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Abortion Access: *The Future of Roe v. Wade*

After a decades-long assault on the right to abortion, a leaked opinion has confirmed our worst fears: **that the Supreme Court is preparing to overturn Roe v. Wade.**

To be clear, the leaked opinion is a draft. Abortion is still a constitutional right. But the language of the draft leaves no question about what the end goal is and creates a blueprint for unraveling rights we have fought so hard to protect.

If the Supreme Court moves forward with overturning Roe, 26 states would likely move to ban abortion – including 13 states with laws that could immediately go into effect. **In half of the country, people would no longer have power over their own bodies and their own lives.** This includes 36 million women, trans people, and non-binary people of reproductive age who can become pregnant.



State abortion bans will primarily impact people with low incomes, who are disproportionately Black, Latino, Indigenous, and other people of color. That's because wealthy people will always have the resources to get the care they need.

As devastating as that would be, returning this issue to the states is not the end goal for the anti-abortion movement. Anti-abortion politicians have set their sights on a nationwide abortion ban that would block abortion access in every state in the country.

The leaked opinion takes aim at other hard-fought rights, including your right to marry who you love and your right to use birth control.

California is a reproductive freedom state and we are fighting to ensure it stays that way. There are 13 bills

moving through the California legislature right now to protect and expand access to reproductive health care, and Planned Parenthood and our partners are working on a ballot initiative to solidify the right to abortion in our state constitution.

In preparation for this decision, we have already hired more nurses, more doctors, and we've opened a sixth health center, to ensure that we can provide as much care as we can, to as many people as possible. We're working to provide travel and logistical support to patients traveling to our Central Coast health centers from other states.

An overwhelming majority of the public stands with us and supports the Roe v. Wade decision. On May 14th, over one million people participated in 450 Bans off our Bodies rallies – including three along the Central Coast.

During this dark moment, we want to reassure you that Planned Parenthood California Central Coast is not going anywhere. **We will not back down. With your continued support, we're doubling down.**

We have been doing this work for over 100 years, and we will never stop fighting until all people have the freedom and the power to control their own body and life.



Supporters at our Ventura Rally on May 14, 2022

Investing In Our Future

At Planned Parenthood, we are working toward improving health outcomes, and reducing health disparities. Climate change is a health equity issue because it can worsen existing health disparities due to pollution, poor living conditions, racism, other forms of discrimination, and psychological stress.

Climate change also directly impacts reproductive health because climate-related disasters make it harder for people to access health care and increases the need for contraception and abortion.

Here is how PPCCC is taking action to address the climate crisis this year:

- Our new strategic plan centers our commitment to health equity, which includes climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience.
- We are reducing the energy and water footprints at all our facilities. Two of our six health centers transitioned to solar energy this year and we are planning to add a third. We will also add an electric car charging station at our Ventura Health Center.
- We worked with Direct Relief to secure grant funding to add battery back-up power at our health centers, which will make our centers more climate resilient, even in the face of natural disasters.
- Our public affairs team worked with partners to oppose Exxon's trucking proposal for Santa Barbara County, which was defeated by the Board of Supervisors.
- We stood with environmental justice organizations like CAUSE and MICOP to confront systemic racism and demand environmental justice to secure protections for people most impacted by dangerous agricultural pesticides, including people living in agricultural regions and farmworkers.



Solar Panels at our San Luis Obispo Health Center



PPCCC tabling at Earth Day in Santa Barbara

Leave a Lasting Legacy

With the Supreme Court poised to overturn Roe, we must ensure access to sexual and reproductive health care – including abortion – **is protected and preserved now and for the next generation.**

You can help secure the future of this movement by making a special gift. **Naming Planned Parenthood California Central Coast in your estate plans** will support our shared vision for a better world: one where every person has the right to self-determination and access to sexual and reproductive health care - no matter what.

Through our partnership with **FreeWill** you can make a legacy gift to our local Planned Parenthood, and to other non-profit organizations, in your estate plans.

