

2024 Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in an endorsement from Planned Parenthood Advocates Pasadena & San Gabriel Valley (PPAPSGV). Candidates seeking the endorsement of PPAPSGV must complete and return the following questionnaire. **Please do not make changes to the questionnaire as missing information may affect the recommendation of the Endorsement Committee.**

Instructions:

Please return the completed questionnaire to PPadvocates@pppsgv.org.

Interview appointments will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis as completed questionnaires are received.

Signing and submitting this questionnaire constitutes acknowledgment that its contents are now part of the public record and may be reproduced and distributed by Planned Parenthood Advocates Pasadena & San Gabriel Valley. 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 policy positions for this and future campaigns. Please be specific and detailed in your answers. Incomplete questionnaires will not be accepted.

Personal Background

- a. Candidate Name: _____ Candidate Pronouns: _____

- b. Candidate Email: _____ Candidate Phone Number: _____

- c. Candidate For (please include district number if applicable): _____

- d. Name of Campaign Committee and FPPC ID: _____

- e. Please describe your professional background: _____

- f. What sets you apart from your opponents? _____

- g. Have you ever sought elective or appointed office before? If yes, please elaborate:
- h. What are the most important policy issues you would like to focus on if elected to this seat?
- i. Which committee assignments are of highest interest to you? (if applicable)
- j. What are the principal reasons you decided to run for **this** office?

Campaign Information

- k. Campaign Manager and contact information:
- l. Fundraiser:
- m. Fundraising Address:
- n. All other paid consultants:
- o. Campaign Website and Social Media handles/usernames:
- p. What is your budget for primary/general? How much have you raised and how much is your current cash on hand? Will you be utilizing personal funds?
- q. 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?
- r. 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

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

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. Abortion Access in California

Will you unequivocally oppose any attempt to limit or ban safe, legal abortion in California and commit to keeping California a Reproductive Freedom state?

Yes No

Please explain your position:

5. Restrictions on Abortion 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, 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 (CHYA). 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 education?

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 medically accurate, age-appropriate 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 policies that support Planned Parenthood’s mission, services, and patients -- above and beyond maintaining a 100% voting record while in office. Since the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022, it is more critical than ever that candidates endorsed by Planned Parenthood identify as pro-abortion and are able to articulate what it means to be pro-abortion as abortion restrictions and outright bans take hold in states all across the country. Being a pro-abortion champion can take many forms, such as sponsoring or carrying legislation for Planned Parenthood; proactively soliciting Planned Parenthood’s expertise when addressing issues that affect Planned Parenthood and the communities it serves; 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 and abortion access. Do you consider yourself a pro-abortion champion? What actions do you see yourself taking beyond supporting Planned Parenthood policies and/or 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 you 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 directpatient 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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