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Planned Parenthood Illinois Action Announces Political Endorsements

Quinn, Giannoulis, Preckwinkle receive pro-choice org's support

CHICAGO, IL – Planned Parenthood Illinois Action (PPIA), the non-partisan political and advocacy arm of Planned Parenthood of Illinois, today announced endorsements for the February 2nd Primary Election, including the following candidates for statewide office:

Pat Quinn	Governor
Mike Boland, Terry Link	Lt. Governor
Rickey Hendon and Art Turner	
Lisa Madigan	Attorney General
Jesse White	Secretary of State
David Miller	Comptroller
Robin Kelly	Treasurer

PPIA also endorsed Alexi Giannoulis in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate. As State Treasurer, Giannoulis went outside the scope of his office to fight for women's reproductive rights in the Illinois General Assembly, actively supporting legislation like the Reproductive Health and Access Act.

Recognizing the important role that Cook County plays in women's health care, for the first time in its history, PPIA made an endorsement in the Cook County Board President's race, endorsing Toni Preckwinkle for the seat. As an alderman on the Chicago City Council, Preckwinkle consistently received the political support of Planned Parenthood. Preckwinkle was also commended for her outspoken support of the recently passed Bubble Zone Ordinance.

PPIA made the following endorsements of incumbents for Illinois State Senate: Kimberly Lightford (D-04), Heather Steans (D-07), Kwame Raoul (D-13), M. Maggie Crotty (D-19), Michael Noland (D-22), Michael Bond (D-31), Toi Hutchinson (D-40), David Koehler (D-46) and Michael Frerichs (D-52).

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In the Illinois House, the following incumbents were endorsed by PPIA: Susana Mendoza (D-01), Edward Acevedo (D-02), Luis Arroyo (D-03), Cynthia Soto (D-04), Karen Yarbrough (D-07), Annazette Collins (D-10), Sara Feigenholtz (D-12), Greg Harris (D-13), Harry Osterman (D-14), Lou Lang (D-16), Dan Burke (D-23), Elizabeth Hernandez (D-24), Barbara Flynn Currie (D-25), Will Burns (D-26), Monique Davis (D-27), Robert Rita (D-28), Will Davis (D-30), Constance Howard (D34), Al Riley (D-38), Toni Berrios (D-39), Deborah Mell (D-40), Keith Farnham (D-43), Fred Crespo (D-44), Kay Hatcher (R-50), Mark Beaubien, Jr. (R-52), Sid Mathias (R-53), Susanne Bassi (R-54), Elaine Nekritz (D-57), Karen May (D-58), Carol Sente (D-59), Eddie Washington (D-60), Sandy Cole (R-62), Jack Franks (D-63), Rosemary Mulligan (R-65), Mark Walker (D-66), Chuck Jefferson (D-67), Deborah Graham (D-78), Anthony DeLuca (D-80), Tom Cross (R-84), Emily Klunk McAsey (D-85), Michael Smith (D-91), Jehan Gordon (D-92), Naomi Jakobsson (D-103) and Eddie Jackson (D-114).

All pro-choice/pro-Planned Parenthood incumbents receive an endorsement regardless of the position of the opponent.

Challengers Leslie Juby (D-25) and Corinne Pierog (D-28) were also endorsed in their races for Illinois Senate.

Daniel Biss (D-17) and Michelle Mussman (D-56) were endorsed in their open seat races in the Illinois House. All three Democratic candidates in the 11th district were endorsed: Ann Williams, Dan Farley and Ed Mullen. Democratic challengers Scott Pollack (D-61), Robert Kaempfe (D-64), Elizabeth Double (D-74) and Earl Godt (D-94) were endorsed in their races to challenge Republican incumbents in the general election.

“Planned Parenthood Illinois Action is pleased to support candidates who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to women’s reproductive health issues,” said Steve Trombley, President and CEO of PPIA.

“We stand behind candidates who stand up for the women and families of Illinois. Whether it’s in Congress, the General Assembly or the Cook County Board, PPIA works to elect public officials who will ensure that women, men and teens have access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care, education and information,” said Trombley.

PPIA engages in educational and electoral activity, including public education campaigns, grassroots organizing, and legislative advocacy, on behalf of commonsense policies that protect the reproductive health and rights of women, teens, and families.

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