

PPGNYAF Reproductive Health Questionnaire

The Planned Parenthood of Greater New York (PPGNY) Action Fund is a not-for-profit organization that engages in educational and electoral activity including voter education campaigns, grassroots organizing and legislative advocacy. The PPGNY Action Fund is a non-partisan organization committed to supporting pro-reproductive health candidates for state and local offices in New York.

If you would like additional information or have questions that you would like answered before completing this questionnaire or to arrange an interview for endorsement, please contact PPGNYCandidates@ppgreaterny.org.

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York Action Fund's Message for Candidates

Planned Parenthood believes in ensuring all people have access to the sexual and reproductive health care services they need. We believe that everyone – regardless of income, age or marital status – has the fundamental right to decide when and whether to have a child. It is elected officials' role to support personal childbearing decisions by ensuring quality access to preventive health care services, including birth control and medically accurate sexual health information, as well as access to quality prenatal care and safe, legal abortion. Planned Parenthood of Greater New York Action Fund defines support of our mission to include consistent voting records and public leadership to protect and expand access to sexual and reproductive health care and oppose attempts to roll back access to achieve health equity.

District Attorney Questionnaire

1. Candidate Name
2. Candidate Pronouns
3. Candidate Email Address
4. Candidate for (*please fill in government office name, eg "City Council"*)

5. District Number (if not applicable, please enter "n/a")

6. Incumbent?

Yes

No

7. Party

8. Name of Campaign Committee

9. Campaign Website

10. Campaign Manager Name

11. Campaign Manager Email Address

12. Campaign Contact Phone Number

13. Treasurer's Full Name

14. Treasurer's Email Address

15. Money Raised

16. Money Spent

17. Fundraising Goals

18. Have you run for office before? If so, please list year and office.

19. Please list your endorsements

20. Do you support an individual's right to obtain a safe, legal abortion, covered by all insurance including New York State Medicaid?

Yes No

21. Consistent with existing state and federal law, do you support the right of individuals to access the abortion method they and their physician deem safest for their health and needs?

Yes No

22. Do you support enforcing and strengthening laws to protect individuals' access to reproductive health clinics?

Yes No

23. Do you support efforts to increase access to emergency contraception, including through insurance coverage, for all New Yorkers?

Yes No

24. Do you oppose attempts to undermine Roe v. Wade through legislation that creates separate legal rights for fetuses distinct from those of a pregnant individual?

Yes No

25. Do you support policies to expand access to contraception, such as requiring insurance companies to cover all federally-approved contraceptive methods without a co-pay, and regardless of an employer's religious or moral beliefs?

Yes No

26. Do you support efforts to reduce maternal mortality, especially for women of color in New York City?

Yes No

27. Do you support efforts to end pregnancy discrimination in New York?

Yes No

28. Do you support efforts to increase access to affordable childcare services to better support New York families?

Yes No

29. Do you support efforts to create preventative measures to ensure that poor New Yorkers are treated with dignity and respect in government agencies with which they frequently interact?

Yes No

30. Do you support efforts to increase accessibility for pregnant and parenting young people to continue their education?

Yes No

31. Do you support implementing a comprehensive age-appropriate medically accurate sexuality health education program from kindergarten through 12th grade that provides all students with information on contraception, consent, healthy relationships, gender identity, and media literacy?

Yes No

32. Do you support SBHCs and programs such as CATCH that enable NYC students to access reproductive and sexual health education and services?

Yes No

33. Do you support efforts to ensure that comprehensive medically accurate sexuality & reproductive information and services are delivered by trained providers for youth in foster care and shelters?

Yes No

34. Do you support New York youth's ability to confidentially access sexual and reproductive health services, including safe, legal abortion?

Yes No

35. Do you support New York youth's ability to confidentially access sexual and reproductive health services, including safe, legal abortion?

Yes No

36. Do you pledge to protect the reproductive rights of unaccompanied minors, regardless of immigration status, housed in New York City?

Yes No

37. Do you support efforts to protect federal, state, and local funding for Planned Parenthood?

Yes No

38. Do you support efforts to ensure public funding for family planning services?

Yes No

39. Do you support efforts to fund HIV supportive programming included in the End the Epidemic Blueprint, proposed by the Governor Cuomo in 2015?

Yes No

40. Do you support policies, legislation, and enforcement that require Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs) to be honest with people about what services they do and do not provide and about whether or not they employ a trained medical professional?

