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## PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCATES OF ARIZONA

Annual Report | 2021-2022



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## Mission Statement

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona (PPAA) is Planned Parenthood’s advocacy arm in Arizona and the state’s largest nonpartisan advocacy organization dedicated to protecting access to sexual and reproductive health care. PPAA is fighting for every person’s freedom and right to make reproductive choices, enjoy sexual health and wellbeing, and build healthy, strong families by educating voters, public officials, and candidates for public office.

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCATES OF ARIZONA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# 2022 PPAA SPRING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**Thank you to all those who supported the 2022 Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona/PAC Spring Fundraising Events: Abortion is Essential.**

Through the generosity of our supporters, over \$150,000 was raised at our Tucson and Phoenix events. Highlights of the event were a welcome message from Planned Parenthood Federation of America President, Alexis McGill Johnson, appearances by state representative Jen Longdon, Mayor of the City of Tucson, Regina Romero, Vice Mayor of the City of Tucson, Lane Santa Cruz, and a fireside chat featuring Dr. Angela Davis and former PPAA board co-chair, Chris Love.

**Your support makes it possible for us to continue working to ensure all Arizonans gain fair and equitable access to sexual and reproductive rights, education, and health services.**

## PPAA SPRING FUNDRAISER

### 2023 Fight for All/Luchar Por Todos

Phoenix Luncheon Featuring PPFA President, Alexis McGill Johnson

Friday, March 10, 2023

Registration opens at 11:30 a.m. | Event begins at noon

Get your tickets today at <https://onecau.se/ppaa2023>



# LETTER FROM PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCATES OF ARIZONA LEADERSHIP

The last year required us to be vigilant on all fronts of this fight for reproductive rights. While we have faced considerable challenges at the federal and state levels, we are heartened by a renewed interest and involvement in the movement for reproductive rights. Our work at Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona (PPAA) is never done and never more important than right now. Despite the depths of despair and anger that many of us felt after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, PPAA will continue to ensure that every Arizonan has the right to make autonomous and informed reproductive health care choices without fear or shame.

During the 2022 legislative session, after a solid 13-year campaign from conservative extremists, a 15-week abortion ban was passed and enacted. However, we were successful in defeating a medication abortion ban and a six-week ban, similar to Texas' SB-8, which would have given private right of action to Arizona residents. These successful fights in defeating bad legislation were only a reality because of our dedicated staff and supporters and set the stage for future proactive legislative advocacy campaigns.

Furthermore, in the 2022 election, PPAA endorsed 52 candidates in total, from statewide office to school board seats and 78% of PPAA's 36 endorsed candidates advanced to the General Election. Our endorsed candidates are strong champions of sexual and reproductive health and rights. They understand that Planned Parenthood patients do not live single issue lives and that the legal right to abortion means little without

meaningful access to abortion. They also understand that the road to reproductive freedom is a long one, and will take all of us together, to create community-centered solutions for the people of Arizona. They understand there is work to be done and are ready to engage our communities to elevate the work that has been done to set the groundwork to build community-centered solutions.

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It is also important to recognize that during this tumultuous time, we also experienced internal transitions within the External Affairs team. PPAA staff is at the core of what we do, so we thank all of our current and former team members who fought with us during a critical time.

Looking forward, PPAA is rebuilding External Affairs to become of team of teams: Education, Public Policy, Advocacy and Organizing, and Communications and Brand Marketing. Together we envision creating a more equitable and just future, for all Arizonans, by shifting the culture to destigmatize abortion, educating the communities most impacted (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, low income and young folks), proactively driving resources to better serve our



communities, and repealing bans that restrict our essential access to reproductive healthcare. At Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona, we and our many supporters, including donors and activists, are prepared for the long road ahead to ensure Arizonans are free to make autonomous and informed reproductive health care choices.

Thank you for being so supportive of PPAA's mission. With your generous support and commitment to a better tomorrow, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona will continue to have a substantive and significant impact throughout the state's policy landscape. We are prepared and ready to fight for reproductive freedoms in the statehouse, the courthouse, and the streets, because we ACT, no matter what.

**Together we are stronger. Join us!**

**In Solidarity,**

**Jacob Martinez**

Board Co-Chair

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona

**Brittany Fonteno**

President & CEO

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona



Amelia Jones-Martinez, Tucson Mayor Regina Romero, and PPAA Board Co-Chair Jacob Martinez



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word  
abortion

# PPAA MILESTONES

ELECTIONS | LEGISLATURE | HEROES



# PPAA MILESTONES

**LEGISLATURE:** After a solid 13-year campaign, a 15-week abortion ban was passed and enacted.

**SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES:** *Dobbs* overturns *Roe*, sending the legal question of abortion to the state, which led to what is 'legal'.

**PIMA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT:** 1973 Nelson injunction was lifted and the near-total ban took effect. This Civil War-era ban would criminalize doctors for providing essential abortion care. In 2021, patients seeking abortion were made exempt from mandatory 2–5-year prison sentence that came with violating the 158-year-old abortion ban.

**FEDERAL COURT:** Personhood, the anti-abortion ideology that advocates for embryos and fetuses to have the same Constitutional rights and protections as people. While there are unintended consequences to passing a law like this, a federal court placed an injunction on that provision of an insidious law passed in

2021, SB 1457. Again, as we continue to see extreme laws passed and upheld by conservative appointed judges, it's clear that abortion rights advocates cannot depend on the courts to protect and save us.

