

Notes from the Field

Advocacy updates from the Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund

Policy

State Budget Proposal

Early this year, CA Governor Gavin Newsom proposed setting aside \$100 million in the state budget to go toward reproductive health care services. Planned Parenthood staff and advocates across the state worked diligently to secure public and legislative support for this huge investment in the services reproductive health care providers like Planned Parenthood offer throughout California. The proposal includes funding for STI, HIV, and Hep C prevention and also ensures health providers have a seat at the table when discussing pharmacy benefits in Medi-Cal. Central Coast advocates signed 718 postcards in support of Governor Newsom's proposed budget throughout the past six months and on June 27th, our advocacy work paid off! California successfully secured \$100 million for reproductive health care.



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Title X

On Thursday, July 11, an eleven-judge en banc panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit refused to block the Trump-Pence administration from enforcing the Title X Gag Rule, which bars Title X-funded family planning clinics from referring patients for abortions. With the Title X gag rule slated to take effect, California Planned Parenthood health care centers have been forced to withdraw from the Title X program. The decision to withdraw from the program in California is specific to Planned Parenthood's mission and operational model. Planned Parenthood cannot comply with the unethical and harmful rule that is inconsistent with our mission and values. We will continue to fight the gag rule in court and remain hopeful that Congress will act to protect Title X.

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**Don't block
my health care.**

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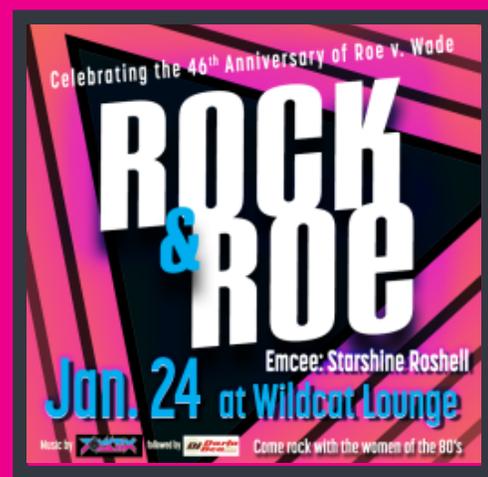
Advocacy Nights

PPCCAF has held three advocacy nights to engage advocates in our political advocacy work. Supporters gathered in Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo to hear advocacy updates from PPCCAF staff, sign petitions supporting Senate Bill 24 and the state budget proposal, and thank our local elected officials and health center staff for standing with Planned Parenthood on the Central Coast.



Rock & Roe

The Action Fund held its second annual Rock & Roe event to commemorate Roe v. Wade on January 24th. PPCCAF supporters come together each year to celebrate the landmark Supreme Court case that legalized abortion nationwide in 1973. This year, 130 supporters rocked out to 80's cover band Joystix and DJ Darla Bea at The Bobcat Room and Wildcat Lounge in Santa Barbara. The event raised over \$8,000 for the Action Fund, which will support PPCCAF's voter education and political work during the 2020 election cycle. Thank you to our Action Fund supporters who attended and helped make the event a huge success!



Staff Spotlight

Meet Planned Parenthood California Central Coast's Oxnard Organizer, Fatima!



"My first experience with Planned Parenthood was when I was 17 and I went to the Ventura health center. I had the privilege of having a car and being able to drive myself there on my own. It was the first time I went anywhere to get healthcare by myself. I wanted to get tested, and I knew that was where I could go to get care. I remember walking in and feeling nervous and applying for Family PACT. I didn't tell anyone I was going because I was really nervous. I worried about people finding out and shaming me, when it was really nothing for me to be worried about or feel ashamed. Even though I was nervous, I knew going to Planned Parenthood was important because it meant I was taking care of myself and making a good decision that would give me peace of mind moving forward. That's one of the reasons I love working for Planned Parenthood as a Community Organizer, especially in a community where I grew up. I want to help create a caring and comfortable environment so people have that connection with Planned Parenthood. I think creating trust is crucial so folks feel they can trust us and know that we trust them and support the decisions they make." -Fatima Chavez (she/they), PPCCC & PPCCAF Community Organizer (Oxnard)



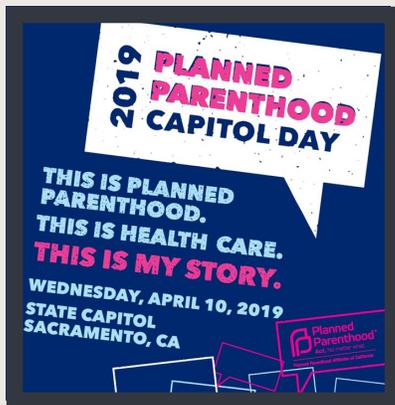
Women's March 2019

PPCCAF participated in four Women's Marches on January 19th in San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, and Ventura. Hundreds of activists turned out across the Central Coast to march for justice and equality and speak Truth to Power, the theme of this year's march. PPCCAF CEO Jenna Tosh spoke at Santa Maria's inaugural Women's March alongside UCSB Planned Parenthood Generation Action member Yvonne Almodovar, who provided Spanish interpretation for Jenna's remarks. It's estimated that over 665,000 people marched in the streets to fight back against the Trump-Pence administration's attacks on basic human rights.



