

# VOTER GUIDES

## 2018 STATEWIDE AND LOCAL ENDORSEMENTS

Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC) endorses champions for reproductive health care and health equity! PPAC is committed to health equity for Planned Parenthood health center patients, their communities and the state. Not only do Planned Parenthood health centers provide high quality, affordable and compassionate health care and abortion services, they also work every day to advocate for equity, environmental protections, health care and justice. **Support our reproductive health care and health equity champions below in this year's midterm elections!**

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### **GAVIN NEWSOM FOR GOVERNOR**

- Gavin Newsom has been a champion for women's reproductive rights and access to quality and affordable health care for decades. Not only is he an expert on health care delivery, Newsom has supported Planned Parenthood health centers in providing access to birth control, reproductive rights and health education.
- Newsom has demonstrated his understanding of health equity and Planned Parenthood's range of patients and knows that patients' health care extends beyond the health center and into their respective communities.

He remains committed to supporting Planned Parenthood health centers' expansion of services and health innovation through increased Medi-Cal rates.

- Newsom has the courage and vision to take on the Trump Administration's attacks against Planned Parenthood and the services its health centers provide to women, men, immigrants, and the LGBTQ+ community.
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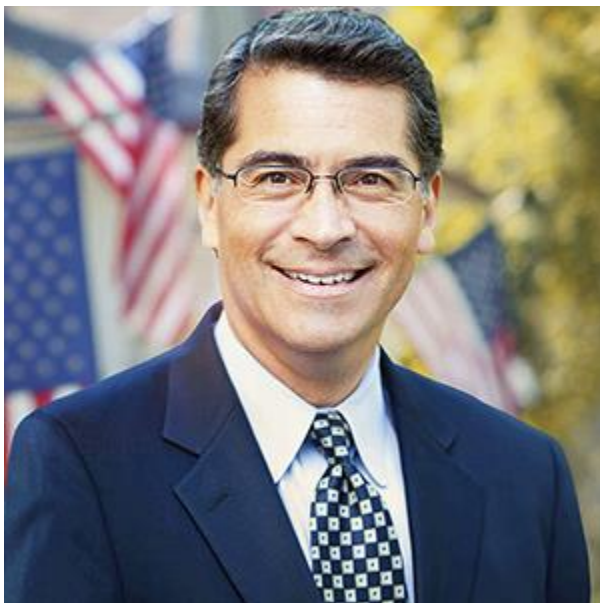
### **ED HERNANDEZ FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

- Ed Hernandez is a proven champion as defined by our Endorsement Committee guidelines, of Planned Parenthood and reproductive health and rights, earning 100% on [PPAC's Legislator Scorecards](#) since being elected to office in 2006.
  - Hernandez has a keen understanding of the challenges faced by Planned Parenthood health centers as Medi-Cal providers and has worked to improve the health care system, including expanding Medi-Cal eligibility. He's also been a fierce protector of Planned Parenthood funding.
  - Hernandez has authored key bills in both the Assembly and State Senate to improve access to reproductive health care and is a vocal proponent for protecting reproductive rights and ensuring safe, easy access to birth control.
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#### ALEX PADILLA FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

- Alex Padilla has demonstrated his commitment to Planned Parenthood's values and advocacy efforts as California Secretary of State, including prioritizing voter registration among people of color.
  - He has been a fierce advocate for Planned Parenthood health centers. When the Susan G. Komen foundation pulled grant money from them, State Senator Padilla cut his ties with Komen.
  - A champion for Planned Parenthood, Alex Padilla received a 100% rating on [PPAC's Legislative Scorecards](#) while State Senator.
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## XAVIER BECERRA FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

- From his time in the Assembly, to Congress, to his appointment as California's Attorney General, Xavier Becerra has been an active and visible champion of reproductive and sexual health care.
  - As a Congressman representing Southern California, he received a 100% rating from [Planned Parenthood Action Fund](#) for his votes supporting access to sexual and reproductive health care.
  - He's been an active supporter of Planned Parenthood, and has made a point of visiting their health centers, talking with staff and understanding the issues important to their work.
  - Becerra doesn't shy away from any fights, and has actively taken on the Trump administration righting to birth control access, against laws that harm women, the LGBTQ community and immigrants.
  - Becerra took immediate action in suing the Trump Administration when the Birth Control Mandate was rollbacked, putting millions of Californians at risk of losing their access to birth control.
  - He is currently representing California before the Supreme Court in the case *NIFLA v. Becerra*, [protecting the Reproductive FACT Act](#), which is a California law requiring facilities to disclose whether there is a licensed medical professional providing or supervising the facility. The FACT Act ensures women have a way to access accurate, honest, and complete information when the visit a health center.
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## BETTY YEE FOR STATE CONTROLLER

- Betty Yee has demonstrated her commitment to Planned Parenthood's values, and continually highlights Planned Parenthood's contributions in the economic justice sphere.

