

Planned Parenthood *Action* FUND
of Santa Barbara, Ventura & San Luis Obispo Counties, Inc
2007 Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate: _____

Party: _____ Candidate for: _____

Name of Campaign Committee: _____

Campaign ID # _____

Name of Campaign Manager _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Web Site _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Contact: _____

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. In order to accurately evaluate candidate responses, a prepared statement will not substitute for the completed questionnaire and any unanswered questions will be evaluated as "no response." However, we do welcome additional comments or clarifications of your responses. Candidates seeking Endorsement must complete the entire questionnaire. Candidates seeking Recognition may complete only Section A.

Information about the issues raised in the following questions can be found on the Planned Parenthood *Action* FUND web site, www.actionfundppsbvslo.org or please call Christine Lyon, Vice President of the Action FUND at (805) 963-2445 x 125. Candidates can send completed questionnaires by email to Christine.lyon@ppsbvslo.org, by fax at (805) 965-2292 or through the mail to 518 Garden St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Endorsements and Recognitions are for the current election cycle only

Section A:

1. Why is the Planned Parenthood *Action* FUND's endorsement or recognition important to you?

2. What does it mean to you to be pro-choice?

3. **COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION:**

Planned Parenthood believes that young people need accurate, comprehensive, age-appropriate information to prepare them for the physical changes and social challenges they will confront as part of growing up, and to make responsible choices about sexuality and parenting. While parents should be the primary source of this information for their children, Planned Parenthood believes that public schools can play an important supportive role by providing comprehensive sexuality education. Planned Parenthood defines comprehensive sexuality education as medically accurate, age-appropriate information regarding decision-making skills, physiology, sexually transmitted infections (including HIV/AIDS), birth control (including abstinence) and family life. Do you believe sexuality education, including both abstinence and birth control, and AIDS prevention education should be a curriculum component in public schools?

4. **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP:**

Planned Parenthood believes that access to information and health care is a shared community responsibility, utilizing multiple resources to serve diverse needs and audiences. To this end, Planned Parenthood often works in coalition with other agencies, individuals, and community partners to educate teens and provide direct services that will reduce unintended pregnancies and protect against sexually transmitted infections. What do you think about Planned Parenthood working in collaboration with school districts in community partnerships to reduce teen pregnancy?

5. ON SITE CAMPUS HEALTH CLINICS:

Planned Parenthood provides health care services, including reproductive health care, to students on some high school campuses. Describe your position on programs that provide education, counseling, and reproductive health care services (not abortion), including medical exams, testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, and contraceptive services in local high schools.

6. CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES:

Planned Parenthood believes that adolescents, as well as adults, should have confidential access to reproductive health services, including family planning, disease prevention, and abortion. While we believe that adolescents should be encouraged, whenever possible, to involve their parents in these decisions, Planned Parenthood opposes government mandated requirements for parental consent or notification that would restrict adolescents' access to confidential reproductive health care services. What is your position on an adolescents right to obtain confidential services?

7. ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:

Planned Parenthood believes that all individuals have the right to receive essential reproductive health care services, including prenatal care, abortion and family planning, regardless of age, economic status, or social status. Do you support government funding to provide health care to low income individuals who otherwise might not be able to afford care and if so why?

8. RIGHT TO CHOOSE:

Planned Parenthood believes that the decision to have an abortion is a matter of personal conscience, not appropriate for government intervention. It is the policy of Planned Parenthood to protect women's access to medically safe, legal abortion as set forth by the U.S. Supreme Court in its *Roe v. Wade* decision. *Roe* clearly spelled out that a woman has a constitutional right to abortion up to the point of fetal viability and at any time if her life or health is endangered. Describe your position on Choice.

9. PARTNERSHIP FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH:

Each year more than 54,000 people visit Planned Parenthood health centers in Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties, at clinics in Santa Barbara, Ventura, Santa Maria, Thousand Oaks and San Luis Obispo. Planned Parenthood's affordable health services include family planning and reproductive health care for men and women, teen services, and primary health care for clients of all ages. In addition, Parenthood educators make nearly 60,000 contacts annually with emphasis on school-based programs to reduce teen pregnancy and help teens make responsible choices. Many programs rely on participation of local public agencies in the form of grants or cooperative programming. Describe your thoughts with regard to local government forming partnerships with Planned Parenthood.

10. STOP CLINIC VIOLENCE:

In recent years, a campaign of violence, intimidation, and harassment has been waged against reproductive health providers, patients, and their families. Planned Parenthood believes that state and local governments should take an aggressive role in enacting and/or enforcing laws to deter these illegal acts, and in prosecuting the perpetrators of such acts. How would you propose to implement the enactment and enforcement of laws that help prevent violence, intimidation and harassment directed at reproductive health providers, their patients, and their families?

Section B:

If you are seeking an endorsement, please answer these additional questions.

Professional Experience:

1. Which public offices have you held? (Include dates of service)
2. Briefly describe your work background. (Please attach a resume & bio)
3. Briefly describe your educational background.
4. To what fraternal, professional, civic or social organizations do you belong?

Your Campaign:

1. Why are you running for this elective office?
2. What qualities distinguish you from other candidates for this office?
3. Who is your campaign consultant and what is his/her experience?

4. From what other groups and individuals are you seeking or have you received endorsements?
5. What is your campaign budget?
6. How much money have you raised to date or obtained pledges for?

Issues:

1. What issues do you intend to emphasize in this election? What are the top priorities?
2. Briefly describe your key priorities if elected.
3. If the Planned Parenthood *Action* Fund endorsed you, would you carry that endorsement on your materials?
4. How will you incorporate choice into your campaign, where will it make sense?
5. Please describe your work with reproductive health policies in any previous publicly held positions.
6. How have you proven your commitment to reproductive rights? Have you taken public positions on choice? Community involvement? Donor or board member? Advocated for policies? Vote vs. sponsoring legislation?