

SONOMA COUNTY PRO LIFE NEWSLETTER
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ELECTION 2026

Ballots are being mailed on October 5th for the November midterm election, and, as always, the outcome will be of critical importance for the prolife cause at national, state and local levels. Many candidates have publicly identified where they stand on the issue of life, and in many races there are stark differences as usual. Fortunately, even in a state and area that can be very antilife we have candidates who have spoken for life!

Here is a list of those who have come out publicly for limits on abortion as well as protections for the unborn and vulnerable. They won't all be on your individual ballot, but if so, they deserve your support.

Governor	Steve Hilton
Lt. Governor	Gloria Romero
Controller	Herb Morgan
Sec. of State	Don Wagner
Treasurer	Jennifer Hanks
Atty. General	Michael Gates
Supt. Of Pub. Ed.	Sona Shaw
1 st Congress	James Gallagher
2 nd Congress	Robin Littau'
2 nd Assembly	Mike Greer

Lawrence Lehr

WHAT IS THAT IN YOUR HAND?

That's the question God asked Moses, when Moses feared that the enslaved Israelites would not believe he was really sent to deliver them. Moses replied "A staff. God replied, "throw it down on the ground." When he did the staff turned into a serpent... and in days to come, into a mighty instrument through which God would devastate Egypt, open the Red Sea, and lead his people to the Promised land.

God has placed such an instrument not in our hands, but in our hearts and mouths. It's the instrument of prayer. And as the 2026 midterm elections draw near, his pro-life people will need to employ it often.

For we are indeed up against a Red Sea. In four states citizens will vote on constitutional amendments regarding so-called "reproductive rights": Idaho, Missouri, Nevada and Virginia. In three out of the four states, the language of the amendment is highly misleading, both for what it does say, and for what it doesn't. In all four, the pro-abortion side will massively outspend the pro-life side. And in three of the four, polls suggest the pro-abortion side will win.

Let us therefore lift up our staffs, praying that the initiatives in Idaho, Nevada, and Virginia will fail. For if they don't, abortion laws will be enshrined as a right; abortions (including late-term and chemical) will increase; pro-life laws will be annulled (e.g. parental notification, consent, safety regulations, etc.); and gender-confused youth will be vulnerable to destructive procedures. In these states Pharoah and his anti-life chariots are in hot pursuit. May the God of the Red Sea swallow them up.

Amendment 3 in Missouri is of special importance. In essence, it would repeal the abortion-rights amendment that barely passed in 2024. It would allow the legislature to restrict abortion, and to regulate abortion providers and facilities. It would require parental and informed consent for minors seeking an abortion, and restrict public funding of abortions. Also, it would prohibit gender-transition procedures for minors, including surgeries, cross-sex hormones and puberty-blocking drugs. A pro-life win here, which is quite possible, would have national impact. *Not to forget the mighty staff in our hearts and mouths.*

Sensing the importance of this particular initiative, SCPL recently donated \$1000 to Missouri Right to Life PAC for their work in promoting Amendment 3. I close by sharing a letter we received from their leadership.

Dear SCPL,

We want to thank you all for your kind and generous gift to Missouri Right to Life. As you know, in advocating for Amendment 3 we are fighting for the lives of innocent children and their confused mothers. Your gift will help us pass this vital amendment. May God bless you all for your help!

Steve Rupp
Missouri TRL PAC

Dean Davis

YOUNG VOICES STILL NEEDED!

Sonoma County Pro Life has been active for over 40 years in the North Bay, with a group of very dedicated volunteers and many faithful supporters for which we are extremely grateful.

What we could really use however, are some new younger voices! If you are a bit younger than our average volunteer (under 50, say) we would love your thoughts and energy!

You can get on our website and express your interest, or even mail us a letter (we are SO old fashioned). This is a great arena to learn, grow, and even be influential. And if you are older, how about passing this along to youngsters you know...

Lawrence Lehr

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Fall Campaign of 40 Days for Life in Santa Rosa began with a kick-off prayer on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Nearly 20 prayer warriors gathered for prayer in front of Planned Parenthood, at 1140 Sonoma Avenue.

And faithful prayer warriors will continue to gather there throughout the campaign. It isn't too late to join in. Contact our stalwart leader, Judy Parcher, SantaRosa40daysforlife@gmail.com Or go to 40daysforlife.com, choose Santa Rosa, agree to our peace pledge, and sign up for hours. (But please don't be discouraged if you discover a lot of empty spaces. It is best to sign up, but a lot of people go, without bothering to sign up!)



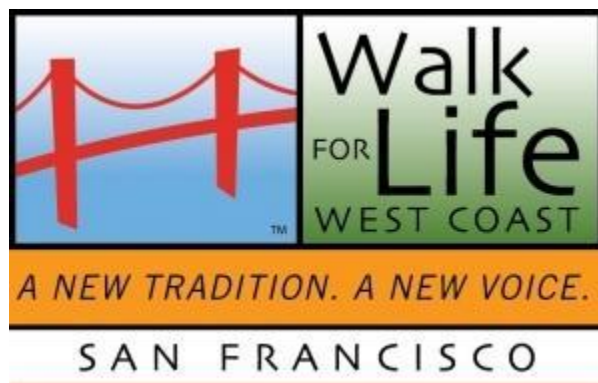
The official campaign will end on Sunday, October 25, with a closing prayer at 2:00.

But prayer continues all year. One group meets year-round at 9:00 AM on Wednesday. There are other groups, and you are always welcome to start your own. (We do recommend you not go alone, so that there is a witness just in case something unpleasant should happen.)

Go to www.40daysforlife, for more information.

Jean Grant

Walk For Life West Coast



Plans are well underway for the 23rd annual Walk for Life, West Coast, in San Francisco on Saturday, January 23, 2027! Watch their website for details, and
SAVE THE DATE.

SINGLE ISSUE VOTING

By now you have your ballot for the November election. If you are reading this newsletter, you are probably pro-life, and if you are ready to vote, with no reservations, you can stop reading right here. However, if you are, like me, equivocal, I'd like to share my thoughts with you.

Yes, we are pro-life, and we are well aware that the Democratic Party has, over the past few decades, become radically pro-abortion. It is reported that a major goal of the present leadership, if the party regains control of Congress, is to pass a bill which would make abortion legal any time, for any reason, in all 50 states. We say NO.

But not a few pro-life people, who have consistently voted Republican, are having second thoughts. Like me, they are put off by other policies of the Republican Party as it is currently constituted. My first voter instinct is "none of the above"!

But no. As I study the "media", the "influencers", the statements of the party "leaders", I realize that the abortion issue is as important TO THEM as to us.

A heavy vote for Democrats will be considered a great victory for abortion, and we must deny them that victory. We must let them know we are still here, and we still care for the unborn. This year, of all years, a pro-life vote is vital to the cause of saving unborn babies and supporting their mothers.

Jean Grant