Please consider arranging a bequest through a will or living trust with **FreeWill**, a secure, free, online resource to begin this process. To start today, visit: freewill.com/plannedparenthood.



Legacy gifts through wills and trusts have sustained the Planned Parenthood movement for decades. Your generosity and commitment will ensure that generations to come will be able to count on Planned Parenthood to be there for them.

Mackenzie Scott Gift

Largest Single Gift in Planned Parenthood History

Planned Parenthood Federation of America announced last month that the Planned Parenthood network has received an unprecedented \$275 million donation from Mackenzie Scott. This transformational gift directly funds the Planned Parenthood national office and 21 Planned Parenthood affiliates (Planned Parenthood has a total of 49 affiliates nationwide). **While Planned Parenthood California Central Coast was not one of the affiliates receiving a gift, we are inspired by this incredible support as our organization faces the most serious attacks on access to sexual and reproductive health care in a generation.**



In this moment, it is the priority of every Planned Parenthood affiliate to focus on the needs of the communities we serve and work as hard as ever to ensure equitable access to sexual and reproductive healthcare and education, including abortion care. We expect the funded affiliates to make investments based on their patients' needs and the needs of their local communities.

At such a critical time for reproductive health and rights, this investment will make a significant difference in Planned Parenthood's ability to meet the needs of patients today, while working toward a future where reproductive rights are a reality for all. However, given the crisis we face, the need for support remains great, both locally and across the country.

If you have questions about this gift, please feel free to reach out to Lindsay Soleimani at lindsay.soleimani@ppcentralcoast.org.

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how YOU can help

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Safe, secure online donations:

Your gift to PPCCC is protected by VeriSign. Enjoy secure credit card convenience when you visit ppcentralcoast.org and click the "Donate" link at the top of the page.

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Pledge your monthly support:

A small amount each month makes an important difference each year. Call Zoe to start your monthly giving: 805.722.1517.

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Remember PPCCC in your will:

"Tomorrow's dollars" are just as important as "today's dollars." Adding a charitable bequest to your existing will takes just a quick phone call to your legal or estate planning advisor. Call Lindsay Soleimani for more information: 805.722.1522.

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Volunteer

We are always looking for volunteers for the Mary Jane McCord Planned Parenthood Book Sale. Our volunteers work year-round sorting and pricing books for the sale. If you are interested in volunteering please visit ppcccbooksale.com.

Looking for other volunteer opportunities with PPCCC? Please email volunteers@ppcentralcoast.org

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Summer Supporter Series

Please join us for our virtual Summer Supporter Series. Over the next few months, we will have three Zoom webinar opportunities for you, our supporters. You can attend one or all.

Please use the QR code to sign up for this series when you sign up you will be emailed each event access code and we will send reminders before each event.



› **June 29, 2022 at 12:00 pm - What is next for Abortion Access**

Jenna Tosh, President & CEO will update you on the landscape of abortion access across our country and our plans for increasing access here on the Central Coast.

› **July 13, 2022 at 4:30 pm - Gender Identity 101**

PPCCC's Education team will talk about the importance of Gender Identity in our Education work. How do we talk about gender identity? Why is it important to our mission? How do you address this topic with friends and family?

› **August 30, 2022 at 12:00 pm - Mid-term Elections - PP Central Coast Action Fund Update**

Luz Reyes-Martin, Vice President PP Central Coast Action Fund, will join us in a discussion about the mid-term elections and what they mean locally and nationally for abortion access.

