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Planned Parenthood **Action** FUND

of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties, Inc.

A VOICE FOR CHOICE

June 2006

Message from **Action** FUND Chair – Loretta Redd

“We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Well, darn, just like Sisyphus, it looks like we're going to have to roll the Parental Notification Initiative back up the hill again this year. Despite the fact that Californians spoke loudly and clearly last November when they defeated Proposition 73, proponents are waging another campaign that once again puts our most vulnerable teens at risk!

Our determined foes have returned to their deep-pocket right-wing donor in San Diego, James Holman, publisher of the San Diego Reader and a chain of Catholic newspapers. A major donor to Proposition 73, Mr. Holman coughed up \$2.2 million dollars to pay for a recent petition drive on behalf of the “Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor’s Pregnancy Initiative Constitutional Amendment.” This initiative, with minor changes, mirrors Proposition 73. With close to a million signatures already turned in, expect to see this initiative on the November ballot.

The **Action** FUND is back in campaign mode.

Prop. 73 was defeated in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, but it won by a very small margin in Ventura County. We can defeat it in all three counties in November but we must ensure that every voter understands that teens who can't talk with their parents need counseling and access to safe medical care, not judges and courts making decisions for them.

The November mid-term elections provide us with an opportunity to elect a pro-choice governor, maintain the pro-choice majority in the California legislature and elect pro-choice candidates to Congress.

In addition to our work locally, we are working with our national **Action** FUND and sister Planned Parenthood affiliates to support pro-choice candidates in other states. Just imagine what a difference it would have made to the women of South Dakota if Governor Mike Rounds had been pro-choice.

With your help, we will work to educate voters about the views of candidates running for local, state and federal office, run phone banks, register voters and get them to the polls in November.

We still believe that truth and genuine caring CAN win over ideology! Thank you for believing in the work we do.

Sincerely,



*The **Action** FUND is a 501 C-4 non-profit organization. Actively involved in education and lobbying, it promotes the election of pro-choice candidates. Due to the political nature of its work donations are not tax-deductible. To make an online donation go to www.actionfundppsbvslo.org*



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PLANNED PARENTHOOD *Action* FUND

Action FUND Board Slate of Officers



Loretta Redd

Loretta Redd serves as Chair of the board for a second term. Loretta is an active volunteer on numerous boards and a passionate advocate for women's reproductive rights.



Richard Solomon

Serving in his second term on the board, Richard Solomon assumes the position as Vice-Chair. Currently Chair of the Electoral Committee, Richard is a long-time community activist.



Linda Tuomi

Linda Tuomi will serve as Treasurer of the board for a second term. A longtime women's rights activist, Linda volunteered as a Planned Parenthood escort in the early 90's.



Audrie Krause

Audrie Krause will serve as Secretary of the board for a second term. Audrie also serves on the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee board.

Fun and Laughter with Capitol Steps



If laughter is truly the best medicine then some 150 local *Action* Fund supporters got a healthy dose during the May 3 Capitol Steps benefit at the Lobero Theatre, where the cast poked fun at a wide range of hot political topics.

Following the performance, supporters gathered backstage with the Capitol Steps cast to enjoy lively conversation and an elegant reception thanks to co-chairs Suzanne Elledge and Karen Schloss Heimberg and their committee.

The \$6000 raised for the PPSBVLSLO *Action* FUND PAC was used to educate voters in the tri-counties through local advertisements about pro-choice candidates running for local, state and federal office in the June primary election.

Politics, *Sex* & Cocktails



Paul Begala

Political Analyst and
CNN Commentator

Fall 2006

Date to be Announced

This legendary political strategist and former top ranking White House official will discuss today's headlines with knowledge and candor as only a true Washington insider can. Having served at the highest levels inside the White House and on high profile campaigns, Paul Begala provides a unique perspective on public policy, communications strategy and politics.

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PRO-CHOICE CANDIDATES ADVANCE TO NOVEMBER ELECTION

Action FUND Endorsed Candidates



LOIS CAPPS,
23RD
CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT



PEDRO NAVA,
35TH CA ASSEMBLY
DISTRICT



JANET WOLF,
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
2ND DISTRICT
SUPERVISOR

100% Pro-Choice Candidates



JILL MARTINEZ,
24TH
CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT



DAN SECORD, M.D.
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
2ND DISTRICT
SUPERVISOR



BRUCE GIBSON,
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
2ND DISTRICT
SUPERVISOR

Voter Turnout June 6

√ 44.4%

Santa Barbara County

√ 35.5%

San Luis Obispo County

√ 23.5%

Ventura County

Candidates Facing Runoff Nov. 7

Dan Secord, M.D. & Janet Wolf
Santa Barbara County
2nd District Supervisor

Bruce Gibson & Rodger Anderson
San Luis Obispo County
2nd District Supervisor

ELECT PRO-CHOICE CANDIDATES ON NOVEMBER 7TH

**WE'RE BACK IN CAMPAIGN MODE AND
NEED YOUR HELP SO THAT WE CAN
KEEP DOING THE WORK
WE NEED TO DO.**

Here's how you can help:

- Make an online donation today
- Volunteer to phone bank
- Join our Action Alert Network

To make your next donation online!

Go to www.actionfundppsbvslo.org
and click on "Donate Online"
to visit the secure donation page.

Or call 963-2445 x. 121

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On Women's Equality Day, the **Action** FUND
will join coalition partners to write letters to
elected officials asking them to support
women's reproductive rights.



