



Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington ("PPVW") is a non-partisan 501(c)(4) organization formed as the advocacy, voter education, and political arm of the five Planned Parenthood affiliates in the State of Washington.

Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington ("PPVW") conducts voter education, advocates for legislative and regulatory action, and operates independent expenditure campaigns. PPVW also operates a state PAC (political action committee), which can make direct cash and in-kind contributions to candidates, as well as conduct independent expenditure campaigns.

PPVW, and the PPVW PAC are all non-partisan organizations committed to encourage and protect informed individual choice in reproductive health care. We support candidates who seek to guarantee the full and nondiscriminatory access to reproductive health care including the right to abortion services, and who will foster and preserve a social and political climate favorable to reproductive choice. Please review the attached Endorsement and Recommendation Guidelines for information about the PPVW endorsement process.

INSTRUCTIONS

For consideration, this completed candidate questionnaire must be received by PPVW no later than **July 6th, 2009** by mail, fax or email.

Please mail your responses to:

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Be certain to respond to EVERY question. Incomplete responses will be interpreted as "refused to respond" and will negatively affect your score. Your score determines whether or not PPVW will endorse or recommend you.

Circle "YES" or "NO" for every question. You are welcome to attach a narrative statement to share your thoughts or expand your responses.

If you have questions, or need to make alternate arrangements for delivery of your completed questionnaire, please contact Dana Laurent, Political Director via email at: dana.laurent@ppnetworkwa.org

CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Candidate Name	Dow Constantine
Position sought	King County Executive
Party Preference if applicable	This is a nonpartisan position, but I am a Democrat
Residence Congressional, Legislative, City and County Council District if applicable	7 th CD 34 th LD 8 th County Council District
Are you a Challenger, Incumbent, or running for an Open Seat?	Running for an Open Seat
Campaign Information	
Campaign Name	Friends of Dow Constantine
Web page	www.DowConstantine.com
Campaign Email address	info@dowconstantine.com
Campaign Manager	Dylan Ordonez
Campaign mailing address	PO Box 16285, Seattle, WA 98116
Campaign phone number	206-484-7925
Campaign FAX	206-322-6108
Campaign Budget	\$550,000-\$800,000
Contributions Raised to Date	Over \$250,000

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Will family planning, clinic access, health care reform, abortion rights, access to emergency contraception, or sex education be significant issues in your race?

Providing for and protecting public health services is a critical issue facing King County and should be a significant issue in this campaign.

Our county government is faced with steeply declining revenues and unmet human service and public health needs. To meet these challenges, King County must make the difficult decisions necessary to solve our vexing

budget problems. It is critical that the next King County Executive is committed to family planning, health care reform and abortion rights in order to ensure that these critical programs receive the necessary funding and support.

What other elected / appointed offices have you sought or held? Include year and jurisdiction.

Chair, King County Council	Jan 2009 - Present
King County Council Member	2002-Present
Senate	2000-2002
House of Representatives	1997-2000

Describe your qualifications, education, employment, community and civic activity, and other relevant experience.

Raised in West Seattle and a graduate of West Seattle High, I still live in the neighborhood I grew up in. I received my Bachelor's Degree, a Master's Degree in Urban Planning and a Law Degree from UW.

I was a practicing attorney for 19 years and worked on a number of community projects including helping activist Charlie Chong with efforts to preserve open space. Through that work I came to know then County Councilmember Greg Nickels and went on to serve as a Council legislative aide.

In 1996 I won election to Washington's House of Representatives and became co-chair of the Judiciary Committee. I was re-elected in 1998, and moved up to the State Senate in 2000 when Senator Mike Heavey was elected judge. In the Senate, I served as vice-chair of the Ways and Means Committee and vice-chair of the Judiciary Committee.

I was appointed to the King County Council in January 2002, and have been elected four times by the voters. As a King County Councilmember and now as Council Chair, I have worked for efficient, performance-based government - getting the most value for each tax dollar. A strong supporter of the environment, I have taken a leadership role on the tough issues of growth management, salmon recovery, and expanding transit mobility.

