Abortion Rights Win!

This fall, Rhode Islanders went to the polls and showed that when abortion is on the ballot, reproductive freedom wins! In a historic moment, all five General Officer candidates, were endorsed by Planned Parenthood Votes! Rhode Island PAC - and won!

We also had big victories in the General Assembly, where 60 PPV!RI-PAC endorsed candidates won their races, including 47 incumbents and 13 newcomers!

In Congress, Planned Parenthood Action Fund-endorsed candidates, U.S. Representative David Cicilline (RI-01) and Representative-Elect Seth Magaziner (RI-02), both won their elections! By sending Representative Cicilline and Representative-Elect Magaziner to Congress, Rhode Island will have representatives in Washington who can fight back against efforts to pass a national abortion ban and focus on legislation that protects and expands access to reproductive health care, including abortion.

There is much for us to celebrate. These election results are a critical step towards achieving important state policy changes next year. Together, we will continue to defend reproductive rights and ensure equitable access to sexual and reproductive health care for all people in Rhode Island who rely on Planned Parenthood.

Generation Action – in action!

Gen Z made a huge impact on the outcome of the midterm elections across the country, including here in Rhode Island! This fall, members of PPV!RI’s Generation Action Internship program (known as Gen Action) organized phone banks, knocked on doors, and found other creative ways to get out the vote for PPV!RI-PAC endorsed candidates on their college campuses!

The Gen Action program trains future Planned Parenthood organizers through a combination of seminar-style learning and on-the-ground experiences on their campuses and in their communities. The program is led by Public Policy & Organizing Specialist Maria Zou, who previously served as a Gen Action intern while completing her studies at Brown University.

This year, there are five Gen Action interns based on three Rhode Island college campuses - Brown University, the University of Rhode Island, and Johnson & Wales University. Together, they conducted three phone banking sessions this campaign season which resulted in 688 calls being made to voters in House District 30, where Justine Caldwell ran successfully for re-election.

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See the full list of our electoral wins at ppvotes.org or scan the QR code >>>>>>>>

Gen Action Intern Alex Ivanchev door-knocking in East Providence, RI
In a country without Roe v. Wade, the status quo isn’t good enough — we need to end Rhode Island abortion bans once and for all and continue the fight to expand access to sexual and reproductive health and rights in our state.

That is why we are ready to work alongside our coalition partners to finally pass the Equality in Abortion Coverage Act (EACA). This important legislation will provide coverage for abortion in Rhode Island’s Medicaid program and remove bans on abortion coverage for state employees.

By helping to ensure that cost is not a barrier to abortion care, more Rhode Islanders will have greater power to determine their own lives and futures.

The interns also knocked on almost 350 doors in October and early November. This was the first time several of the interns had participated in election canvassing and the experience made a positive impression on them! Your support makes it possible for us to engage the next generation in developing critical organizing skills so they can lead the fight for reproductive freedom.

“Interning with Generation Action has been transformative! While mobilizing collective political action in our communities takes time and energy, the work is always rewarding. At Planned Parenthood, our political organizing comes from a place of love, commitment, and a strong sense of justice.

“In my experience, interning has instilled the importance of mobilizing people around reproductive justice to preserve reproductive freedoms, including the right to abortion. This work is especially critical for those most impacted by anti-reproductive health legislation, such as low-income communities, communities of color, LGBTQIA+ voters, young voters, people with disabilities, and anyone in Rhode Island whose insurance does not cover abortion.

“The proof of this organizing is in the pudding: Young voters have turned out in record numbers for the recent election. We want our voices to be heard! As a generation, our words inspire, and our actions have the power to spur change.”

— Simran Singh, Gen Action Intern, Brown University

Earlier this fall, Governor McKee directed state agencies to include funding for the implementation of the EACA in his FY 24 state budget proposal. This important step along with the clear mandate from Rhode Island voters in the 2022 elections indicate that we are in a strong position to finally get this bill over the finish line in 2023!

Did you know that two-thirds of Rhode Island voters support the EACA? Scan the QR code to see more important polling data from earlier this fall.

Coming in 2023: It’s time to pass the EACA!

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100 Voices for Planned Parenthood is a group of bold philanthropic leaders who have made a gift of $1,000 or more to PPVIRI or PPVIRI PAC within the last year.

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