



LETTER FROM THE CEO

Two June Supreme Court rulings were a delay for abortion-rights cases: Not losses - and not wins

Hello Friends,

As many of you know, it appeared that we had some good news in June with two critical U.S. Supreme Court rulings involving abortion cases.

But, to be clear, it was only good news for now.

With the court's current term at an end, I want to update you on what the rulings in these cases mean for patients and for those in states with very restricted access – including people who may travel from abortion-ban states to receive care at PPMM.

Emergency abortion care: In the final week of June, a majority of the Supreme Court ruled to allow a federal law – the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) – to pre-empt, for now, an abortion ban in the state of Idaho. EMTALA mandates that medical professionals provide emergency treatment, including abortion care, if a person's life is in immediate danger. As we know, abortion can be a lifesaving procedure for women and others who are experiencing a pregnancy complication or medical emergency.

But the decision was not a ruling on the merits of the case, *Idaho v. United States*, which means that the justices did the bare minimum and sent it back to the federal courts.

Medical professionals in Idaho who have patients requiring an emergency abortion have what may only be a short-term reprieve from the impossible choice of providing the patient with emergency care and facing prosecution under the Idaho abortion ban – or not helping, in violation of EMTALA, and risking the loss of their license as well as facing federal sanctions.

The Supreme Court had the opportunity to rule decisively that EMTALA protects the right to abortion in an emergency in every state, regardless of a state's abortion ban. Yet the majority of justices chose not to take that path. While the case continues in the lower courts, abortion-access for millions, even in medical emergencies, is still under threat across the country.

This is how Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, one of three dissenters in the court's opinion, summed up the current state of the law: "Today's decision is not a victory for pregnant patients in Idaho. It is delay. While this court dawdles and the country waits, pregnant people experiencing emergency medical conditions remain in a precarious position, as their doctors are kept in the dark about what the law requires."

Mifepristone-access: Earlier in June, the Supreme Court issued a ruling that allowed, for now, the abortion drug, mifepristone, to be used by patients in states where abortion is legal. This is good news for millions of patients who have safely used mifepristone, one in a two-drug regimen, in more than two thirds of all abortions nationwide since the FDA approved it nearly 25 years ago.

Though the justices were unanimous in their decision this month, the court only ruled on procedural issues in the mifepristone case and not on the merits.

The case will now return to the same anti-abortion federal district court judge in Texas who already tried to overrule the FDA's approval of mifepristone. The district court has also allowed the states of Kansas, Missouri, and Idaho to intervene, meaning the case could proceed with these states as plaintiffs.

PPMM continues to provide mifepristone at all of our health centers. But plaintiffs in the case remain determined to end access to the drug by mail and telehealth, and this would severely limit access to mifepristone even in states like California and Nevada, where abortion is legal.

The fight is far from over, and I will continue to keep you posted about what these cases mean for our patients, including those coming here from abortion-ban states.

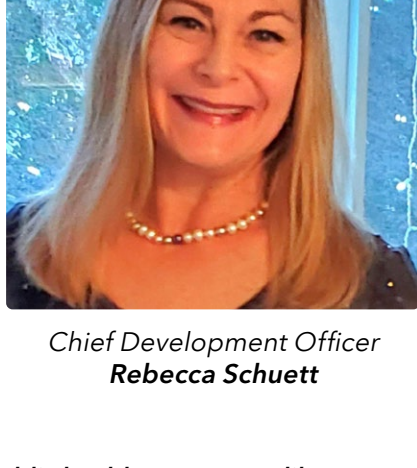
I want to express my thanks again for your invaluable support and dedication to the people we serve as we face down this threat while continuing to give our patients and communities the care they need – and have every right to receive.

I'm so proud to be standing with supporters like you in this fight.

With deep gratitude,

Introducing PPMM's new Chief Development Officer Q&A with CDO Rebecca Schuett

In June, PPMM welcomed our new Chief Development Officer Rebecca Schuett, who will lead our affiliate's crucial fundraising efforts – including the launch of the innovative Charitable Trust for Sexual & Reproductive Health. The Full Mar Monte caught up with Rebecca to hear more.



Chief Development Officer
Rebecca Schuett

Full Mar Monte: *Rebecca, please tell us a little about yourself and the fantastic fundraising efforts you led before coming to PPMM.*

Rebecca Schuett: I spent 14 years at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, and we saw an incredible period of growth during that time. Then I went to lead fundraising at the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation, and we raised millions of dollars for services and initiatives, including the "Transforming Mental and Behavioral Health Fund."

