

# Candidate Questionnaire 2019-2020

Candidate Name

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Current Position

Candidate for

Name of Campaign Committee and number

Cash on Hand

Fundraising Address

Email

Incumbent? **Yes** **No**

Phone Number

Website

Campaign Social Media Sites (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)

Contact Person

Contact Person's Email

***Note: endorsements are for the current election cycle only.***

Information about the issues raised in the following questions can be found at [ppactionca.org](http://ppactionca.org). Questions about the endorsement process or the questionnaire should be directed to Julie Mickelberry at Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund.

## Support for Planned Parenthood Principles and Positions

To be considered for an endorsement by the Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund, you must complete the following questions **as soon as possible**. Please feel free to attach additional information that may help explain your position on any of the questions.

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### 1. Every woman's right to safe, legal abortion

Every woman should have access to the full range of reproductive health care services, including access to safe and legal abortion. Access to abortion is legal, constitutionally protected, and consistently supported by a majority of Americans. Will you support a woman's right to safe, legal abortion under the terms set out in *Roe v. Wade*?

**Yes   No**

Will you oppose any attempt to overturn *Roe v. Wade*?

**Yes   No**

Please explain your position:

## 2. Restrictions on Abortion Access

Abortion restrictions, like "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 Central Coast Action Fund believes that abortion 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:

### 3. Public Funding for Reproductive Health Care Including Abortion

The right to safe, legal abortion is meaningless without affordable access to services.

Will you support public funding (federal, state and local) of comprehensive reproductive health care, including abortion, for all individuals who rely on the government for their health care services?

**Yes**   **No**

Please explain your position:

#### **4. Fight to Protect Medi-Cal Reimbursement Rates**

One third of Californians are enrolled in the Medi-Cal system (including 81% of Planned Parenthood's patients). The Governor and state legislators have made significant progress to ensure state funding is budgeted to increase the Medi-Cal reimbursement rates; however, securing ongoing funding in the state budget to ensure the long-term retention of sustainable Medi-Cal reimbursement rates will continue to be a priority for California reproductive health care providers.

Will you support efforts to ensure California reproductive health care providers receive sustainable reimbursement rates for the services provided through the Medi-Cal program?

**Yes   No**

Please explain your position:

## 5. Confidential Access to Reproductive Health Services for Teenagers

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 they fear violence or being kicked out of their homes, they must have confidential access to safe, legal abortion services. Californians have voted three times to protect teen safety by upholding a teen's ability to confidentially access safe, legal abortion care.

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 teens' 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, including a minor's release from school to obtain these services?

**Yes   No**

Please explain your position:

## 6. Comprehensive Sexual Health Education

An overwhelming majority of Californians support teaching sex 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. The California Healthy Youth Act mandates sex education in California and requires this instruction and information to be inclusive of LGBTQ+ youth, and free of racial, ethnic, and gender bias.

Will you support funding and the active monitoring, enforcement of the California Health Youth Act?

**Yes**    **No**

Please explain your position:

**7. Reproductive Health Care Services and Publicly Funding Health**

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

**Yes    No**

Please explain your position:



**8. Inclusion of Reproductive Health Care Services in Insurance Plans and Systems**

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

**Yes    No**

Please explain your position:

**9. Safety and Privacy for Reproductive Health Care Providers and Patients**

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 care centers and at their homes?

**Yes   No**

Please explain your position:

## 10. Public Partnerships

Each year Planned Parenthood health centers provide more than 1.5 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 the Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund and its sister organization Planned Parenthood California Central Coast?

**Yes   No**

Please explain your position:

### 11. Being a Champion

The Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund endorses candidates who act to 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: actions such as 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 California Central Coast or Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund board or other reproductive health care organization(s); or otherwise demonstrating a proactive commitment to reproductive healthcare.

Do you consider yourself as a Planned Parenthood champion?

**Yes    No**

Please check the boxes below that indicate your commitment to Planned Parenthood health centers, its patients, and its services:

- I will speak out publicly in support of Planned Parenthood health centers and actionfunds.
- I will speak out publicly in support of publicly-funded family planning programs.
- I will attend a Planned Parenthood health center/action fund function or event.
- I will visit and tour a Planned Parenthood health center.

Please describe the ways in which you have acted as a champion for Planned Parenthood, the services it provides, and the ways in which you will act as a champion in this office if elected:

## **Candidate and Campaign Background Information**

### **Professional Experience:**

1. What public offices have you held? (Include dates of service)

2. Briefly describe your background.

### **Your Campaign:**

1. Why are you running for this elective office?

2. What issues do you intend to emphasize in this election? What are your top priorities?

3. How are/will you and your campaign engage with and prioritize the needs of populations of particular concern to Planned Parenthood? (For example, women, people of color, LGBT+)

4. Who are the primary members of your campaign team?

5. From what other groups and individuals have you received endorsements?

6. What is your path to victory?

7. If the Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund endorses you, how would you envision us working with you and your campaign?

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The Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund believes in a strong code of conduct. We want patients who visit Planned Parenthood health centers to receive the highest quality of care in an environment that is healthy, safe and free from intimidation and fear. We want volunteers and staff to work in an environment that promotes a culture of integrity, ethical behavior and compassion.

The Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund endorses candidates for public office who share and promote our values. Therefore, we reserve the right to rescind an endorsement at any time if a candidate fails to uphold the principles we adhere to.

**Acknowledgment (initial here)** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the entire questionnaire and provided answers to the best of my abilities. I am committed to the mission of the Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund and Planned Parenthood health centers that promote, directly deliver, and coordinate the provision of comprehensive reproductive and sexual health care services.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_