Describe, in general terms, your campaign plan and voter contact strategy.

I and my campaign team are hard at work speaking with community leaders, organizations and individuals throughout King County about my campaign to bring a new prosperity to our county. In addition to meetings and forums we have already begun a widespread doorbelling effort that will take me and our campaign volunteers to thousands of doors. Voters we do not reach directly through we will communicate with through tv ads and direct mail which I will be spending a significant amount of my campaign budget on. My campaign is also working to engage younger voters in Seattle and across King County to involve them in our campaign and encourage them to get out and vote.

What ratings and endorsements have you received to date?

King County Democrats
11th LD Democrats
32nd LD Democrats
33rd LD Democrats
34th LD Democrats
37th District Democrats
46th District Democrats
47th LD Democrats

Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 587
Cascade Bicycle Club
Inlandboatmen's Union
International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
International Union of Operating Engineers 286
Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association District 1
Sailors' Union of the Pacific
Seattle-King County Building Trades Council
SeaTac Firefighters Local 2919
Vashon-Maury Island Democratic Club
Washington Education Association

State Senators:

Lisa Brown, Senate Majority Leader
Ken Jacobsen, 46th LD
Karen Keiser, 33rd LD
Joe McDermott, 34th LD
Ed Murray, 43rd LD
Kevin Ranker, 40th LD
Majority Leader Sid Snyder (former)

State Representatives:

Eileen Cody, 34th LD
Bob Hasegawa, 11th LD
Sharon Nelson, 34th LD
Tina Orwall, 33rd LD
Dave Quall, 40th LD
Geoff Simpson, 47th LD
Brendan Williams, 22nd LD
Erik Poulsen, 34th LD (former)
Dawn Mason, 37th LD (former)
Kip Tokuda, 37th LD (former)
Velma Veloria, 11th LD (former)

Mayors:

Joan McGilton, Burien
Shawn McEvoy, Normandy Park

City Councilmembers:

Lucy Krakowiak, Burien
Rebecca Clark, Burien
Fennelle Miller, Ellensburg
Joe Duffie, Tukwila
Verna Griffin, Tukwila
Pamela Linder, Tukwila
Dennis Robertson, Tukwila

Seattle Port Commissioners:

Gael Tarleton
John Creighton

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement?

In addition to Planned Parenthood Votes, I hope to receive the endorsement of the King County Labor Council, Sierra Club, Seattle Fire Fighters Union, Seattle Police Officers' Guild, SEAMEC, SEIU 775, UFCW 21, IAM 751 and a number of other progressive organizations.

Please submit printed campaign material which summarizes your community and volunteer activities and your personal background. Attached

Do you want a Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington (PPVW) endorsement? Y N

Do you want a contribution from PPPVW PAC? Y N

Do you belong, or have you ever belonged to a group opposed to abortion? Y N

Have you sought, or received, the endorsement of a group opposed to abortion? Y N

Have you ever personally supported a Planned Parenthood organization? If so, which one?

I have been a long time contributor to and supporter of Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and Planned Parenthood Votes Washington. My mother (who taught child development among other subjects in the Seattle Public Schools) and I contributed to the construction of the Madison St. building in Seattle.



Candidate Signature

June 23, 2009

Date

PREFACE

Planned Parenthood believes in access to family planning, reproductive healthcare and abortion. We believe that every woman -- regardless of income, age or marital status -- has the fundamental right to decide whether and when to have a child. It is the government's role to support personal childbearing decisions with complete and reliable reproductive health information including sexual health education, access to comprehensive reproductive health care, and safe, legal abortion.

Circle "YES" or "NO" in response to the questions below. If you wish to expand your response, you may provide a narrative attachment.