Saturday, August 26, 2006

Santa Barbara Pro-Choice Coalition
Great American Write-In
Noon at the Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara
AND

Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network
Write for Your Rights
Location to be announced

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ACTION FUND JOINS COALITION PARTNERS IN COMMEMORATING 33 YEARS OF REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

Santa Barbara, CA - Santa Barbara Pro-Choice Coalition hosted the 33rd Roe v. Wade Commemorative Event. Maggie Crosby, attorney for the ACLU of Northern California and the Campaign for Teen Safety - No on Proposition 73, was the keynote speaker. Specializing in reproductive privacy cases, she has argued two cases before the California Supreme Court to protect reproductive rights for poor women and young women. Maggie gave a riveting overview of the legal history and current state of reproductive rights in the U.S.

Ventura, CA - The Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network hosted Choice: the Next Generation. Keynote speaker Jane Roberts gained international recognition for co-founding the 34 Million Friends Campaign in response to the U.S. decision to withhold \$34 million in funds from the UNFPA, denying women around the world access to reproductive health care.



ACLU attorney
Maggie Crosby



Rep. Lois Capps
with Jane Roberts

Activists Lobby for Reproductive Freedom



**March 2006
Washington
D.C.**

(L-R) Local **Action FUND** Chair, Loretta Redd, Julia Springer, Bob Shapiro, and Christine Lyon lobby California representatives during the Congressional Day of Action



**March 2006
Sacramento, CA**

Ventura County high school students, Paige Cutrone and Ayla Nejad (L-R), clinic staff and volunteers joined **Action FUND** staffer Brianna Eardley to lobby Assembly Members Richman and Nava on legislation to increase access to comprehensive sex education and parent-child communication

"I was lobbying bills that if passed, would directly affect my life."

- Ayla Nejad, 16

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South Dakota Governor Puts Women's Lives In Danger

The South Dakota Campaign for Healthy Families delivered over 38,000 signatures to the Secretary of State in late May – more than twice the number required to put a referendum on the November ballot to repeal the extreme abortion legislation enacted by the South Dakota legislature and signed into law by anti-choice Governor Mike Rounds on March 6.

Now the real campaign begins. We have pledged to help protect the health and safety of our sisters in South Dakota. We are running weekly phone banks and volunteers are calling voters in South Dakota to educate them about the dangers of the abortion ban and the importance of voting in November. The good news is that polls show the majority of voters in the state disagree with the Governor and want abortion to remain legal.

If you want to be a part of this campaign by volunteering your time, please call 963-2445 x.148.

Volunteer Opportunities

Phonebanking:

- Santa Barbara
- Ventura
- Thousand Oaks

Events:

- Politics, Sex & Cocktails - Santa Barbara
- Great American Write-In - Santa Barbara
- Write for Your Rights - Ventura
- Roe Anniversary - Ventura & Santa Barbara

To volunteer, call 963-2445 x.148

STATE

Coalition Pushes for Provider Rate Increase

Planned Parenthood has joined other medical providers in advocating for a long overdue Medi-Cal provider rate increase. California's health care providers have received only one rate increase in the last 20 years while the cost of providing care has increased by as much as 300%. Our state's provider rate is one of the lowest in the nation. The demand for Medi-Cal services is increasing, and if we are to continue to provide the same level of services, a provider rate increase is essential.

Nava Introduces Bill Promoting Family Planning

Assembly Bill 2742 authored by Assemblymember Pedro Nava (D-Santa Barbara) seeks to establish California's Medi-Cal and Family PACT family planning programs as a single, cost-effective unit. This would eliminate barriers to care, streamline administrative requirements and promote family planning as a public health program intended to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC) is the sponsor of this bill.



Legislative Corner

FEDERAL

Senate Saves Insurance Benefits for Women

On May 11, the Senate killed S-1955, also known as the "Lose Your Benefits Bill," introduced by Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY), a law that would exempt insurance companies from virtually all state laws designed to protect and ensure health insurance benefits coverage. Among the many state laws that could have been negated are those that ensure insurance coverage of women's health care, such as cervical cancer screening and contraceptives.

Congress Passes Bill Reducing Medicaid Access

Congress recently passed the Deficit Reduction Act, reducing access to Medicaid coverage and family planning services. The bill requires all individuals applying or reapplying for Medicaid to prove citizenship. The documentation requirement takes effect on July 1, 2006. There are no exceptions, regardless of an individual's physical or mental condition. Rep. Christensen (D-VI) recently introduced HR 5023 to repeal the Deficit Reduction amendments requiring proof of citizenship as a condition for Medicaid eligibility and has been referred to the subcommittee on Health.

Earth Day 2006



Santa Barbara Center Director Cindy Most and
Action FUND Endorsed Candidate Janet Wolf

Look Who's Coming to Town...

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www.plannedparenthoodvotes.org

www.responsiblechoices.org

www.fillmypillsnow.com

www.saveroe.com

www.independentjudiciary.org

www.feministmajority.org

www.now.org

www.kaisernetwork.org

www.naral.org

www.canow.org

www.ppacca.org

www.rcrc.org

www.benchmarkcampaign.org

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BY DONATING TODAY!**

- ✓ Donate to the Action FUND
- ✓ Join a committee
- ✓ Join the Activist e-mail network
- ✓ Volunteer: Call 963-2445 x 148
- ✓ Contact your legislators
- ✓ Register to Vote

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Stand Up for Choice

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