**ELECTION 2022:** This cycle combined fine-tuned data and political instinct with the hard questions on our issues. In 2022, the Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona Board of Directors endorsed candidates who were strong and proud of being pro-abortion and intersectional. Stigma and shame around abortion and other reproductive health care is pervasive and can be a challenge for us all at times. The time is now to lift up champions for abortion rights and access as they boldly break the stigma.



## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

**VOTE!** Register those you know to VOTE. Educate people about the importance of VOTING. **Register to vote:** [bit.ly/3UmQ4jg](https://bit.ly/3UmQ4jg)

**VOLUNTEER.** We are developing many opportunities for volunteers to get involved. Sign up today! Make your friends, our friends! **Volunteer:** [bit.ly/volPPAZ](https://bit.ly/volPPAZ)

**Tell YOUR story!** Everyone knows someone who has had an abortion. Sharing our experiences, or our stories, brings people together. Sharing our personal stories gives us the power to reclaim and reframe our lived experiences. While statistics and lists of facts can communicate information, stories communicate something that speaks to the core of our human experience. **Tell your story:** [bit.ly/sharewithPPAZ](https://bit.ly/sharewithPPAZ)

**DONATE** to PPAA and to other causes that make a difference. **Donate:** [bit.ly/donatePPAA](https://bit.ly/donatePPAA)

**EDUCATE** those you know to pass the word along to others: [abortionfinder.org](https://abortionfinder.org) (also details laws in each state.) And most importantly, help us spread the word: **Visit** [ppadvocatesaz.org](https://ppadvocatesaz.org) **for more info.**



# ELECTION 2021/ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2022

The political cycle in Arizona evolves like seasons change. The 100-day legislative session (which is always longer than 100 days) flows into fundraising and endorsement season. Summer is peak canvassing season! Nothing says commitment to a cause like talking to strangers in 112-degree heat. Finally, Election Season arrives with back-to-school earnest. The final months of the year are spent educating voters and hoping for the best on Election Night. Upon certification of the election, there's less than 8 weeks until the start of a new legislative session, with some new players, old rules, and the people's work to be done. Rinse and repeat.

Most political cycles in Arizona have been controlled and won by the Republicans. The state legislature and governor's seat have historically been held by Republicans; and currently, the Republican-controlled legislature boasts a \$10 million surplus, while the state ranks near last in education funding, abortion access, and creating conditions where Arizonans can thrive, not simply survive.

The more than forty restrictions and regulations placed on abortion by Republicans since 2009 do not address patient safety or provider compliance, rather, during a historic era of de-regulation advocated by Republicans, reproductive health and services became one of the few industries to not be granted regulation relief.

On June 24, 2022, our deepest fears were confirmed when *Jackson Women's Health Organization v. Dobbs* overturned *Roe v. Wade*, giving states the right to ban abortion. Similar to what occurred with slavery, voter suppression, and LGBTQ+ rights, sending these 'questions' to the states is nothing more than a dog-whistle to extremists to entrench their efforts to oppress the rights of fellow Americans based on their race or gender.

And as we had prepared for, Republicans in Arizona celebrated, but had prepared little beyond their victory. The chaos and confusion created by the anti-abortion politicians was intentional and had its intended effect: there was little consensus as to what the abortion law was in Arizona. Under the threat of criminalization from the 1864 ban, a majority of abortion providers paused services and were forced to navigate patients to nearby states for care that should be available in our communities.

Governing by tweet and press release, Republicans contradicted one another, ensuring their righteous confusion played out in the lives of abortion patients across Arizona. Finally, the Attorney General asked the Pima County Superior Court to lift a nearly 50-year-old injunction to allow the





1864 ban to be enforced. PPAZ fought back in court, but the judge granted the Attorney General's request. The judge confirmed the legislature's repeated attempts to re-enact the 1864 ban while passing other abortion bans, like the 15-week ban passed in March 2022.

After a few volleys in court, abortion has been banned, been legal, and has been somewhere in between all in the span of a few months. We didn't end up here overnight and we're not going to fix it overnight either.

#### PPAA's advocacy goals in a post-Roe, post-Dobbs era:

- Repeal the 1864 abortion ban on abortion providers
- Repeal the ban on advertising abortion and birth control services
- Repeal the 20-week abortion ban
- Repeal the 15-week abortion ban
- Repeal the ban on fetal anomaly, race, and sex selection-based abortion
- Repeal the ban on sex education before the 5th grade

Acknowledging this list is just repealing the bans on abortion and sex education, there are plenty more restrictions to repeal. We have a mountain of targeted regulations against abortion providers (TRAP) laws to traverse and there is a long road ahead in advocating for our non-binary and transgender patients.

Clearly, the outcome of the November 2022 elections will dictate much of the landscape set before us; and as we look ahead, how we shape that landscape is up to us. Education and advocacy come in many different forms and flow through all of us. We all have a network of family and friends, co-workers, and online forums we subscribe to where we can fight misinformation and steer folks toward resources, for both personal and political use. We'll need all of us to educate our civic leaders and representatives in government on what reproductive freedom looks like through policy and in practice.



## HEROES' LOG: BY THE NUMBERS



**691**

Active Volunteers

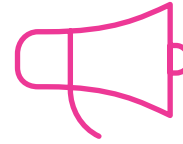
**206**

Completed Volunteer Shifts



**22,365**

New Supporters



**48**

Events



**104**

Community Partners

**THANK YOU** to our volunteers who make our patients feel safe, help register voters, and make Arizona a more equitable state to live in! Thank you to our supporters who provide the resources to canvass, deploy our volunteer teams, and work with legislators to ensure healthcare access for all!







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