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Gerald Klaas
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Dear Mr. Klaas:

As a candidate for elected office, you know how important it is to get your message across to the public. To that end, we hope you will make time to complete and return our questionnaire.

Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California Action Fund (PPACAF) is surveying all June primary candidates for statewide office and for U.S. Senator. Each Planned Parenthood affiliate is surveying candidates in their local area. This will be the only questionnaire you receive from Planned Parenthood during the primary election cycle. The responses of all candidates will be included on the PPACAF web site (<http://www.ppacca.org>) and sent to the nine Planned Parenthood affiliates or local action fund committees in California. Each affiliate/committee will include the responses in mailings to hundreds of thousands of Planned Parenthood supporters throughout the state, or they may use the responses in newspaper ads and to answer telephone inquiries about candidate positions.

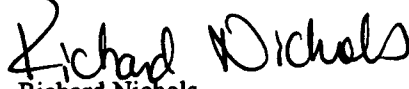
The questionnaire and position statements were crafted and approved by the PPACAF Board of Directors. They represent the issues that are important to Planned Parenthood and its patients. The Board includes the chief executive officers and community volunteers from all Planned Parenthood affiliates in California. Regardless of the office for which you are a candidate, your response is relevant and important. Directly and indirectly, officeholders can significantly influence the quality of, and access to, the wide range of health care services and educational programs provided by Planned Parenthood in California.

If you need more information before responding to any survey question, David Alois, electoral and legal affairs director for PPAC (916-446-5247), will be happy to assist you. If you wish, you may submit a written statement of your views, your voting record on the issues included in our questionnaire or other information, but these will not substitute for a completed questionnaire. If you have questions or would like a tour of the Planned Parenthood clinic in your local area, please call Jennifer Ivery Johnson at 916-446-5037, extension 105.

Please return the completed questionnaire in the self-addressed, stamped envelope, or by fax (916-446-3274), no later than March 20, 1998. If you do not return a completed questionnaire by this date, it will be noted in voter guides that you were invited to but did not respond. However, we may publish your position based on information from other publicly available sources such as voting records, media reports or public forums. We think voters need to be aware of every candidate's position on our issues, including those who decline to disclose their position on key issues in hopes of acting on a hidden agenda once elected to office.

On behalf of the voters of California and Planned Parenthood, thank you for your commitment to public service and for completing and returning the enclosed questionnaire.

Sincerely,


Richard Nichols
President


Jennifer Ivery Johnson
Planned Parenthood Mar Monte - Sacramento

PLANNED PARENTHOOD AFFILIATES OF CALIFORNIA

1998 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Planned Parenthood believes that the decision to have an abortion is a matter of personal choice free from government interference. It is the policy of Planned Parenthood to ensure that women have the right to seek and obtain medically safe, legal abortions under the standards set forth by the Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade. Roe clearly spelled out that a woman has a constitutional right to abortion up to the point of fetal viability and at any time during pregnancy if her life or health is endangered. This means that Planned Parenthood opposes waiting periods, spousal consent or notification requirements, parental consent or notification requirements, government-mandated "informed consent" information, bans on specific abortion methods such as the so-called "partial birth" abortion procedure, and clinic regulations not reasonably related to protecting the woman's life or health.

1. Do you support the standards set forth in Roe v. Wade?

YES X NO _____

2. Are you opposed to legislation, or other governmental or judicial mandates, which erode or restrict a woman's access to abortion, such as spousal consent/notification; government mandated "informed consent" information or waiting periods; and unreasonable clinic regulations that impede a woman's access to abortion services?

YES _____ NO X

3. Would you support the right of a woman to choose the abortion procedure that in the judgment of her physician would best protect her life or health and the ability of her physician to perform such a procedure?

YES X NO _____

Planned Parenthood believes that all individuals have the right to nondiscriminatory, confidential access to the full range of reproductive health care services, and that no individual should be denied these services because of age, economic or social status.

4. Do you support government funding for low-income women who otherwise might not be able to afford the following health care services:

- a. Prenatal care?
b. Abortion?
c. Family Planning?

YES X NO _____
YES _____ NO X
YES _____ NO X

Planned Parenthood believes that in order for individuals to take responsibility for the consequences of their behavior, they must have access to accurate, comprehensive sexuality education. Planned Parenthood defines comprehensive sexuality education as age-appropriate information regarding decision making skills, physiology, sexually transmitted infections (including HIV/AIDS), and birth control options (including abstinence). While parents should be the primary source of this education for their children, Planned Parenthood believes that public schools can play an important role when parents are unable or unwilling to accept the responsibility.

5. Do you support age-appropriate sex education, including both abstinence and contraception, and AIDS education as a curriculum component in public schools?

YES X NO _____

It is the policy of Planned Parenthood to assure that adolescents have access to accurate information about human sexuality and to a full range of reproductive health care services. While Planned Parenthood believes adolescents should be encouraged, when possible, to involve their parents in their reproductive decision-making, Planned Parenthood opposes limitations or restrictions -- which include parental consent or notification for abortion and family planning services -- on access to confidential reproductive health care services.

6. Do you support a minor's right to confidential access to:

a. Family planning?	YES <u> X </u>	NO _____
b. Sexually transmitted disease screening and treatment?	YES _____	NO <u> X </u>
c. Prenatal care?	YES _____	NO <u> X </u>
d. Abortion?	YES _____	NO <u> X </u>

Planned Parenthood opposes the campaign of violence, intimidation, and harassment against reproductive health care providers, patients, and their families that has intensified in recent years. Planned Parenthood believes that federal, state, and local policy makers and law enforcement authorities should take an aggressive role in enacting and enforcing laws to deter these illegal acts, and in prosecuting the perpetrators of such acts.

7. Do you support laws that protect patients, doctors, other health care personnel, and their families from harassment when:

a. Entering or leaving health care facilities?	YES <u> X </u>	NO _____
b. At their residences?	YES <u> X </u>	NO _____

Because contraceptives have a proven track record of enhancing the health of women and children, preventing unintended pregnancy, and reducing the need for abortion, Planned Parenthood believes that contraception is basic women's health care and should be covered in health insurance policies.

8. Would you support legislation to require insurers to cover prescription contraceptives in the same way they cover other prescription drugs?

YES _____ NO X

Planned Parenthood supports the state Family P.A.C.T. program which entitles eligible Californians to receive comprehensive, high quality family planning services. In addition to contraceptive services, family planning includes important disease control services such as sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, HIV testing and counseling, and breast and cervical cancer detection. Family P.A.C.T. services do not include abortion, pregnancy testing solely for the purposes of referral for abortion, or services ancillary to abortions or pregnancy care.

9. Would you support the continuation of Family P.A.C.T. or a similar program?

YES _____ NO X

Date: 3-7-98

Signature of Candidate: Gerald J. Klaas

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