



Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund

2022 Candidate Questionnaire – State Office

Thank you for your interest in an endorsement from Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund. Candidates seeking the endorsement of PPCCAF must complete and return the following questionnaire. **Please do not make changes to the questionnaire as missing information may impact the recommendation of the endorsement committee.**

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please return the completed questionnaire to Action Fund staff, luz.reyes-martin@ppcentralcoast.org

Signing and submitting this questionnaire constitutes acknowledgement that its contents are now part of the public record and may be reproduced and distributed by Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund and Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California. We encourage you to be honest, ask questions, and let us know how we can help inform you.

We acknowledge that some questions may address issues that fall outside of the office that you are seeking but we hope to learn more about you and your policies for this and future campaigns. Please be specific and detailed in your answers. Incomplete questionnaires will not be accepted.

1. Personal Background:

- a. Candidate Name
- b. Seat Running For:
- c. Please describe your professional background:
- d. What sets you apart from your opponents?
- e. Have you ever sought elective or appointed office before? If yes, please elaborate:
- f. What are the most important policy issues you would like to focus on if elected to this seat?
- g. Which committee assignments are of highest interest to you? (if applicable)

h. What are the principal reasons you decided to run for this office?

2. Campaign Information:

a. Campaign Manager:

b. Fundraiser:

c. All other paid consultants:

d. Campaign Social Media platforms and handles/usernames

e. What is your budget for primary/general? How much have you raised? Will you be utilizing personal funds?

f. Please explain your policy on accepting campaign contributions from private businesses, PACs and law enforcement unions. Are there any specific industries or PACs you will not accept donations from? Why or why not?

g. Are you willing to participate in a Planned Parenthood briefing to ensure you have the most up to date information and vocabulary to use when discussing or making decisions about sexual and reproductive healthcare?

Yes No



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1. Access to Abortion Services:

Every person should have access to the full range of reproductive health care services, including access to safe and legal abortion services. Access to an abortion is legal, constitutionally protected, and consistently supported by a majority of Americans. Will you support the right to safe, legal abortion access?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

2. Public Funding for Abortion

Do you support the use of state funds to pay for abortions and other reproductive health services? Which services?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

3. Public Funding for Abortion

According to a new Guttmacher report, if 26 states banned abortion—as is anticipated should the Supreme Court overturn *Roe v Wade*—there would be a nearly 3000% increase in out-of-state women of reproductive age who would find their nearest health center in California. Will you support additional investments needed to expand access to care for in and out of state patients?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

4. Roe vs. Wade

Will you oppose any attempt to overturn *Roe vs. Wade* and commit to protecting abortion access in California should it be overturned?

Yes No

Please explain your position and your position/view on abortion.

5. Restrictions on AB access

Abortion restrictions, such as "Targeted Restrictions on Abortion Providers" or TRAP laws, include regulations that single out providers, facilities and drugs related to abortion services. They are used as a tactic to create barriers to abortion access. Planned Parenthood believes that abortion services should be regulated similarly to other comparable procedures. Will you oppose TRAP laws and other restrictions on abortion access?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

6. Public Funding for AB Services

The right to safe, legal abortion services is meaningless without affordable access to those services. Will you support public funding (federal, state, and local) of comprehensive reproductive health care, including abortion services, for all individuals who rely on the government for their health care services?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

7. Protect Medi-Cal reimbursement rates

One-third of all Californians are enrolled in the Medi-Cal system (including 85% of Planned Parenthood's patients). Recently the Governor and state legislators have made significant progress to ensure state funding is budgeted to increase the rates for certain family planning services; however, the need to further ensure the financial sustainability for Medi-Cal providers and advocate for adequate Medi-Cal reimbursement rates continues to be a priority for California providers. Will you support increasing reimbursement rates and ensuring Californians have timely access to care?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

8. Confidential Access Protected

Most teenagers involve their parents in important decisions such as whether to continue or terminate an unintended pregnancy. For teens who cannot involve their parents because of fear of violence or other reasons, they must have confidential access to safe, legal abortion services. Californians have voted three times to protect teen safety by upholding a minor's ability to confidentially access these services. California law also allows students aged 12 and older to be released confidentially from school to obtain confidential services such as reproductive health, drug and alcohol abuse treatment, and mental health services. While parents rightfully want to be involved in their children's lives, and Planned Parenthood health centers actively promote family communication, we also know that some teens will not access the sensitive services they need if they cannot do so confidentially. Will you support a minor's right to access confidential services, such as family planning, abortion, prenatal care, and sexually transmitted infection screening and treatment, and vaccines, including a minor's release from school to obtain these services?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