- She has been a champion for women and girls in California and an important voice for equality, access to reproductive health care and gender diversity on corporate boards.
  - She has a strong commitment to mentoring and supporting women and people of color who seek opportunities in public service.
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### **FIONA MA FOR STATE TREASURER**

- Fiona Ma, currently a member and former chair of the Board of Equalization, is an outspoken advocate for Planned Parenthood and its services, receiving a 100% rating on [PPAC's Legislative Scorecard](#) during her tenure in the Assembly.
  - Fiona Ma is a visible champion for Planned Parenthood, sharing her personal story at Planned Parenthood, and most recently emceeding the Planned Parenthood 2017 *Roe v. Wade* Anniversary rally at the State Capitol. She also received the Planned Parenthood "Defenders of Choice" Award for her advocacy work.
  - She has authored reproductive justice legislation such as bills banning toxic chemicals and granting equal right to women and men to change their last names when married or domestic partners. She also has worked on issues such as domestic violence and human trafficking.
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### **RICARDO LARA FOR INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

- Ricardo Lara has a long time relationship with Planned Parenthood at both the local and state level and previously served on the board of [Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles Counties](#).
  - He has been outspoken in his support of Planned Parenthood health center services, even within the context of his personal interaction with the issue of abortion within his family, emphasizing the importance of safety and trust that take place in Planned Parenthood health centers.
  - Since elected to the State Legislature, Sen. Lara received a 100% rating on [PPAC's Legislative Scorecard](#) while serving as both a Senator and Assemblymember.
  - Lara authored several pieces of legislation important to Planned Parenthood and its patients, including bills on immigrant rights, LGBTQ issues and equity and inclusion.
  - His work on health care includes not only furthering Planned Parenthood's values, but also expanding Medi-Cal to cover all Californians.
  - Lara has been an outspoken champion for reproductive health and a visible advocate for Planned Parenthood on the Assembly and Senate Floors.
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### **TONY THURMOND FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

- Since joining the California Legislature, Thurmond received a 100% rating on [PPAC's Legislative Scorecard](#) (2015, 2016, 2017).
  - Thurmond has been outspoken in his personal connection with Planned Parenthood and the life-saving cancer screening services his mother received at their health centers.
  - He has spoken on behalf of Planned Parenthood on the Assembly Floor and has been involved with Planned Parenthood at the state and local level. Engagement includes visiting and volunteering at local health centers, speaking at rallies and other Planned Parenthood events, including PPAC's annual Capitol Day, and turning out volunteers to attend Planned Parenthood events.
  - He supports teaching comprehensive sexual health education in all public schools and greater investment in school-based health services.
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### **MALIA COHEN FOR BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, DISTRICT 2**

- Malia Cohen has been a champion for women’s reproductive health care and has stood up time and again for Planned Parenthood patients, especially women, young people, immigrants, communities of color and LGBTQ+ individuals.
- As a San Francisco Supervisor, Malia authored the Pregnancy Information and Protection ordinance, prohibiting crisis pregnancy centers from giving patients misleading information about their services.
- Malia also supported legislation amending the Police Code to protect the privacy and rights of individuals and patients seeking reproductive and sexual health care services, by prohibiting excessive noise through yelling, harassment, intimidation, or amplification of sound within 50 feet of health care facilities.

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## FIND YOUR LOCAL ENDORSED CANDIDATES

Planned Parenthood affiliates across California have local non-partisan 501(c) (4) organizations that were created to educate the public about issues related to reproductive health and freedom and help elect candidates in support of reproductive health care access.

