



Abortion Rights Win!

In one of the most consequential elections for reproductive rights, Connecticut voters turned out to elect leaders who will fiercely fight to protect the right and access to abortion. **Eighty-two Planned Parenthood Votes! Connecticut (PPV!CT) endorsed candidates won their races, including six for constitutional offices, 19 for State Senate, and 56 for State House of Representatives.**

In Congress, Planned Parenthood Action Fund-endorsed candidates, **U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, U.S. Representatives John Larson (CT-01), Joe Courtney (CT-02), Rosa DeLauro (CT-03), Jim Himes (CT-04), and Jahana Hayes (CT-05) all won reelection.** These champions will each be an important vote in Congress to fight back against efforts to pass a national abortion ban and focus on legislation that protects and expands access to reproductive health care, including abortion.

Support for abortion access made the difference in this election. **Your work, your voice, and your power made it clear that politicians have no place in personal medical decisions.** The people of Connecticut want the right to make their own decisions about their bodies, lives, and futures.

As we celebrate these victories across the state, we know there is more work ahead. With your support and in partnership with our elected champions and coalition partners, **we will continue to defend reproductive rights and ensure equitable access to sexual and reproductive health care** for all people in Connecticut who rely on Planned Parenthood.

Together, we will keep Connecticut moving forward.



On the left, Vice-President of Public Policy, Advocacy, and Organizing, Gretchen Raffa and Organizing Specialist for Youth & Black Campaigns, Alexia Cousins, are joined by our election volunteers, Linda and Jonathan, for a Saturday of door-knocking.

On the right, Gretchen is joined by her predecessor– and current volunteer– Susan Yolen to knock on doors this election cycle.

Looking ahead to the 2023 legislative session we will continue to work to **expand access to abortion care** for residents in Connecticut and people who travel here for care and work to **ensure health care providers are protected** as they continue to provide time sensitive health care to their patients. We are a proud member of the **HUSKY for Immigrants** campaign who are leading the **fight for health care coverage for immigrants regardless of immigration status.** This is a critical policy we need to win in Connecticut **to ensure that all residents can access the reproductive health care they need.** Learn more and join the campaign: <https://www.husky4immigrants.org/>

See the full list of our electoral wins at ppvotes.org or scan the QR code >>>>>>



Victory for Early Voting in Connecticut

EARLY VOTING PASSES!



Another important victory this election came in response to **the ballot question to update the state Constitution to allow early voting passed by over 60%!** This is an important win that will help modernize Connecticut's voting laws to allow early voting.

Early voting is more accessible, flexible, and helps ensure everyone with the right to vote can cast their ballot. **Planned Parenthood Votes! Connecticut was proud to be a part of the coalition advocating to pass this important change in our state!**

Attorney General William Tong announces new legal resources for abortion rights

This fall, Attorney General William Tong took action to ensure that Connecticut residents have greater access to legal information and resources regarding abortion and reproductive health services.



Attorney General Tong addresses the crowd during the October press conference.



Scan the QR code to read Attorney General Tong's statement from the October press conference.

At a press conference in October, Attorney General Tong announced:

- **Connecticut's participation in a pro bono Legal Assistance Abortion Hotline**, where a volunteer network of trained private attorneys provides free legal guidance and representation to patients and providers regarding their rights to access and provide abortion.
- **The forthcoming appointment of a new Special Counsel for Reproductive Rights** to lead the Office of the Attorney General in protecting abortion access and reproductive care in Connecticut and anywhere those rights are challenged nationwide.

Attorney General Tong's office also released a legal overview and analysis of Connecticut's current abortion laws as well as a "Know Your Rights" flyer available to the public.



We are grateful for Attorney General Tong's strong leadership as a reproductive rights champion here in our state and the work the Office of the Attorney General consistently does to defend our rights and freedoms.



Planned Parenthood of Southern New England Chief Operating Officer Zari Watkins shares the patient impact of the complicated legal landscape throughout the nation in the absence of *Roe v. Wade*.

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 about sexual and reproductive health care— including abortion— and expand access to critical care for all in Connecticut.

Visit ppvotes.org to share your story!

Connecticut 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 who have made a gift of \$1,000 or more to PPVICT within the last year.

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