So, I have many years of experience building and leading successful teams.

FMM: *Going from the Academy of Sciences into the heart of public health care seems like a monumental switch! What led you to make that move?*

Rebecca: In 2015, I was diagnosed with Stage III colon cancer. I was lucky because I had very good insurance, and, after several years of treatment, I was in total remission. But the experience really changed my thinking about what I needed to be doing.

Also, at about the same time I was clear of cancer, COVID happened. And then I was even more resolved.

I loved the work we did at the Academy of Sciences, but I wanted to put my fundraising experience and skills to use to benefit public health. During the time I was dealing with cancer, I found out so much more about the patient population that didn't have the advantages I had and the importance of serving the most vulnerable among us.

FMM: *How did your work with the hospital foundation lead you to PPMM?*

Rebecca: Like many others, I have become so disturbed by the attacks every day on reproductive freedom. Just looking at my newsfeed and thinking about my nieces and other children growing up in this environment is horrifying. I knew I needed to be involved in the (PP) mission.

I was also thinking about the similarities between the important work being done at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and the work at Planned Parenthood. At the hospital, there are doctors and nurses who are serving those who wouldn't have care otherwise, and sometimes they're even physically attacked. But they keep showing up every day. Their selflessness is incredibly inspiring to me.

I know there are attacks on the care at Planned Parenthood, as well - and the staff also shows such steady commitment to patients who need this care so much. PPMM had more than 300,000 patient visits last year alone in a huge two-state service region that is incredibly diverse, including by income level, employment and health insurance status, race and ethnicity, immigration status, and the list goes on. I really wanted to be a part that work.

FMM: *Can you tell us your philosophy as you lead our major effort to fundraise for our newly launched Charitable Trust for Sexual & Reproductive Health?*

Rebecca: Well, first let me say I've recently spent several days with (PPMM President & CEO) Stacy Cross, as she's been speaking to the staff at several health centers about the trust. I'm so impressed by how proactive she's being to establish it and raise charitable funds in a way that will close any gaps we might have.

I see this trust as presenting us with an opportunity to talk to donors about something concrete that they can do to be part of a new future (for PPMM) and really cement their legacy - and ours.

FMM: *Can you elaborate on your philosophy about connecting with and inspiring donors?*

Rebecca: It's important to listen to donors and learn what inspires and motivates their giving. For example, if there's someone who is passionate about accessible abortion care, we can talk about the expansion work we are doing that will enable us to serve more patients, including those who are forced to come to us from other states due to restrictive abortion care laws.

Sometimes it's about laying the groundwork with donors who may not yet be ready to make a big commitment, but they want to learn more. You never know when someone's opportunity to make a big difference is going to hit them and be the right time. We can give them the information they need and be a resource for them to ensure their donation will have maximum impact.

I've seen that approach work to great effect.

FMM: *What are the observations you have made about PPMM's active community of donors?*

Rebecca: Having attended a board meeting recently, I was reminded that PPMM donors are having an enormous impact on our ability to fulfill our mission.

In this politically tense climate, where reproductive health is under attack and funding for the most vulnerable members of our community is at risk, PPMM's donors have stepped in to provide funds to ensure our health centers can continue to operate smoothly and safely – even as we continue to see an increase in patient visits from other states. In the year after Roe was overturned, we saw patients from 36 states for abortion care!

The positive effect our donors are having on the work we do and people we serve is really remarkable. I want them to know that they are such an important part of this movement to make sure everyone can get the health care they need and protect our basic freedoms.

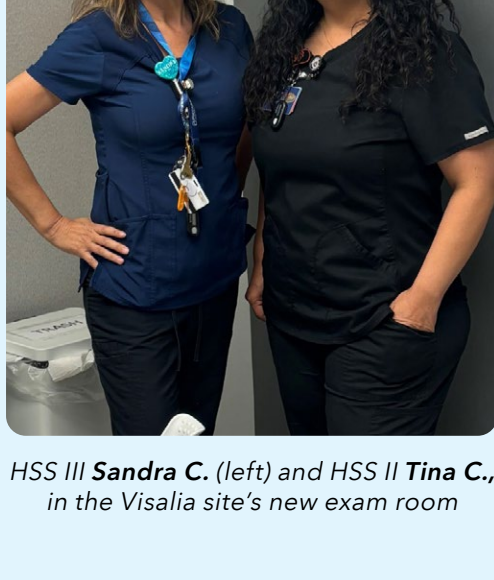
PPMM has an outstanding Development team, and they are always ready to engage with our donors. We couldn't do this work without our vast community of supporters – our entire team appreciates them so much!