9. Sexual Education

An overwhelming majority of Californians support teaching comprehensive sexual health education in our schools. California has some of the strongest laws ensuring that students receive comprehensive, age-appropriate, medically accurate sexuality and HIV/AIDS education in schools that is free of racial, ethnic, and gender bias information – including the California Healthy Youth Act. School districts are now mandated/required to take steps to become compliant with the new law. Will you support the active monitoring, enforcement, and funding of current California laws requiring sex ed?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

10. Publicly Funded Health Care

Will you support requiring any health care entity that receives public funding (like hospitals) to provide or refer patients for comprehensive reproductive health care services including abortion and gender affirming care?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

11. Commercial Health Insurance

Will you support requiring all California health insurance plans to provide coverage for comprehensive reproductive health care including abortion services?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

12. Safety and Privacy

Will you support enacting and enforcing laws that protect reproductive health care providers, their staff, patients, and their families from violence, intimidation, and harassment both at health centers and at their homes?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

13. Public Partnerships

Each year Planned Parenthood health centers provide more than 1.4 million patient visits for preventive and reproductive health care. In addition, Planned Parenthood educators provide sexual health education to hundreds of thousands of Californians annually. These programs depend on the cooperation and partnership of local governments and public entities such as school boards and counties, including financial participation from these local public agencies in the form of grants and contracts. Will you support public agency partnerships with Planned Parenthood?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

14. Being a Champion

Planned Parenthood endorses candidates who promote and protect policy that supports Planned Parenthood's mission, services, and patients -- above and beyond maintaining a 100 percent voting record while in office. Being a champion can take many forms, including, but not limited to sponsoring or carrying legislation for Planned Parenthood; soliciting Planned Parenthood's expertise proactively when addressing issues that affect Planned Parenthood and the communities it serves in California; serving on a Planned Parenthood or Planned Parenthood Action Fund board or other reproductive health care organization(s), or otherwise demonstrating a proactive commitment to reproductive health care. Do you consider yourself a Planned Parenthood champion? What actions do you see yourself taking beyond supporting Planned Parenthood legislation?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

15. Being a Champion

Why do you support Planned Parenthood and why is it important to you to have the endorsement of Planned Parenthood? Please feel free to share anything else you think is important for Planned Parenthood to know about you personally or your candidacy that is relevant to our work and issues.

Please explain your position:

Cross Movement Issues that Impact Planned Parenthood Patients:

1. Today, more than one in three women and nearly one in four men say they've experienced sexual violence at some point in their life, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Will protect and stand with survivors of sexual harassment, abuse, and assault, both in your capacity as a public official and within your staff?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

2. What measures have you taken or intend to take to ensure safe reporting and thorough investigation of sexual harassment and/or assault claims?
3. Have you **ever** been accused of, faced discipline for, or entered a settlement related to misconduct or harassment (especially with regards to race, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity)?
4. Do you support policy that funds community alternatives to policing in efforts to prevent police brutality against BIPOC? If so, what is one alternative you believe in?
5. Past federal policies on immigration like the Public Charge Rule caused harm to many of Planned Parenthood's undocumented immigrant patients, and many harsh federal immigration policies remain. What will you do to uphold California's place as a sanctuary state for immigrants?
6. We know many California elected officials already openly support the LGBTQ+ community and even celebrate them during Pride Month. How will you take that support even further by driving efforts to support the needs of the LGBTQ+ community, including fighting discriminatory policies, increasing access to health care, and being inclusive of all genders?

Acknowledgment

I have read the above questionnaire and provided answers to the best of my abilities. I am committed to the

mission of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California and Planned Parenthood health centers that promote, directly deliver, and coordinate the provision of comprehensive health care services and direct patient care, including a full range of sexual and reproductive health services through education, advocacy, counseling and clinical services.

Candidate Signature

Date

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