

# Notes from the Field

Advocacy updates from the Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund

## Election Wins

Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Salud Carbajal, Julia Brownley and pro-sexual and reproductive health champions down the ballot won the 2020 election and you made it happen.

This year we also saw a 75% increase in the number of candidates that participated in our endorsement process and are thrilled to announce that 33 of these Central Coast candidates were elected to local, state, and federal offices! We could not have done this without you. You not only gave generous financial support, you helped fill 63 volunteer shifts and together we engaged voters by dialing, texting, dropping lit in support of PPCCAF's endorsed and 100% rated candidates. Congrats on YOUR win and to President-elect Joe Biden, Vice President-elect Kamala Harris and YOUR newly elected state and local champions.

### House of Representatives

Salud Carbajal, Congressional District 24  
Julia Brownley, Congressional District 26

### State Legislature

John Laird, Senate District 17  
Monique Limón, Senate District 19  
Steve Bennett, Assembly District 37  
Jacqui Irwin, Assembly District 44

### San Luis Obispo County

Heidi Harmon, San Luis Obispo Mayor  
Andy Pease, San Luis Obispo City Council  
Jan Marx, San Luis Obispo City Council  
Jeff Lee, Grover Beach Mayor

### Santa Barbara County

Sholeh Jahangir, Goleta School Board  
Laura Capps, Santa Barbara Unified School District  
Wendy Sims-Moten, Santa Barbara Unified School District  
Virginia Alvarez, Santa Barbara Unified School District  
Dr. Anna Everett, Santa Barbara Community College Board #4  
Joe Howell, Santa Barbara Board of Education Trustee, Area 4  
Elysia Lewis, Buellton City Council  
Natalia Alarcon, Carpinteria City Council  
Paula Perotte, Goleta Mayor  
Kyle Richards, Goleta City Council  
Stuart Kasdin, Goleta City Council  
Catherine Flaherty, I.V. Community Services District  
Marcos Aguilar, I.V. Community Services District  
Ethan Bertrand, I.V. Community Services District

### Ventura County

Carmen Ramirez, Ventura Supervisor, District 5  
Doug Halter, Ventura City Council 2  
Mike Johnson, Ventura City Council 3  
Joe Schroeder, Ventura City Council 7  
Sabrena Rodriguez, Ventura Unified School District  
Lauren Gill, Conejo Valley Unified School District, Area 5  
Rebecca Chandler, Ojai Unified School District 2  
John Zaragoza, Oxnard Mayor  
Vianey Lopez, Oxnard City Council, District 6

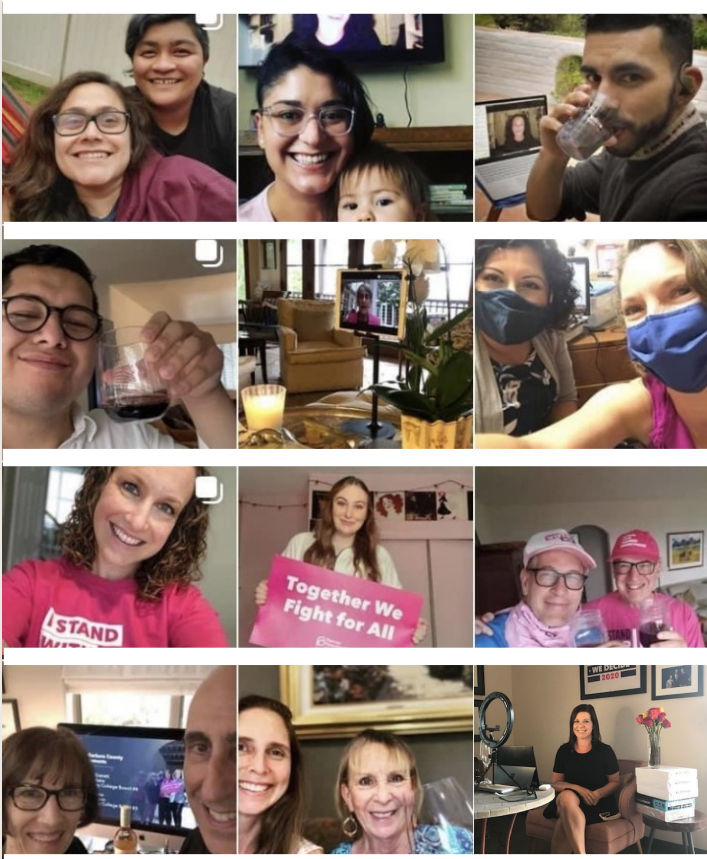
**You made this  
win possible**

# Community Action



Virtual Politics, Sex, and Cocktails (PSC), hosted by PPCCAF's incredible fundraising committee, was a roaring success! On September 12, 2020, over 200 guests joined Planned Parenthood Action Fund President & CEO Alexis McGill Johnson, California State Senator Hannah Beth Jackson, and PPCCAF President & CEO Jenna Tosh for a virtual celebration to raise critical PAC funds for PPCCAF's electoral and political work.

