

Election Wrap-Up

The External Affairs Department would like to thank everyone who assisted with election activities! With PPSPA's dedication, we made a tremendous impact here in Southeastern Pennsylvania, by re-electing four pro-choice candidates and securing two new pro-choice seats in the State House! To top it off - prior to the November election, PPSP collected over 7,400 signatures in support of the One Million Strong Campaign to elect a pro-choice President in 2008.

Throughout the entire state, Planned Parenthood...

- identified 8,000 new pro-choice voters
- recruited 23,000 new Planned Parenthood Advocates supporters
- spent 1,161 volunteer hours calling pro-choice voters
- knocked on 11,534 doors

Throughout the country, Planned Parenthood...

- helped to elect pro-choice President-Elect Barack Obama
- helped Democrats take back the Senate and increase their majority in the House
- helped to defeat three anti-choice ballot initiatives in California, Colorado, and South Dakota.

- In California, voters defeated Proposition 4, which would require that health care professionals notify the parents of a minor prior to the abortion being performed and required a 48hr waiting period before the procedure would be performed.

- In Colorado, voters defeated Amendment 48, also referred to as the "'Personhood' Amendment", which would give constitutional protections to "any human being from the moment of conception."

- In South Dakota, voters defeated a ballot initiative that would have banned the majority of abortions in the state. The proposed law would have included some exceptions for rape, incest, and pregnancies that jeopardize the life or health of the mother.

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