Save the date for Women's March 2020: January 18, 2020

Capitol Day 2019



Over 50 PPCCAF advocates traveled to Sacramento on April 10th for Planned Parenthood's annual lobby day. This year's Capitol Day 2019 priorities included Governor

Newsom's budget proposal, and Senate Bill 24, which would require UC and CSU campuses to provide medication abortion at their on-campus health centers. SB 24 is expected to be heard on the Assembly floor this month. Capitol Day 2019 was a successful and energizing day of political activism! PPCCAF is grateful for our incredible staff, students, and community advocates' commitment to reproductive rights.



Stop The Bans Rallies

Planned Parenthood advocates gathered along the Central Coast to protest the onslaught of draconian abortion bans imposed across the country. On May 21st, over 800 reproductive rights activists united in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Thousand Oaks to voice their opposition to harmful, restrictive legislation in Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, and Missouri that threatens access to safe, legal abortion. In Santa Barbara, PPCCAF CEO Jenna Tosh--alongside representatives from the SB Women's Political Committee, Democratic Women, Planned Parenthood Generation Action, and community activists--addressed a crowd of 200 supporters. In San Luis Obispo, PPCCAF staff member Tina Ballantyne and members of Cal Poly Generation Action joined SLO Women's March to rally a crowd of 400 people. Nearly 300 people took to the streets in Ventura County. Each of these rapid response rallies highlighted the danger these restrictive policies pose to our communities, especially folks with lower incomes and communities of color. A silver lining amidst the tumultuous movement for reproductive rights in this country: our Central Coast community is engaged and ready to fight!

**BANS OFF
MY BODY**

Volunteer Spotlight:

Eloisa Chavez (she/hers)

Eloisa's political activism with PPCCAF began Capitol Day 2016 and she has been a dedicated volunteer ever since. Eloisa readily jumps in to participate in PPCCAF's advocacy efforts whether it's lobbying our legislators, helping out at a rally, or canvassing for candidates who champion reproductive rights. Eloisa's activism doesn't stop at political advocacy—she's also been instrumental in Planned Parenthood California Central Coast's Young Advocates (YA) work, spearheading their inaugural fundraising effort Pink Week last summer alongside PPCCC's YA Committee, which raised \$4,000 for PPCCC. Thank you, Eloisa, for all you do for Planned Parenthood!



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Meet PPCCAF Board Chair, Danielle De Smeth (she/her)



With a rich background in litigation, Danielle De Smeth is a well-rounded attorney who has represented clients through jury verdict in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties for the last decade. Her areas of practice include constitutional rights, sexual assault and Title IX cases, education law,

catastrophic injury, environmental litigation, employment discrimination, and criminal defense. Danielle was raised in Ventura and loves the Central Coast. As a local of the area, she is passionate about working to better her community through numerous volunteer and leadership activities. Danielle is in her second term of service on the Action Fund board and is, in her words, "Constantly impressed by the talented staff and leadership of our Planned Parenthood affiliate. They work tirelessly to effectively champion a person's right to safe, legal abortion and for everyone's access to quality, affordable health care."

Canvassing for Joan Hartmann

On Sunday, February 9, a group of PPCCAF volunteers canvassed for Joan Hartmann's reelection as Third District County Supervisor. Volunteers took to the streets of Goleta to talk with voters about Joan Hartmann's dedication to protecting reproductive health care and her continued support of Planned Parenthood. Together we knocked over 600 doors! Thank you, Supervisor Hartmann, for championing reproductive rights!



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2020

March 3rd Primary
VOTER GUIDE
at www.ppccaf.org

Save the Date



September 12, 2020

Roe v. Wade Panel

On Sunday, January 26, PPCCAF participated in the Ventura County Rights Network's annual Roe v. Wade event, Rising up for Roe, at Ventura's Temple Beth Torah. The event featured a panel of experts who led a discussion on the politically-driven nationwide erosion of reproductive rights and the impact on reproductive justice as it relates to law, health care, education, politics, and religion. Over one hundred Ventura supporters attended this powerful event.