QUESTIONS

FUNDING FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES:

YES

NO

Every year, more Washington citizens become infected with sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), yet spending for STD testing and treatment remains far below what is required to serve this need. The problem has been exacerbated by the removal of STD screening and treatment from the state's Medicaid family planning waiver, called Take Charge. Local health departments have cut back or closed clinics that provide testing and treatment of STDs and family planning services. Community family planning clinics, such as Planned Parenthood, are struggling to continue to provide family planning and STD services in their clinics, while rates for Washington's most common STDs have nearly doubled since 1996.

Family planning is basic health care, and an integral part of the health care safety net for men and women. For many individuals, family planning clinics are their only source of health care and the only place where they can go to get health referrals, education, cancer screenings, and disease testing. 47% of all births in Washington State are paid for by Medicaid, and 49% of those births are the result of an unintended pregnancy. It costs approximately \$552 a year to cover a full range of family planning services for each Washingtonian in need, compared to almost \$8,000 in state funds for each Medicaid paid birth (DOH), and every tax dollar spent on family planning in Washington saves \$4.39 in pregnancy care costs. In 2008, Washington State spent \$333 million on unintended pregnancy care costs. Community family planning clinics, like Planned Parenthood, have received substantial budget cuts, while seeing, in some regions, large increases in patients attributed to the economic recession. The more the state pays for unintended pregnancy care costs, the less money there is to be allocated to cities and counties.

If your jurisdiction provides funding for health services, will you ensure that funding for a full range of reproductive health services is a budget priority?

If your jurisdiction does not control any funding streams for health services, will you advocate for increased funding for a full range of reproductive health services with other jurisdictions/agencies?

COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION:

YES

NO

The vast majority of parents in our country (76%) believe that teens should be provided with sexual health education that includes information about birth control (abstinence as well as contraceptives) and protection against sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Complete and responsible sex education is crucial to reducing Washington's high rate of unplanned pregnancy and STDs. In 2007 the Washington State legislature passed the Healthy Youth Act. The Act requires that when teens get sex education in public schools the information is medically accurate, age appropriate, and includes information about both abstinence and other methods of preventing pregnancy and STDs, such as contraceptives.

Washington is committed to reducing unintended pregnancy and promoting good reproductive health for our youth. Our state needs to ensure that funding applications serve these goals by supporting programs that are proven to work. Abstinence-only-until-marriage programs, as the federal government defines them today, are proven ineffective by the government's own studies. In the 2009, the Washington State Legislature passed SB 5629, which ensures that Washington State apply for funding for sexual health education programs that are consistent with the Healthy Youth Act, and are proven effective.

Do you support the local adoption of comprehensive sexual health education policies and funding for programs proven to be effective?

CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR MINORS:

YES

NO

Planned Parenthood believes that minors, as well as adults, should have confidential access to health services, including family planning, disease prevention, and abortion. In 1975, the Washington State Supreme Court struck down a state law requiring parental consent for abortion, by ruling it unconstitutional. Some groups continue to promote "parental notification" legislation, as a "compromise." Parental consent requirements put the health and safety of teenagers at risk by discouraging them from seeking preventative reproductive health care, and undermine Washington's efforts to reduce teen pregnancy. The American Medical Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, Society for Adolescent Medicine, and the American Public Health Association oppose *government-mandated* parental involvement in a minor's reproductive health care. **Are you opposed to, and if a vote ever came before you, would you vote against *government-mandated* parental involvement in a minor's reproductive health care?**

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION:

YES

NO

In 1998, the FDA approved the first packaging of emergency contraception, also known as "the morning after pill." Emergency contraception is a high dose combination of birth control pills that if taken within days of unprotected sex, can safely prevent a pregnancy from occurring. It cannot terminate an existing pregnancy. In 2006 the FDA approved the sale of emergency contraception to women over 18 without a prescription. Women under 18 must still have a prescription to obtain emergency contraception. This age restriction has resulted in all emergency contraception being kept behind the counter at pharmacies rather than on the store shelves thereby limiting access for adult women. A recent federal court decision has said that EC can only be restricted for women under 17 and has mandated that the justification for any age restrictions be reexamined. In response to refusals to fill prescriptions because of personal beliefs, including—but not limited to—emergency contraception, the Washington State Board of Pharmacy adopted rules in 2007 which mandate that patients' prescriptions must be provided without discrimination or delay. These rules are temporarily suspended pending the outcome of litigation in federal court. **Would you support efforts to increase access to emergency contraception?**

