



The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic will impact our 2021 legislative session. Things will look different this year – please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @ppvotetri for updates. **We know we can't win without you!**

2020: Year in Review

2020 brought extraordinary challenges - and some great progress. The COVID-19 pandemic hit Rhode Island communities hard, leaving many without a job, without health insurance or access to health care, and struggling to afford housing, food, and meet basic needs – while the Trump-Pence administration did nothing.

The Black Lives Matter movement and the fight for racial equity took center stage this year. The brutal deaths of countless Black lives at the hands of state-sanctioned police violence sparked a long-overdue reckoning with systemic racism and white supremacy in America – and provided a painful reminder that the dream of bodily autonomy and reproductive freedom for all still remains out of reach.

And, 2020 saw one of the most important elections of our lifetime – and shameful attempts to challenge the core of our country's democracy. A violent insurrection on the U.S. Capitol this year, led by white supremacists and fueled by Trump's rhetoric, was the final, horrifying act of a reckless and brutal administration.

Through these challenges, your support helped keep our movement connected and strong.

Monthly virtual volunteer nights welcomed cross-movement community partners; digital tools allowed us to host remote phone banks and text banks to mobilize voters; and our inspiring GenerationAction interns spoke out and shared their compelling personal stories about how undocumented communities struggle to access health care and uplifted the harmful effects of the Title X gag rule.

Photo: Tiara Mack, Youth Organizing Specialist with PPV!RI, attends a rally to protect tenants' rights and demand justice for all Rhode Islanders.

Here's a quick snapshot of what we accomplished this year – thanks to you:

- Standing with the Movement for Black Lives' call to **defund the police and invest in Black communities** by supporting our partners at protests and actions across the state
- Helping pass the **Rhode Island Parentage Act**, providing equitable procedures for ensuring parentage and recognizing the different makeup of Rhode Island families
- Organizing alongside leaders from **Black Lives Matter** and the **Tenant Network RI**
- Raising our voice in **SCOTUS decisions around abortion and birth control access** and fighting back against Trump's sham nomination process to replace the late, great RBG
- Turning out voters to **support PPV!RI PAC-endorsed candidates and champions** this election



We Won, Thanks To You!

You showed up, spoke out, donated, and VOTED, electing 49 of the 52 candidates endorsed by Planned Parenthood Votes! RI PAC, **sending a record-breaking number of champions to the State House!** Together, we also elected a record number of women to office – for the first time, **half of our State Senators are women.**



See the list of our electoral wins at
ppvotes.org

And, along with millions of Planned Parenthood supporters across the country, you helped bring **President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris to the White House and Democrats take control of Congress.**

A Look Ahead

The 2020 legislative session was cut short – so we will continue the fight in 2021 to:

- Remove state bans that prevent people enrolled in Medicaid and state employees from using their health insurance to cover abortion
- Protect access to contraception and codify the essential health benefits of the Affordable Care Act in state law
- Expand access to doula care to improve birth outcomes, especially for Black mothers
- Work in coalition to achieve reproductive freedom for all people
- Stand with Planned Parenthood patients and protect access to sexual and reproductive health care – no matter what

We can't win without you – your ongoing support of PPV!RI is why all of this is possible. By volunteering, donating, writing testimony, and contacting your elected officials, we can make reproductive freedom a reality for all people.

Your Story Helps Create Change

Storytelling is a powerful tool to help our elected officials understand why it's so important to protect access to essential sexual and reproductive health care. **Your story matters** – by sharing your story you can help end the stigma around sexual and reproductive health care and expand access to critical care for all Rhode Islanders. **Visit ppvotes.org to share your story!**



Current Rhode Island 100 Voices Members. *100 Voices for Planned Parenthood is a group of bold philanthropic leaders who share a fierce and unapologetic passion for protecting sexual and reproductive rights and who have made a gift of \$1,000 or more to PPV!RI.*

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Dr. Barrett Bready
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