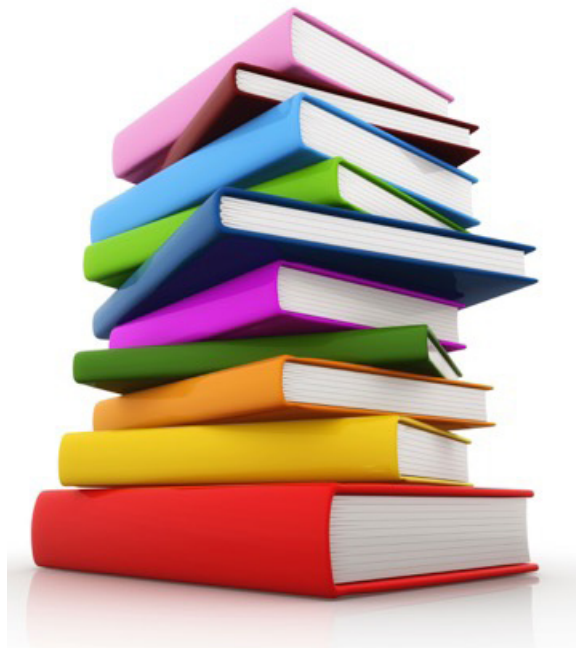


THE MARY JANE McCORD Planned Parenthood ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Our Annual Book Sale is back this year at the Earl Warren Showgrounds!

Save the Date
September 15th - 25th, 2022

For more information on our upcoming sale, and how to donate books year-round, please visit: ppcccbooksale.com.



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Thank you to our Ventura County supporters for joining us at our *Power of Love* brunch on May 1, 2022 at the Spanish Hills Club in Camarillo! More than 140 guests helped us net more than **\$40,000** for health care services in Ventura County.



A **special thank you** to our co-chairs **Madhu Bajaj** and **Pedro A. Chavez**, and to our event committee: Janet Barron, Gail Weller Brown, Maureen Durkin, Dorothy Elchones, Lynda Girtsman, Paula Iwamoto-Schaap, Janine McMurdie, and Leilani Mayer. Additionally, **HUGE thank you** to our event sponsors: Madhu & Saurabh Bajaj, Jeannette & David Bauer, Assemblymember Steve Bennett, Dr. Andrei Bobrow & Hon. Sabrena Rodriguez, Gail Weller Brown & Jerry Brown, Patricia Butler, Pedro A. Chavez, Ellyn Dembowski & Kellye Patterson, Chris & Pat Ehret, Nancy B. & Richard L. Francis, Joyce Frenette, Amanda & Tom Kelley, Anne Paul King, Kristen Klingbeil-Weis & Karl Weis, Sara Klopfer, Mark & Terri Lisagor, Kathy Long - VC Supervisor, Leilani & Umrao Mayer, Roz McGrath, Kate McLean, Janine McMurdie, Douglas & Linda Neilsson, Tina Rasnow, and Shirley Thayer.



2022 **ROE v. WADE** *Anniversary Celebration*

Thank you to our SLO County supporters for joining us at our **Roe v. Wade Anniversary Celebration** on April 27, 2022 at Hotel SLO. With your help we netted over **\$40,000** for health care services in San Luis Obispo County.

Thanks to event co-chairs, **Rita Holland, DD Patrick, and Susan Stenovec**, and our speakers, Jenna Tosh and Dr. Maryam Guiahi, for making our event a success! **Also, thank you to our event sponsors:** Marty Claus & Chip Visci, Dr. Grace Crittenden, Carol & Jay Devore, The Founding Feathers, Michelle Patrick & Chris Gomez, Christopher & Lynn Helenius, Bette Kulp, Law Office of Ann Colville Murphy APLC, CA State Senator John Laird, Jim Lipsett & Paul LaRiviere, Diane & Roger Ludin, Edie Lycke & Aneka Scranton, Mike & DD Patrick, Andy Pease, Rich Saenz, Linda Seifert, Michelle Shoresman, Susan & Thomas Stenovec, Janey Sweet, John Swift, Alan & Christine Volbrecht, Bob & Debbie Wacker, and Jamie Woolf.

Birds and Bees Bash

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and sponsored our hybrid Birds and Bees Bash this year that took place on April 16, 2022. The evening was filled with a great program, laughs, dinner, and lots of dancing. Thanks to your generosity we netted over **\$450,000** for our affiliate and for that we cannot thank you enough!



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