Yes No

41. Do you support efforts to improve health care equality for the transgender community and protect health care coverage for transgender-related services?

Yes No

42. Do you support policies to ensure that incarcerated individuals have access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health care services including free menstrual products?

Yes No

43. Do you support New York expanding health insurance coverage to all immigrants regardless of immigration status?

Yes No

44. Will you advocate for increased funding for mental health and substance abuse assistance for persons subject to arrest or incarcerated?

Yes No

45. Do you support policies to combat discrimination for gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, trans and gender non-conforming individuals in the workplace, public accommodation, and housing?

Yes No

46. If elected, will you seek to build a team, senior and entry level (including interns), that represent the demographics and diversity of your district?

Yes No

47. Do you support a fair living wage for all New York workers, including tipped employees?

Yes No

48. Do you support the Fair Fares campaign, which calls for city-funded half-priced MetroCards for New Yorkers living below the poverty level?

Yes No

49. Do you support increased funding for and access to public transportation so that all people can access health care and other critical services?

Yes No

50. Will you fight for increased funding for public housing and to build more housing that is truly affordable?

Yes No

51. Do you support efforts to end gender-based and intimate partner violence, and sexual assault?

Yes No

52. Do you support efforts to increase access to and affordability of fast and reliable internet (i.e. broadband access) so people can more easily connect to health and social services, job opportunities and online learning, as more organizations use virtual platforms?

Yes No

53. Do you support efforts to reduce food insecurity as the Covid-19 pandemic and high rates of unemployment worsen New York's hunger crisis?

Yes No

54. How do you intend to protect and expand access to sexual and reproductive health in New York?

55. If elected, how do you intend to work with Planned Parenthood of Greater New York?

56. How can the DA's office better support survivors of sexual violence while securing justice?

57. What is your understanding of how district attorneys can improve public safety through mental health treatment? What would you do to increase opportunities for treatment?

58. (*NYC candidates only*) In 2012, the NYPD issued a series of patrol guide provisions establishing basic protections for transgender people who come into contact with the police, including a specific provision prohibiting officers from charging Trans people with "false personation" based on naming confusion. How will you hold NYPD officers accountable when they falsely arrest Trans New Yorkers and follow the recommendations of the 2012 guidelines?

59. What policies and practices will you put in place to ensure that under your leadership, the District Attorney's Office addresses racial disparities in the criminal legal system?

60. Recently, low-level criminal offenses have been used as the basis for deportation proceedings against individuals who, in most instances, have made meaningful contributions to their communities and families. These offenses, which could be dealt with through non-criminal proceedings or diversion, result in disrupted lives and families being torn apart. If elected, what will you do to interrupt the use of the criminal justice system to deport people charged with minor offenses?

61. People in detention often have a particularly hard time obtaining reproductive health care including treatment of HIV/AIDS, pregnancy care, abortion, and feminine hygiene products. Some immigrant people in detention and incarcerated people have even been forced to give birth while shackled. What will you do to ensure that immigrant and incarcerated people have proper reproductive care and do not deliver in shackles?

62. How will you use your prosecutorial discretion to eliminate racial, ethnic and gender identity/gender expression disparities in charges, bail, and plea offers?

63. Young adults, including those in their late teens, have the worst outcomes of any age group in the criminal justice system. What reforms do you support that would improve how young people are better situated to mature into more positive adults?

64. Are you concerned about the criminalization of poverty and, if so, what policies will you put in place to avoid fees and costs for poor people arrested, deferred into a program, or detained in jail?

65. How can New York address the economic and health disparities exposed by COVID-19?

66. Please list five community based organizations that you have worked with and/or plan to work with to increase diversion, lower recidivism and/or provide education, training, and treatment as an alternative to incarceration.

67. Are there questions on this survey or other issues you would like discuss in your interview?

68. I pledge to (check all that apply)

speak out on the floor of the Council and in committee meetings in support of Planned Parenthood

use my voice as a legislator to speak out in favor of regulatory reforms that would improve access to reproductive health care, including abortion.

speak out publicly in support of Planned Parenthood (examples include on your website, at press conferences, etc.)

attend a PPGNY Function or event

speak with other elected officials and work to educate those who are reluctant to publicly support Planned Parenthood on comprehensive reproductive health issues

I certify that this questionnaire has been completed or reviewed by the candidate listed above.

Name

Date

Please return completed questionnaire to PPGNYPCandidates@ppgreaterny.org.