REFUSAL CLAUSES:

YES

NO

Some health care providers, facilities, employers and insurers are demanding the legal right to refuse to provide or pay for any reproductive health service or counseling they find morally objectionable. They are asking for special laws that allow them to put their personal beliefs above the medical needs and healthcare decisions of patients. An individual's right to reproductive health care should be protected and should not be determined by the views of anti-contraception and anti-choice individuals or institutions. **Would you support an individual's reproductive rights by voting against restrictions that would allow institutions or individuals the right to refuse to provide legal medical services or insurance coverage based on their personal beliefs?**

VIOLENCE AGAINST REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROVIDERS:

YES

NO

In recent years, a campaign of violence, intimidation, and harassment has been waged against patients seeking reproductive health care, as well as clinics and clinic staff. This campaign of violence has had devastating effects on access to reproductive health services, and yielded tragic results—such as the recent shooting death of Dr. George Tiller in Kansas. Planned Parenthood believes the government, including local government, should take an aggressive role in enacting and enforcing laws that protect patients and providers, and in prosecuting the perpetrators of illegal acts. **Would you support the enactment and enforcement of laws, such as local sign ordinances or clinic protection zones, that help prevent violence, intimidation and harassment directed at reproductive health patients and providers?**

MEDICAL RECORDS AND THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY:

YES

NO

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Law (HIPAA), family planning and abortion clinics keep medical information and records confidential and only use them for patient treatment, health care operations, and billing purposes. In recent cases around the United States, anti-choice Attorneys General and prosecutors have subpoenaed clinic medical records in vaguely worded and wide-reaching searches for evidence of late-term abortions, Medicaid fraud and child rape. These “fishing expeditions” result in privacy violations of patients who are guilty of nothing. Planned Parenthood believes that threats of such intrusive searches could intimidate women from seeking a legal and private abortion procedure or birth control or STD screening. **Do you support the confidentiality of medical records and the position that government must show a compelling public interest or emergency circumstance before requiring clinics, hospitals, or doctors to release records?**

RIGHT TO CHOOSE:

YES

NO

Planned Parenthood believes that women have the right to obtain a medically safe, legal abortion under the standards set forth by the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Roe v. Wade* decision. **Do you support this position?**

BANS ON ABORTION:

YES

NO

Planned Parenthood believes that in all cases women and their doctors should be free to make the health care decisions that are best for the woman’s health. Anti-choice organizations have tried to erode the Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision (which ensures a woman’s constitutionally-protected right to choose abortion) by advancing vaguely-worded and deceptive bans on abortion procedures. For the first time the U S Supreme Court in 2007 has banned a procedure that physicians have deemed in some cases the safest for the woman’s health. In 1998, Washington State voters rejected the so-called “partial birth abortion ban” measure by a 57% margin. **Do you support a woman’s right to choose the abortion method that she and her physician deem safest for her individual health and needs?**

MEDICAL ACCURACY OF INFORMATION:

YES

NO

Planned Parenthood believes that anyone receiving a pregnancy test, ultrasound, or a test for sexually transmitted infections or diseases should receive information that is medically and scientifically accurate. In addition, Planned Parenthood believes that any facility offering such testing should follow medical privacy laws, and provide disclosure of what services they do/do not provide in order to provide a basic standard of care for patients. **Do you support legislation or regulation ensuring that individuals receiving a pregnancy test, ultrasound, or a test for sexually transmitted infections or diseases will receive information that is medically and scientifically accurate, and that facilities providing such testing should follow medical privacy laws, and provide disclosure of what services they do/do not provide?**



Candidate Signature

6/23/2009

Date