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Northern  
California

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ACTION FUND'S ENDORSED CANDIDATES

**Counties:** Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Plumas, San Francisco, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Tehama, Trinity

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Mar Monte

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCATES MAR MONTE'S ENDORSED CANDIDATES

**Counties:** Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sierra, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, Yuba

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Central  
Coast

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD CENTRAL COAST ACTION FUND'S ENDORSED CANDIDATES

**Counties: San Luis Obispo, Santa  
Barbara, Ventura.**

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Pasadena and  
San Gabriel  
Valley

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCATES PASADENA AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY'S ENDORSED CANDIDATES

**Counties: San Gabriel Valley, Pasadena**

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Los Angeles

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD  
ADVOCACY PROJECT  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S  
ENDORSED CANDIDATES**

**County: Los Angeles**

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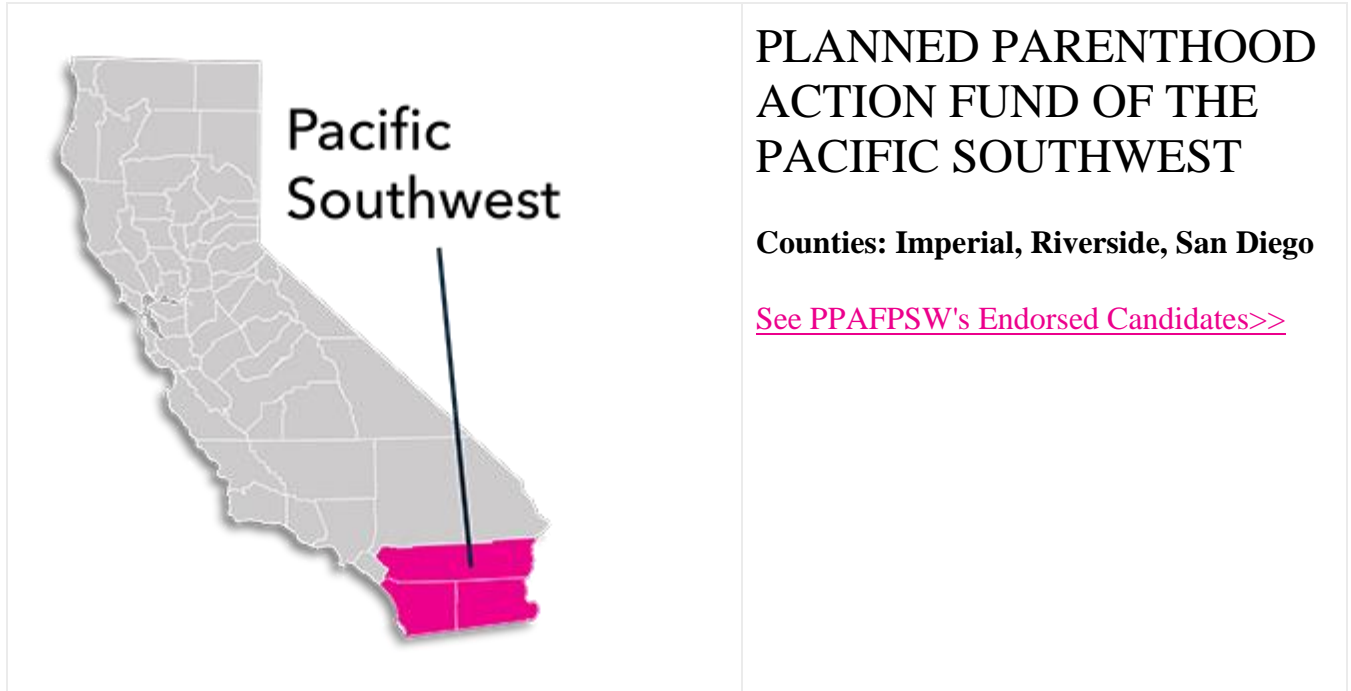


Orange and  
San Bernardino

**COMMUNITY ACTION  
FUND OF PLANNED  
PARENTHOOD OF  
ORANGE AND SAN  
BERNARDINO  
COUNTIES'S ENDORSED  
CANDIDATES**

**Counties: Orange, San Bernardino**

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## PLANNED PARENTHOOD ACTION FUND OF THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

**Counties: Imperial, Riverside, San Diego**

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protecting and promoting reproductive health. Federal candidates are endorsed by Planned Parenthood Action Fund 501(c)(4). Once candidates are elected, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California tracks their votes and provides an annual scorecard on how they voted on legislation that influences Planned Parenthood's mission and ability to provide high quality care to our patients.