

# PLANNED PARENTHOOD **ADVOCATES** OF ARIZONA

Annual Report | 2020-2021

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## Mission Statement

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona (PPAA) is Planned Parenthood's advocacy arm in Arizona and the state's largest nonpartisan advocacy organization dedicated to protecting access to sexual and reproductive health care.

PPAA is fighting for every person's freedom and right to make reproductive choices, enjoy sexual health and wellbeing, and build healthy, strong families by educating voters, public officials, and candidates for public office.



Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCATES OF ARIZONA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# 2021 PPAA EVENT - 2ND YEAR IN A VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona (PPAA) continued to “go virtual” with our spring fundraising event. While in an off-election year, your support helped us to continue to build our war chest for the upcoming 2022 midterm elections, when some decisive contests will be on the ballot, including the governorship.

On April 8, 2021, we held the PPAA Virtual Event with a theme of *Now is Our Time: The Fight for the Future of Arizona*, which attracted viewers across the state. Highlights of the event were appearances by U.S. Representative Greg Stanton, AZ Secretary of State Katie Hobbs, and a performance from poet Theresa Davis. More than 155 donors stepped up and helped us raise over \$50,000 at our virtual fundraiser and we thank all of you who played a part in this success.

While gathering virtually was great, it's time to get back together again, in person, to celebrate. **Therefore, we have decided to return to our in-person spring fundraisers and look forward to seeing you at one or both on Thursday, March 17, 2022\*. This year's special guest is Dr. Angela Davis and we are certain this will be one of our best and biggest events ever!**

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona

With Special Guest

*Dr. Angela Davis*



## 2022 PPAA SPRING EVENTS

Save the Date!

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona  
Spring Fundraisers

Thursday, March 17, 2022

**TUCSON**  
Registration Opens at 7:00 a.m.  
Event Starts at 8:00 a.m.  
Tucson Convention Center  
Grand Ballroom

**PHOENIX**  
Registration Opens at 11:00 a.m.  
Event Starts at Noon  
Arizona Biltmore  
Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom

**TICKETS CAN BE  
PURCHASED AT  
PPADVOCATESAZ.ORG**

\* All event attendees are required to show proof of full Covid-19 vaccination or a negative test result within 48 hours of the event. Thank you for helping us maintain a healthy and safe environment for everyone.

# LETTER FROM PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCATES OF ARIZONA BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**Chris Love**  
Board Chair  
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona



**Whitney Walker**  
Executive Director  
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona

The last year has taught us to live and adjust in times of uncertainty. These past few months will forever be remembered as a time of triumph, loss, strengthened advocacy, and significant growth as each of us navigated challenging times during a global pandemic and racial reckoning. Our work at Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona (PPAA) reflects all these things. Despite the extreme highs and lows of the moment, one thing is certain in these pressing times – PPAA will continue to ensure that every Arizonan has the right to make their own personal and informed reproductive health care choices without fear or shame.

Arizona had historic voter turnout for the November 2020 election, with 3.4 million voters casting ballots during the pandemic. Biden-Harris secured a narrow victory of 11,000 + votes. Mark Kelly soundly defeated then appointed Martha McSally for U.S. Senate. **PPAA endorsed 81 candidates** in the 2020 General Election, with **78% winning their races**.

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To help get our endorsed candidates across the finish line, PPAA utilized our Raíz program’s organizing and support capacity, partnerships, and our beloved volunteers. Organizers and volunteers worked to identify supportive voters, educate them about the Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL), and request an early ballot. Our organizers and volunteers engaged by hosting phone and text banks in a virtual setting to build a community. The record turnout numbers up and down the ballot could not have been possible without the tireless work of organizers, volunteers, campaign staff, candidates, and civic leaders to get Arizonans to vote. Although we have made tremendous strides, we still have a long road ahead in 2022.

Moving forward into 2021, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona experienced significant growth by hiring several new members to our team, including the Patient Advocacy Program (PAP) Manager. The team rapidly ramped up our Patient Advocacy programming by reestablishing our patient escorts at our health centers and strengthening our speakers’ bureau program for storytelling.

# LETTER FROM PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCATES OF ARIZONA BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Although the team continues our work in a virtual setting due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we maintain our engagement in strategic advocacy around health care access for Planned Parenthood Arizona's patients.

This 2021 legislative session brought unparalleled attacks on Arizonans as the legislature sought to criminalize abortion care, sex education, and access to the ballot box while stripping voter-approved Proposition 208 of millions of dollars lawfully meant for public education. An overwhelming amount of voter and activist suppression bills were introduced during the session to halt social progress. At the legislature, we were proud to work alongside reproductive rights champions like newly elected Representative Melody Hernandez and many other community leaders to defeat problematic bills brought by opponents. However, SB 1457, unfortunately, passed on a party-line vote. Not only did this bill convey Constitutional rights to fetal cells but it also allowed a pregnant individual's parents, spouse, or partner to sue to interfere in abortion care. This bill also inserted language into the criminal code regarding abortions due to fetal diagnosis seeking to imprison doctors for five years under a Class 3 felony. The enforcement of the rules and regulations under 1457 have yet to come forth because SB 1457 is currently being challenged in court.

We did have reproductive rights victories, HB 2035 and SB 1082. HB 2035 codified Governor Ducey's executive order that requires school districts offering sex education to create a transparent system of curricula review and approval process available to all parents, both online and in-person. However, **HB 2035 prohibits** school districts (public and charter) from **providing sex education before the 5th grade,**

including before and after school sessions. Additionally, parents must provide written permission for their students to learn about LGBTQ+ pioneers and leaders in their fields of science, mathematics, theater, and music – to name just a few. SB1082 allows patients over 18 to access birth control directly from a pharmacist and without a prescription.

