

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.

Title X

Don't gag
my doctor.

Don't block
my health care.

#NoGagRule

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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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 Gov. 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!

#BansOffMyBody

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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