Thank you to everyone who attended and generously contributed to PSC! Together, we raised over \$60,000 to elect pro sexual and reproductive health champions that will advocate for sex education, safe, legal abortion, and reproductive health care access for all.



## Remembering Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

On September 18, 2020, the nation lost a trailblazer for women's rights and gender equality with the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She was a feminist icon and champion of reproductive freedom. To mourn and reflect this enormous loss, thousands safely gathered across the county to remember her legacy. Along the Central Coast, over 500 people mourned, but also celebrated her life and legacy at vigils sponsored by SLO, Santa Maria and Santa Barbara Women's March, Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund, and Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee. May her memory be a revolution.

**Protect  Roe.**

**Pledge to protect Roe v. Wade, the  
U.S. Supreme Court decision that gave us the  
right to safe, legal abortion.**

Add your name to our Roe Signature Ad and  
pledge to fight for abortion rights in 2021.

Sign on at  
[www.roeppccaf.org](http://www.roeppccaf.org)

or call 805-729-0723 by January 14.  
Santa Barbara Independent  
New Times San Luis Obispo  
Issue Date: January 21





## Teen Talk:

### SBUSD Approves New Sex Ed Curriculum

On Sept. 8, Santa Barbara Unified School District voted to implement Teen Talk, a comprehensive sexuality education curriculum for all 7th and 8th graders in the district. Controversy over the comprehensive sex education curriculum stalled the implementation of Teen Talk for several months, but ultimately, the SBUSD board voted for an evidence-based education program that is affirming of LGBTQIA+ students, and teaches our children how to navigate relationships, dating, active consent, is honest and medically accurate. Many thanks to the powerful youth and community voices that spoke out at the school board meetings in support of sex ed!

## State Budget Win

The California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act or Proposition 56 funds a variety of health care services, including reproductive and sexual healthcare services, particularly for people with Medi-Cal. It is a critical source of funding for Planned Parenthood health centers and was in danger of being cut due to the COVID-19 pandemic and unexpected, steep increases in job and revenue losses. Thanks to our legislative champions, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, and many partner organizations, Prop. 56 funding is secure through December 31, 2021.

However, like all discretionary funding, Prop 56 funds will need to be approved for the 2021-2022 state budget and will once again be a priority for the upcoming California Legislative cycle.

We know access to birth control and abortion are critical during times of national emergency, and that unintended pregnancies occur when patients aren't able to access the care they need. Repro health care is essential, time-sensitive, and cannot wait - especially in a crisis. Continued Prop 56 funding is necessary for Planned Parenthood's doors to remain open. To continue fighting this pandemic, we must ensure that all providers can safely serve patients and provide them with essential health care – and that all patients can access the care they need. This must include sexual and reproductive health care.



## Virtual Advocacy Nights

3rd Tuesday, Monthly



## Let's Get Social

Stay connected with PPCCAF.

Follow @ppccaf on

Facebook,  
Instagram,  
and Twitter.



## Check Out My Story Project

Follow the Planned Parenthood California Central Coast's My Story Project:

Facebook: @ppcccmystoryproject  
Instagram: @my\_story\_project



## Want to share your story?

Contact Kyra Solis at [kyra.solis@ppcentralcoast.org](mailto:kyra.solis@ppcentralcoast.org) to schedule an interview!



# Thank You Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson

**Senator Jackson** is retiring and she will be forever and always our **CHAMPION**. Before her election to the State Legislature in 1998, Jackson served as Planned Parenthood California Central Coast's attorney in its lawsuit to enforce the Santa Barbara Bubble Ordinance. She is also a former Planned Parenthood Action Fund Board member.

In the legislature, Senator Jackson became a fierce leader in California's efforts to protect safe, legal abortion and expand access to reproductive health care. In 2002 Senator Jackson authored AB 2194, requiring all medical residency programs in obstetrics and gynecology to include training in abortion care. She was also the principal co-author of the Reproductive Privacy Act (SB 1301), ensuring protection of Roe v. Wade principles in California and increasing access to medication abortion.

