

Application for Consideration by the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (DPCCC)

- Send applications to: issues@contracostadems.com
- Applications may refer to resolutions or legislation.
- It is recommended that applications be submitted at least 72 hours prior to the next scheduled Issues Committee meeting. The Committee generally meets on the Monday before the first Thursday of the month.
- Please limit your application to 4 pages if possible.

Section I: Administrative Information - Approved Support April 20, 2023

Name or Title of Issue: *SB 36 (Skinner) Out-of-state criminal charges: prosecution related to abortion, contraception, reproductive care, and gender-affirming care.*

Date of application: *March 25, 2023*

Name of organization or individual submitting application: *Craig Cheslog*

Contact email or phone number: *925-708-5845*

Name of person who will address the Issues Committee, as required (if different): *n/a*

Contact email or phone number: *n/a*

Section II: Background Information

What is the summary of your issues' intent and impact? Include bill number if appropriate. *SB 36 would add protections for people who come to California seeking refuge from prosecution by other states that have criminalized abortions or health care that supports and affirms an individual's gender identity.*

Specifically, the legislation would make it illegal for bail agents or bounty hunters to apprehend people in California who have left another state to avoid criminal prosecution or imprisonment related to that state's criminalization of abortion or gender-affirming care. The bill would also ensure that benefits such as food and housing assistance would not be denied to individuals who left another state and traveled to California for purposes described above but would otherwise be eligible for such benefits.

The bill would strengthen California's status as a "Safe Haven" for abortion and gender-affirming care.

If you are requesting a position on legislation, please answer Questions 2-5.

- 1. What legislative body is considering this legislation (Federal/House, Federal/Senate, California Assembly, California Senate, or other Local Jurisdiction?) **California State Legislature***
- 2. Please include any companion bill numbers for legislation moving through the other house. **N/A***
- 3. What is the bill title? **Out-of-state criminal charges: prosecution related to abortion, contraception, reproductive care, and gender-affirming care.***
- 4. Who are the author and any co-authors of the bill? **The author of the bill is Senator Skinner.***
- 5. What position are you asking the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County to take? **Support***
- 6. How does this issue align with the California Democratic Party platform and/or values? If it does not currently align with the platform, please explain why it is a Democratic value that we seek to include in a future platform. Please include specific name/date of platform plank, previous legislation, or resolution. **The California Democratic Party's 2022 Platform Health Care section states that the party protecting "full reproductive health services that respects an individual's right to abortion." The Platform's Women's section states that the party will support preserving "confidential, unrestricted access to affordable, high quality, culturally sensitive health care services, including the full range of reproductive services, contraception and abortion, without requiring guardian, parental, or spousal consent or notification, or judicial intervention." The California Democratic Party's Resolution 19-05.19 resolved that "the California Democratic Party will always uphold a person's right to privacy and reproductive health including abortion and that we proudly state that California is a Reproductive Freedom state for all."***
- 7. What are the expected outcomes of your issue for residents of Contra Costa County? Please include any reference sources that will help our committee understand the issue/history surrounding the legislation, including URLs and web links. The more our committee knows, the better we can review and analyze the issue. **Women and other people who can become pregnant who came to Contra Costa County from other states would have additional protections against the bounty laws from states that have outlawed abortion or gender-affirming care. At least 13 states, according to the Guttmacher Institute, now have laws in place making it a felony to receive or perform an abortion; and the Kaiser Family Foundation reports that four states have enacted legislation banning gender-affirming care, with 15 additional states considering such legislation.***

8. *What is the timeline regarding your issue? Are there any deadlines or time constraints that the committee should be aware of when considering this matter, and making recommendations to the Central Committee membership? **SB 36 passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee by a 4-0 vote on March 14, 2023. It has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.***
9. *How does your issue relate to other current or proposed legislation? **SB 36 is included in the legislative package announced by the California Legislative Women's Caucus and the California Future of Abortion Council. This legislation is designed to expand access to reproductive health care and strengthen California's standing as a safe haven for abortion, contraception, and pregnancy care.***
10. *What has been the experience of your issue in previous legislative sessions and/or other states? **During the most recent legislative session, Gov. Newsom signed AB 1242 by Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and SB 107 by Senator Wiener, as well as other laws that made California a sanctuary state for abortion services and gender-affirming care. California voters also constitutional amendment in the November 2022 election that guarantees the right to abortion and contraception.***
11. *What is the fiscal impact of your issue? **The bill has not yet been analyzed by its fiscal impact.***
12. *Who are the primary proponents (including legislators) of this issue, and what resources do they bring to this effort? **Equality California, Access Reproductive Justice; American Atheists; California Attorneys for Criminal Justice; California Public Defenders Association; Ella Baker Center for Human Rights; John Burton Advocates for Youth; Oakland Privacy; Young Women's Freedom Center.***
13. *Are there other elected officials or organizations that have signed on in support? **The bill passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee by a 4-0 vote on March 14, 2023.***
14. *Who are the primary opponents? (Please be Specific) What arguments are used to oppose this policy? **Concerned Women for America; Right to Life League***
15. *Are there other elected officials or organizations that have declined support? If so, why? **Senator Ochoa Bogh did not record a vote on the bill during the Senate Public Safety Committee vote.***

Section III: Requested Actions in Support

If endorsed by DPCCC, how best can the DPCCC support this proposal? (The DPCCC Issues Committee will let you know how much support we can offer.)

- Use DPCCC's name/logo on fact sheets, endorsee list*
- Post information on DPCCC website*

- Written/oral testimony*
- Inform Contra Costa County Elected Delegation*
- Inform Endorsed Democratic Local Elected Officials*
- Action Alerts to members*
- Letters to the editor*
- Send to CADEM Legislation Committee*
- Other _____*

Endorsements will be shared on the DPCCC website and in other advocacy venues

If you have any questions, need additional assistance, or require ADA accommodations, please let us know by email at issues@contracostadems.com. You can also reach us by phone or text at (206) 619-5030. All information and communications are confidential.

*For more information on DPCCC's Issues Committee, visit:
<https://www.contracostadems.com/leadership>*

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