

IMPACT REPORT | POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

PAC IMPACT REPORT

Pro-Choice Washington - September 2021



WHAT IS THE PAC?

The Pro-Choice Washington PAC oversees our candidate engagement process. PAC members interview, evaluate, and endorse pro-choice candidates at all levels of state and local government. This includes the state legislative office, state executive office, county offices, and city offices.

The PAC makes donations to priority candidates, based on a comprehensive evaluation process to prioritize the offices and candidates with the biggest potential impact, and coordinates a robust field effort including door-knocking and phone calls, with our Pro-Choice Washington organizing staff. Once candidates are elected, Pro-Choice Washington's 501c3 and 501c4 arms work with these leaders at the state and municipal level to pass policies that expand and protect access to reproductive freedom for everybody.

OUR FIVE-YEAR IMPACT

In the last 5 years, the Pro-Choice Washington PAC has helped grow pro-choice majorities in the Washington State legislature by 11 seats, adding 4 seats in the Senate, and 7 in the House. This includes the pivotal 2017 special election, in which the election of Senator Manka Dhingra flipped control of the State Senate to a pro-choice majority for the first time in 5 years. In the last 4 years, we have organized over 65,000 calls and doors-knocked for candidates and contributed over \$57,000 to priority races.



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WHY DONATE TO PRO-CHOICE WASHINGTON PAC?

100% of your Pro-Choice Washington PAC contributions go directly to supporting pro-choice candidates in Washington. By donating to champion candidates through our PAC, you send a strong message about the importance of a candidates' leadership on reproductive freedom. Our PAC consistently spends down the funds it raises each 2-year cycle, making sustaining gifts especially valuable in helping us to achieve these goals.

WHAT IS THE LANDSCAPE?

The United States Supreme Court is poised to overturn Roe v. Wade in June 2022. Texas passed the most restrictive abortion ban in modern history. Washington is seeing an increase in anti-abortion and white nationalist action outside abortion clinics. More than 49% of Washington's hospital beds have operating policies restricting the provision of abortion and other forms of reproductive health services. Hundreds of municipal seats are up for election in 2021.



STATEWIDE IMPACT

2021

- Progressive revenue, one of Pro-Choice Washington's top legislative priorities, saw movement in the legislature for the first time in decades. The Working Families Tax Credit and the Capital Gains Tax both passed.

2020

- 11 new progressive champions were elected to the state legislature.

2019

- Breean Breggs was elected Spokane City Council President, and played a key role in passing the Health Care Facility Ordinance in 2020, which strengthened local laws restricting excessive noise outside health care facilities, an important step to countering the dangerous activities of the anti-abortion group, The Church at Planned Parenthood.

2018

- Senator Claire Wilson unseated former-state Senator Mark Miloscia. Miloscia was a leading anti-choice villain who regularly sponsored anti-abortion bills and who now serves as Executive Director of Family Policy Institute of Washington. Wilson introduced and led the passage of Mandatory Comprehensive Sex Education, which creates consent-informed, LGBTQ inclusive K-12 sex education in all Washington public schools.



STATEWIDE IMPACT

2017

- Senator Manka Dhingra was elected to the legislature in a special election, flipping party control of the State Senate and providing a 1-vote pro-choice majority for the first time in 5 years. The Reproductive Parity Act, mandating insurance coverage for abortion and the full spectrum of FDA-approved contraception, passed the following session.



ACTIONS TO DRIVE CHANGE

This impact was achieved through the incredible actions of our grassroots advocates and organizers!

2020 (Statewide)

- 103 state candidates endorsed
- \$23,520 donated to priority state candidates
- 43,038 phone calls to voters on behalf of electoral priorities

2019 (Municipal)

- Focus on Spokane, Bellingham, and Tacoma
- 33 candidates endorsed
- \$7,267 donated to priority candidates
- 650 doors visited and 332 phone calls to voters for priority candidates

2018 (Statewide)

- 71 candidates endorsed
- \$19,100 donated to priority candidates
- 8,500 total doors knocked and phone calls made for priority candidates

2017 (Municipal)

- Focus on the special election for 45th LD State Senator, Whatcom County, Tacoma, and Federal Way
- 68 candidates endorsed
- \$7,413 donated to priority candidates
- 13,519 total doors knocked and phone calls for priority candidates