Looking forward, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona and our many supporters knew that 2020 presented a unique opportunity for Arizonans to swing our state government back to a reproductive rights majority for the first time since 1966. Although we had some victories, we continue the mission of bringing strong sexual and reproductive health leaders and champions into public office. With your support, we mobilized our communities and took their strong voices straight to the ballot box and in legislative halls. We supported and held our elected champions accountable in making the changes needed to reflect our values. We will be steadfast in ensuring that no decisions are made about us without us.

Thank you so much for being so supportive. With your commitment to a just tomorrow, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona will have a more significant impact than ever before – the realization of an Arizona with strong reproductive rights leaders in office and the majority, ensuring reproductive freedom for all and for decades to come. The time is now, and we are ready because we care, no matter what. **Join us.**

**In Solidarity,**  
**PPAA Board of Directors**

**Chris Love**  
Board Chair  
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona

**Whitney Walker, JD**  
Executive Director  
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# PPAA MILESTONES

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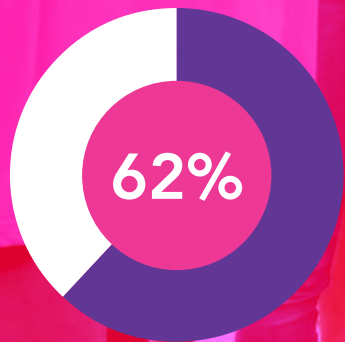
# PPAA MILESTONES:

## 2020 Election Season

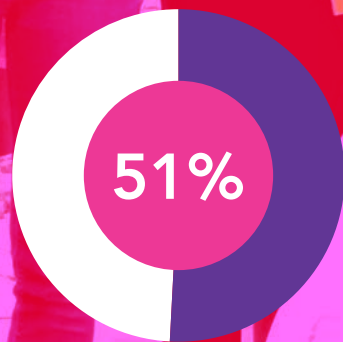
The 2020 election was secure, safe, and historic – with more than 3.4 million Arizona voters casting ballots in a pandemic. The Biden-Harris ticket narrowly won Arizona by 11,000 + votes, winning Maricopa County by roughly 45,000. Mark Kelly soundly defeated then appointed Senator Martha McSally – her second defeat within two years of campaigning for the U.S. Senate.

PPAA endorsed 81 candidates in the 2020 General Election, with 78% winning their races (63/81). Many were close, like Christine Marsh's victory in the LD-28 Senate race by 445 votes (after losing by 267 votes in 2018) or Coral Evans's loss in LD-6's race for the House. Some were not close, like Judy Schwiebert's 1,300 vote lead as the top vote-getter in LD-20.

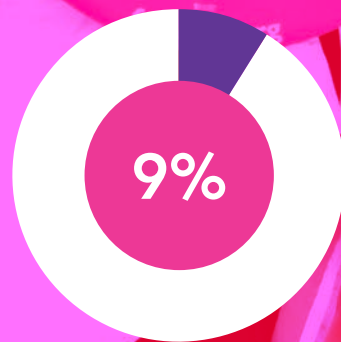
**Our endorsed candidates are diverse, authentic, and positioned to expand their advocacy with PPAA support.**



62% PPAA-endorsed candidates identify as women



51% PPAA-endorsed candidates identify as people of color



9% PPAA-endorsed candidates publicly identify as LGBTQ





## Arizona Legislative Session and SB 1457

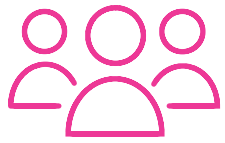
The Arizona Legislative session began ten weeks post-election on January 11, 2021, concluding six months later, June 30, 2021. After 171 brutal days, the Arizona State Legislature ended the First Regular Session of the 55th Arizona Legislature. While the majority enjoys a slim, one-vote-majority in each chamber, we've yet to see any meaningful bipartisanship work accomplished. And the Republicans made it clear that they didn't need, covet, or seek Democratic votes.

After Arizona voters overwhelmingly passed Prop 208 in 2020 to fund public education, the Republican majority legislature issued billions of dollars in tax cuts for the top wealthy Arizonans. Even after Arizona voters make their demands clear – in this case, by passing Prop 208 that taxes the wealthiest in order to right the sinking ship of neglected public education – a minority few (although a majority in the legislature) undermine the promises of Prop 208 through tax cuts that allow revenue to continue to circumnavigate the state's coffers. This session brought unparalleled attacks on Arizonans, as the legislature sought to criminalize abortion care, sex education, and access to the ballot box. Additionally, the legislature passed measures attached to the annual state budget restricting masks mandates and other mitigation strategies in public spaces. Later in the year, the Arizona Supreme Court unanimously struck down the provisions stating they were unconstitutional due to the state constitution requiring individual bills to encompass a single subject.

SB 1457 was passed during the session on a strict party-line vote and subsequently signed into law, making it a felony for a medical professional to terminate a pregnancy solely based on a hereditary abnormality in the fetus. Not only did SB 1457 convey constitutional rights to fetal cells but it also allowed a pregnant individual's parents, spouse, or partner to sue to interfere in abortion care. SB 1457 is currently being challenged in federal court, and the Arizona Department of Health Services has yet to come forward with rules and regulations of enforcement.



# HEROES' LOG: BY THE NUMBERS:



**95**

Active Volunteers

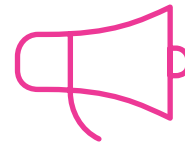
**455**

Completed Volunteer Shifts



**22,339**

New Supporters



**13**

Events



**90**

Community Partners





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