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Planned Parenthood *Action* FUND

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

A VOICE FOR CHOICE

November 2006

Message from Action FUND Chair – Loretta Redd

"No woman can call herself free who does not own and control her body."

– Margaret Sanger



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Winner, Winner, Winner! On November 7th pro-choice candidates were elected all over the country to state legislatures, Governor's mansions and to the U.S. Congress. Pro-choice Representative Nancy Pelosi makes history as the first woman to become Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Thanks to reasonably minded voters in California, Oregon and South Dakota, the health and safety of the women and teens in these states remain protected. Voters sent a resounding NO vote on abortion ban legislation and parental notification initiatives that appeared on the ballots in those states.

For the second time in a year, California voters have proven that they will not be influenced by the deceptive politics of a small band of wealthy right-wing hardliners intent on funding the passage of a Constitutional Amendment that will pave the way to eventually ban abortion for all women in California.

Action FUND staff and volunteers worked with coalition partners hanging door hangers, phone banking and getting out the No On 85 vote. Their hard work paid off. In the state of South Dakota, the heartland of America, conservative voters sent a message to their legislature and the nation that an abortion ban that does not make exceptions for rape and incest is too extreme.

Contributors sometimes wonder if their dollars result in any appreciable change or improvements, well, the answer is YES! Thanks to your generous donations and support, five of the pro-choice candidates endorsed by the Planned Parenthood *Action* Fund were BIG winners on Election Day. Your dollars were spent educating thousands of voters about the candidates' positions on reproductive rights and the dangers of Proposition 85 through newspaper and television advertising, email activations and the website. The *Action* FUND generated more than \$50,000 in contributions toward the 'No on 85' Campaign for Real Teen Safety.

Regardless of this year's wins we must stay vigilant and continue our work to elect a pro-choice majority to all levels of government as we prepare for the outcome of the Supreme Court decision on *Gonzales v. Planned Parenthood*. So, as we turn our laser-beam focus to the 2008 election, we must remind candidates of the resounding message that the majority of Americans sent this election cycle – respect a woman's right to determine her reproductive destiny.

Thank you again, for your ongoing support and respect for the work of the *Action* FUND.

Sincerely,



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PLANNED PARENTHOOD *Action* FUND

Welcome New *Action* FUND Board Members



Robin Browne

Robin, a retired interior designer, is a longtime supporter of Planned Parenthood in Los Angeles and our local *Action* FUND. After settling in the Santa Barbara community just over four years ago, Robin has become an active community member. She currently serves on the Music Academy Board of Directors.

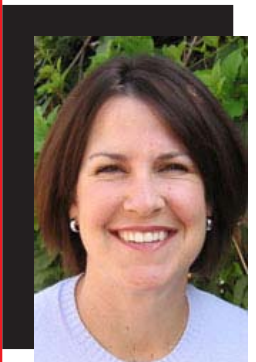
"Having had, and needed, the freedom that Roe v. Wade gave women, I want to work hard to make sure that reproductive rights move forward, never backward. I am grateful to serve on the board where our values can influence legislation and assure the goal that every child is a wanted child."

-Julie Kessler Solomon



Julie Kessler Solomon

With an extensive background in marketing management, Julie founded her marketing consulting business, Kessler & Associates, in 1996 and co-founded Idea Engineering, a Santa Barbara based advertising agency. She is a former President of the Women's Economic Ventures (WEV) Board. Julie and her husband Steve have two children.



Lisa Rivas

Lisa is a community relations and government affairs consultant in Santa Barbara County. Her professional experience includes community outreach management, media relations, legislative tracking and lobbying, and special event planning. She, her husband Noel and their two young sons reside in Santa Barbara, where she was born and raised.

"I have lived with the benefit of women's rights because of the smart women and men before me who fought for them. Today, as hard as it is to believe, people are trying to take those rights away and it is my turn to fight for the next generation.."

-Lisa Rivas



Debbie Rogow

Debbie has been an advocate for reproductive rights for most of her life. For the past 25 years, she has worked as a researcher and policy consultant in international development, with a focus on gender and sexual health and rights. She currently co-directs a program at the Population Council. Debbie has three children, who have joined the fight to protect reproductive freedom.

Save the Date



Capitol Steps

Lobero Theatre
Santa Barbara
Wednesday
May 2nd @ 8:00 p.m.
\$85 includes private
backstage party
with the cast!

Tickets online
www.actionfundppsbvslo.org

Your financial support funds the work of the *Action* FUND. Please help us prepare for upcoming elections.

Make an online donation today!
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PROPOSITION 85 DEFEATED!!

THANKS TO THE HARD WORK OF ACTIVISTS, STAFF AND COALITION PARTNERS AROUND THE STATE, CALIFORNIANS VOTED A SECOND TIME IN LESS THAN A YEAR TO DEFEAT A DANGEROUS PARENTAL NOTIFICATION INITIATIVE.

VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF PARTICIPATED IN:

- Phone Banking
- Precinct Walking
- Campus organizing
- Class Presentations
- Voter Registration
- Visibility Events
- Latino Outreach
- Opinion pieces
- Fundraising
- House Parties
- Get Out The Vote
- Letters to the Editor
- Patient Education



LOCAL ENDORSEMENTS (partial list)

- Congresswoman Lois Capps
- Assemblymember Pedro Nava
- Santa Barbara County Supervisors:
 - Salud Carbajal, 1st District
 - Susan Rose, 2nd District
 - Brooks Firestone, 3rd District
- Santa Barbara Mayor Marty Blum
- Santa Barbara City Council Members:
 - Brian Barnwell, Iya Falcone,
 - Grant House, Helene Schneider,
 - and Das Williams
 - Beth Rogers
- AAUW - Ventura Chapter
- ACLU - SB Chapter
- Clergy for Choice
- Health Care for All - SB Chapter
- League of Women Voters
- National Council of Jewish Women
- SB County Medical Society
- SB Democratic Central Committee
- SB Pro-Choice Coalition
- SB Women's Political Committee
- Santa Barbara Women Lawyers
- Ventura County Democratic Central Committee
- Ventura County Rainbow Alliance
- Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long
- Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network
- National Women's Political Caucus, Ventura
- Ventura School Board Member Debbie Golden
- Ventura School Board Member Mary Hafner
- Ventura School District Trustee M.L. Peterson

CLERGY SPEAK OUT AGAINST PROP. 85



"Our years of pastoral experience tell us that if this law is passed it will put some teenagers at risk for their lives and safety."

- Rev. Mark Asman
October 25, 2006

POLITICS, SEX & COCKTAILS

October 8th, Hotel Andalucia

A lively and talkative crowd gathered on the rooftop of the Hotel Andalucia on a sunny and warm October evening for the 6th annual Politics, Sex & Cocktails. Welcomed by *Action* FUND Chair Loretta Redd and local comedian Paul Clay, participants compared mid-term election predictions with this year's keynote speaker, legendary political analyst Paul Begala, as he mingled with the crowd during the cocktail hour.

A genuinely surprised and well deserving Rev. Mark Asman accepted the *Action* FUND'S coveted Giraffe Award for "Sticking His Neck out for Choice." Previous recipients have included nationally syndicated columnist Molly Ivins and the late former Governor Ann Richards.

Paul Clay wowed the audience with wit and humor as he challenged them to bid on TV airtime for the No On 85 ad campaign. Julie Kessler Solomon's power point collage that included images from Ugly Betty, Desperate Housewives and Jon Stewart gave folks a chance to buy time on a show of their choice. Thanks to Paul Clay's charm and perseverance and the generosity of the audience over \$17,500 was raised that night.

Paul Begala, CNN commentator, best selling author, and senior political strategist for the 1991 Clinton Gore campaign and advisor to former President Clinton, brought his front row seat in politics to Santa Barbara. Serving as a consultant on candidate and initiative campaigns around the country, he shared his perspective on the 2006 mid-term elections with an energetic and upbeat presentation encouraging those who are engaged in fighting on behalf of progressive causes to 'get on the offensive' and reclaim the moral high ground.

Suzanne Elledge and her committee deserve rousing applause for planning a beautiful and thought provoking evening.

Lisa Rivas
Action FUND Board



Volunteers, staff and supporters on the Rooftop

PLANNED PARENTHOOD *ACTION* FUND

OUR CANDIDATES WIN



lois capps
23rd
congressional
district



pedro nava
35th
assembly
district



janet wolf
sb county
2nd district
supervisor



hilda zacarias
santa maria
city council



patricia hiles
hope school
district

OTHER PRO-CHOICE WINNERS

Bruce Gibson

SLO County 2nd District Supervisor

Kate Parker

Santa Barbara School District

Deborah DeVries

Oxnard School District

PROP. 85 DEFEATED!

54.1% NO to 45.9% YES

San Luis Obispo County

55.6% NO to 44.4% YES

Santa Barbara County

58.8% NO to 41.2% YES

Ventura County

52.2% NO to 47.8% YES

SOUTH DAKOTA ABORTION BAN REJECTED

56% NO to 44% YES

STATE

Nava Bill Streamlining FamPACT Funding Vetoed

The Governor vetoed AB 2742 introduced by Assemblymember Pedro Nava (D- Santa Barbara), which would have improved family planning services by streamlining Medi-Cal and FamilyPACT funding and eliminating barriers to care. The governor claimed that he vetoed the bill because it could hinder negotiations with the federal government to extend the FamilyPACT waiver.

Governor Vetoes Comprehensive Sex Ed Bill

SB 1471 introduced by Senator Sheila Kuehl (D-Los Angeles) would have expanded SB 71 (Kuehl), requiring medically accurate, bias-free and age appropriate sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention education in public schools, to also cover community-based sex ed programs. The Governor refused to sign this legislation because he claims it encroaches on local decision making and imposes new restrictions on community-based pregnancy prevention programs.



Legislative Corner

FEDERAL

CIANA Dies in Senate this Session

After several attempts by conservative hardliners to pass the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act (CIANA), it failed to move out of Congress this session. This bill would have made it a federal crime for any person other than a parent to assist a minor to cross state lines to access abortion services unless the minor has complied with the parental notification or consent laws of her home state. In addition, this bill would have criminalized doctors who perform an abortion on a minor from another state unless he or she notifies the minor's parent a minimum of 24 hours before the procedure.

Santa Barbara Pro-Choice Coalition

Great American Write-In

&

Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network Write for Your Rights

August 26, 2006

**Collected over 2000 letters to legislators
in support of Reproductive Freedom**

Important Action Links!

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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
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www.naral.org
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- ✓ Join the Activist e-mail network
- ✓ Volunteer: Call 963-2445 x 147
- ✓ Contact your legislators
- ✓ Register to Vote

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RIGHTS BY DONATING TODAY
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Standing Up for Choice 2006



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the work of the **Action** FUND
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