



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 @ppvotescct for updates. **We know we can't win without you!**

2020: Year in Review

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

The Black Lives Matter movement and the fight for racial equity took center stage in 2020. 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.



Black Lives Matter demonstration in New Haven to protest police brutality and state-sponsored violence.

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 Generation Action 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.

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

- Helping pass legislation to **expand access to telehealth**, allow **voting by absentee ballot**, and **improve police accountability**
- 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
- Welcoming representatives from **Black Lives Matter New Haven**, **Cancel Rent CT**, **HUSKY 4 Immigrants** campaign, and the **League of Women Voters** at virtual events to mobilize our supporters
- Raising our voice in **SCOTUS decisions around abortion and birth control access** at press conferences with Attorney General Tong and Senator Blumenthal and fighting back against Trump's sham nomination process to replace the late, great RBG
- Turning out voters to support our **endorsed CT candidates and champions** this election



(L to R): Gretchen Raffa, Senior Director of Public Policy, Advocacy, and Organizing at PPVICT joins David McGuire, from ACLU CT, Senator Richard Blumenthal, and Liz Gustafson from NARAL Pro-Choice CT at a press event to fight back against the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court.

We Won, Thanks To You!

You donated, showed up, spoke out, and VOTED – electing 80 PPV!CT-endorsed candidates for sexual and reproductive health and rights in Connecticut! We need these champions to keep our state moving forward.



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:

- Ensure health care for all by increasing access to telehealth, expanding the HUSKY program for families with low incomes and immigrant communities, and demanding a public health insurance option
- Work in coalition to limit deceptive advertising at fake women's health centers, expand access to doula care, and advance voting rights, LGBTQ+ rights and racial justice in Connecticut
- Stand up for 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!CT 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!



DID YOU KNOW? Last year we passed the Paid Family and Medical Leave Act – and payroll contributions for all CT workers began January 1, 2021. These contributions will help build a statewide benefit so no one has to decide between caring for themselves or a loved one and keeping their job. Learn more at ctpaidleave.org

Current 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 PPV!CT.*

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