That same year she was honored with Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund's Giraffe Award for advocacy, for her legislative record, and most importantly for always "sticking her neck out for choice".

Other BIG legislative wins impacting women and reproductive health care authored by Senator Jackson include: SB 340, which extends indefinitely the essential law enforcement and reporting mechanism against crimes targeting women's health clinics and against those seeking to access reproductive health services. And, of course, The California Fair Pay Act, which was signed into law in 2015 and is one of the toughest pay equity laws in the nation.

**Notorious HBJ:** Thank you for always standing with Planned Parenthood!





# Farewell Julie Mickelberry



After nearly twenty years with the Planned Parenthood family, Vice President of Community Engagement, Julie Mickelberry announced that her last day will be December 31, 2020. Julie spent the last seven years with Planned Parenthood California Central Coast and Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund. She previously worked for Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, which covers parts of Texas and Louisiana.

Julie has never shied away from a fight against dangerous attacks on our basic human right to lead healthy lives. Over the challenging last 4 years of the Trump/Pence administration, Julie was part of the team that not only protected - but expanded access to care in California - by securing Prop 56 funds for Planned Parenthood health centers. She channeled outrage into action by bringing record numbers of activists to lobby in Sacramento, attend legislative visits, and show up for countless community actions including marches and rallies that drew thousands.

On her departure, Julie says, "I am so excited to support the continued work of PPCCC and PPCCAF as you expand access to care, achieve health equity, and continue the necessary work to dismantle systemic racism within our health care systems and beyond." She added that she is overjoyed and relieved that as an onlooker and supporter, she will have the opportunity to support Planned Parenthood as we begin implementing a pro-sexual and reproductive health care agenda with President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris.

We are grateful for Julie's hard work, grit, and determination for our movement. Thank you, Julie!



# Spotlights:

## Staff: Alicia Carducci (she/her)



Meet Alicia, PCCCC and PPCCAF's community outreach and digital coordinator. Her journey with Planned Parenthood began in 2014, as a member of UCSB's Planned Parenthood Generation Action (PPGA).

She later became president of UCSB's Gen Action chapter and an intern with PPCCAF. In her current role, Alicia curates PPCCAF's social media and website presence and provides critical support for our digital advocacy and organizing campaigns. During the COVID-19 pandemic she has played a key role in providing support and training to public affairs staff and our volunteers as we adapted to online organizing and shifted tactics to reach supporters via Hustle (a peer-to-peer texting app) and phone banking in a virtual environment. Alicia also played an integral role in ensuring that the Action Fund reached thousands of voters this election cycle. Thanks to her support, volunteers sent over 2,300 texts and made 7,685 calls.

## Volunteer: Tia Nevarez (she/her)



Meet Tia! Tia is the new president of Planned Parenthood Generation Action at CSU Channel Islands. She is majoring in health science and is the captain of an intramural soccer team.

She stepped up to lead CSU's Gen Action chapter because she is passionate about health, especially women's healthcare and rights. This election cycle, Tia joined the PPCCAF's virtual phone banks and made over 450 calls to help elect pro-sexual and reproductive health candidates and get out the vote for the Nov. 3rd election. When asked what she would tell her younger self, if given the opportunity, she shared this piece of advice: "Don't be afraid to speak your mind, speak your truth or ask questions. We need to be educated, and know our history -- [women have] come so far and have so much further to go. Know your rights!" One of her favorite moments with PPGA was passing out safer sex supplies at CSUCI's club fair, because it helps break the taboo around using and needing condoms, internal condoms, and dental dams. We're excited to see what this year brings for CSUCI Gen Action with Tia leading its efforts!

**You made this win possible**

**Now let's continue to protect and expand access to sexual and reproductive health and reimagine what it means to take full control of our bodies and our lives.**

**Email [volunteers@ppcentralcoast.org](mailto:volunteers@ppcentralcoast.org).**

## 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Danielle De Smeth, Chair  
Elena Anderson  
Mark Asman  
Lexi Beausoleil  
Ethan Bertrand  
Lauren Bianchi Klemann  
Genevieve Flores-Haro  
Suzan Garner, Treasurer

Nancy Harter, Secretary  
Chris Henson  
Vianey Lopez  
Erica Reyes  
Luz Reyes-Martin, Vice Chair  
Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios  
Anneka Scranton  
Patricia Solorio