Being Memorable

In this space, we spotlight health center staff members who have been mentioned by name in patient surveys for delivering a fantastic patient experience.

New exam room in Visalia, a fantastic game-changer for local patients

It was a momentous day this spring when our Visalia health center in the Central Valley – long an oasis in the surrounding "desert" of sexual and reproductive health care there – opened a new exam room, expanding contraceptive care and other services. For weeks, patients have been telling Visalia staff, HSS III Sandra C. and HSS II Tina C., how happy they are to have this care available in their own communities.



HSS III Sandra C. (left) and HSS II Tina C., in the Visalia site's new exam room

Here's what Sandra had to say about the major step forward for our Visalia patients.

"With this new exam room, we're able to provide contraceptive services like putting in IUDs, doing infection-checks, wellness exams, Pap tests – things we just weren't equipped to do before," Visalia HSS III Sandra C. said in June, a couple of months after the exam room had first opened. "We can provide breast exams now because we finally have a private room where we can do the exams."

Sandra and her colleague, HSS II Tina C., have worked at the Visalia site for many years and have gotten to know some of the patients who have been coming to the health center from the time they were teens to young adults.

"We have heard from so many of our patients, who already trust us and are so comfortable with us, how happy they are to be able to have these services here in Visalia," Sandra said. "Some have told us, now that they know they can get these services with us, they are cancelling appointments with other doctors and coming here instead."

She said it's not uncommon for patients in the area to wait three months for an appointment at other medical facilities to get certain contraceptives or other preventive care. But now patients are coming in to Visalia to receive care they had been putting off because they couldn't get an appointment elsewhere.

"This is the kind of thing we're seeing now that we have the ability to provide these added services, where people are and when they need them. It's pretty exciting."

Now that is being memorable to our patients and communities!

Love Notes: Appreciation for PPMM staff, from donors and supporters

Dear wonderful staff of Planned Parenthood, Thank you for all of the amazing work that you do both inside and outside of the clinic. You truly make the surrounding community a better place, and you make the people of the community healthier in so many ways. I attribute so much of my reproductive health to the services provided by you all. Thank you for everything!

- Mia, supporter from Redwood City

Your work is so important because you offer options and support for women when they need it the most. In the moments of confusion and desperation you lend a hand and that is always appreciated. Thank you for helping women. We all need it.

- Nadian, supporter from Silicon Valley

The Big Picture

PPMM Pride! Organizing, celebrating, reaching out, and joining in

In June, official month of Pride, PPMM's Public Affairs team joined other staff, volunteers, and local partner organizations to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and promote access to sexual and reproductive health care for everyone.



PPMM table: Information and celebrating Pride

Here's a local roundup of some events our staff participated in.

(If you'd like to be part of upcoming Pride celebrations, check out the list of events that PPMM will be joining later this summer and in the fall, at ppmarmonte.org/pride)

In Sacramento:

PPMM was honored to receive an outpouring of support as staff and volunteers paraded down the streets of Sacramento in the California capital's Pride March. This year marked the first time in four years that we had attended, since the COVID pandemic began.

The event was a hit with supporters! We staff, PPMM Ambassadors, and other volunteers – and the affiliate was hosted by Fresno City Council President Annalisa Perea – the first openly LGBTQ+ community, received a leadership award, honoring his contribution as the police department's LGBTQ liaison officer.

Public Affairs staff also worked with Madera Mayor Santos Garcia and city council members to recognize our community partner, Madera Coalition for Community Justice (MJC), as recipients of the City of Madera Pride Proclamation. MJC was honored for its work providing support for LGBTQ+ youth and hosting Madera's very first Pride festival this June.

Lots of PPMM/Public Affairs Pride on display – with more to come!

Some of the Pride events happening across the affiliate:

- California**
- San Jose: August 24 – 25
- Oakland: September 8
- Merced: September 21
- Stockton: October 1
- Visalia: October 12
- Salinas: October 12
- Nevada**
- Reno: September 7
- Carson City: September 14

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July 7, The Hill
Fears grow among conservatives over abortion in GOP platform

Good Reads

July 5, Ms.
The Supreme Court left the door open for attacks on emergency medical care