizer with the Santa Barbara Progressive Coalition and the Santa Barbara County Democratic Party.

Christian is excited to help lead our advocacy and community outreach efforts!

Roe's 49th Anniversary

To commemorate the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, PPCCAF places an ad in local newspapers in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. If you're interested in signing the letter, please email: public.affairs@ppcentralcoast.org

Gubernatorial Recall

Thank you to all our supporters who canvassed, phone and text banked, and voted to make sure we kept reproductive rights champion, Governor Gavin Newsom, in office!

SCOTUS Update

On December 1st, Jackson Women's Health v. Dobbs was argued before the Supreme Court. The conservative majority signaled plans to gut constitutional rights guaranteed by Roe v. Wade. This is the most serious threat to reproductive rights in over 50 years and PPCCAF is fighting back!

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