Panelists included Jenna Tosh, Ph.D.: PPCCAF President & CEO, Aditi Fruitwala: Staff Attorney for the LGBTQ, Gender, and Reproductive Justice Project of ACLU Southern California, Pamela Lopez: Founder & Producer of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Community Forum, and Assemblymember Monique Limón.

Rock & Roe

Sixty supporters attended this year's Rock & Roe celebration to commemorate the 47th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Guests arrived



in 70's attire and helped bring the theme to life at The Bobcat Room & Wildcat Lounge, where DJ Darla Bea kept the dance floor groovy.

Thank you to our sponsors and all who came to celebrate the right to reproductive freedom! Together we'll fight to ensure that California continues to expand reproductive health care access for all!

We're excited to report that the event raised nearly \$6,000 for PPCCAF's electoral and advocacy work. This funding will be crucial in the Action Fund's advocacy work throughout election season.



Women's March 2020



Ventura

Our Central Coast community showed up on January 18th! Thousands marched in four cities across the Central Coast for justice, reproductive rights, immigrant rights, and equality for all! PPCCAF President & CEO Jenna Tosh, Ph.D. energized the crowd at the Santa Barbara Women's March alongside UCSB Planned Parenthood Generation Action President Tejoni Johnson. Both Jenna and Tejoni highlighted the importance of youth leadership within the reproductive rights movement.

PPCCAF and PPCCC proudly sponsored marches in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo.

Jenna Tosh attends State of the Union Address



On February 4, Planned Parenthood California Central Coast President & CEO Jenna Tosh, Ph.D. (she/her) attended the State of the Union address as Congressman Salud Carbajal's guest. "The room was tense, and intensely divided," Jenna said, "and the President continued his divisive, misleading attacks on health care. He called for a bill to deny health care to undocumented immigrants. At one point, he called for a ban on abortion later in pregnancy." She described the event as "an exhilarating but challenging night, and a reminder of why we fight and what's at stake."

Congressman Carbajal was a phenomenal host and together they were able to reinforce that reproductive health care is health care, and health care is a human right in interviews with several local and national media outlets.

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IN CALIFORNIA

Take Action!



Capitol Day

Participate in Capitol Day on May 5th! Attend meetings with our elected officials, meet other PPCCAF supporters, and experience politics up close and personal.

Volunteer

Can't make Capitol Day but still want to get involved? Fill out the PPCCC volunteer application at www.ppcentralcoast.org. Once you've been trained, you will receive updates on PPCCAF volunteer opportunities, too!

Get Social

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



Spotlights:

Volunteer: Ben Vargas (he/him)



Ben is president of the Planned Parenthood Generation Action chapter at Cal Poly SLO. In addition to the on-campus advocacy work that he and the club do regularly, Ben also volunteers as a Patient Greeter at the SLO health center and at PPCCAF's booth at the SLO

Farmers Market. When asked about his favorite part of volunteering with Planned Parenthood, Ben said, "I love connecting with people to eliminate barriers. I love using my ability to speak Spanish to eliminate the language barrier when it comes to accessing reproductive health care, and using my knowledge about reproductive health to help inform students and community members about their options and the services Planned Parenthood offers." Thanks for all you do, Ben!

Intern: Tejoni Johnson (she/her)



Tejoni is president of the Planned Parenthood Generation Action (PPGA) chapter at UCSB and PPCCAF's current Intern. As someone who believes strongly in Planned Parenthood's mission and who plans to have a career in the health care field, Tejoni

sought out an internship to gain experience advocating for health care. In addition to the outreach and advocacy work she and PPGA do on campus, Tejoni has helped with rallies, hosted Democratic Debate watch parties, and developed a love for canvassing: "Being an intern has helped me branch out in my advocacy efforts. Before becoming an intern at PPCCAF, I had never canvassed before. The idea of going door to door and speaking with people I had never met really intimidated me. As an intern, I've helped with healthy neighborhood canvassing where we canvass neighborhoods near the health center and inform the community of the services Planned Parenthood health centers offer. I've also helped with political canvassing, talking with voters about candidates who support reproductive rights. Through canvassing, I was able to connect with community members and help provide our community with valuable health care resources. Canvassing has now become one of my favorite advocacy efforts!"

Meet PPAC's new CEO & President, Jodi Hicks (she/her)



Jodi Hicks became Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA new CEO & President in September 2019. A longtime health care advocate and lobbyist, she has worked with numerous health care organizations. Hicks previously served as a lobbyist for PPAC and board member for Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. During her time as acting CEO & President at PPAC, Hicks proved her ability to effectively lead the organization, helping to finalize the historic \$100 million included in the CA state budget for sexual and reproductive health care. She was also instrumental in leading legislative priority strategies to secure funding for security measures for health care centers that provide abortions and expand access to birth control through telehealth. Welcome, Jodi Hicks!

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