



Pro-Choice Minnesota News

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The November 4th General Election is fast approaching, and NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota is working hard to ensure pro-choice victories throughout Minnesota.

And we're not doing it alone. With the support and dedication of our donors, activists, volunteers, board members, student organizers, canvassers, and staff, we will elect pro-choice advocates up and down the ballot this November.

Now more than ever, we need to elect strong pro-choice leaders. **It is the only way we can begin to undo the damage brought upon by the Bush Administration.**

Federal Level

This election provides us with an opportunity to elect a solidly pro-choice President in Sen. Barack Obama. **After eight long years of the Bush Administration constantly working to erode women's right to privacy, we will have a voice in the White House to stand up for women's rights in Barack Obama.**

This election also provides us with an opportunity to elect two new pro-choice leaders as our representatives in Washington, D.C. In the Senate contest, Al Franken will be a strong and true champion for a woman's right to choose, and will be an important ally for us to support our policies. In the 3rd Congressional District election, candidate Ashwin Madia will be a strong advocate to protect a woman's right to choose, and will give Minnesota another strong voice for choice in the U.S. House of Representatives.

State Level

At the state level, **we have a rare opportunity to move the Minnesota House of Representatives from a mixed-choice body to a pro-choice majority** with victories in all races with a pro-choice candidate. With these wins, both bodies of Legislature would have pro-choice majorities, allowing NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota to fight for the common-sense policies Minnesota women deserve, and defeat dangerous anti-choice amendments.

With our member support, we will turn out Minnesota's majority pro-choice vote and elect a pro-choice President, Senator, U.S. Representative, and leaders at all levels. Please, use our voter's guide to find out who are the pro-choice candidates and show your support at the polls. And tell your family and friends and neighbors how important it is to support your pro-choice candidates.

In Choice,

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*The Abortion Provider Expansion Project (APEP) is a collaborative program between the NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota Foundation and Pro-Choice Resources.

NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota's Comedy for Choice a Huge Success!

A sold-out crowd filled the beautiful Suburban World Theatre on Wednesday, September 24th, to learn about the important work of NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota, to laugh and enjoy the evening, and to raise money to support our efforts.

Emcee Holly Davis led the audience through our evening of fun, with a special appearance from Rep. Frank Hornstein. We'd like to extend a special thank you to NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota endorsed candidates Rep. Phyllis Kahn, Rep. Ron Erhardt, and candidate Paul Rosenthal for also being part of our evening.

Speaking at the event, Linnea House, Executive Director said, *"All of us are here because we care about women. We are here because we believe that women's lives matter. We respect that women have the ability and right to make decisions about their own lives."*

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A Special Thank to our Artists for Choice for 2008: Jill Bernard, Nancy Donoval, Andy Erickson, Curt Lund, Amber Preston, and Claire Simonson



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Abortion Provider Expansion Project Update

At least half of all women experience an unintended pregnancy during their lifetimes, and one out of three women will have an abortion before the age of 45. Despite the prevalence of the experience, however, many medical and nursing students do not receive routine training in abortion care or counseling as part of their education.

"During my four years of medical school, the curriculum contained no training on induced abortions," says one Minnesota medical resident. Another new physician graduating from medical school this June reports, **"On perhaps what I consider the eve of my induction into the working trenches of doctors providing care to patients, I do not consider myself to have had sufficient exposure into what abortion is or what it exactly entails."**

The Abortion Provider Expansion Project (APEP), a program shared between the NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota Foundation and Pro-Choice Resources, works with medical and nursing students to help address this gap.

Through our clinical observation program, we provide opportunities for future practitioners to better understand how to deliver comprehensive care and accurate consultations to their future patients. Students tour a clinic, observe ultrasounds, sit in on counseling sessions with patients, and learn directly from the physicians and nurses who provide abortion care. In 2008 alone, dozens of APEP participants have spent over 100 days in clinical settings with providers.

Several of these students also pursue an intensive reproductive health externship experience facilitated by APEP, the national organization Medical Students for Choice, and participating clinics in the Twin Cities, Duluth, and Fargo. Over the course of the externship, students take part in workshops on ultrasound evaluation and pregnancy counseling, help advise patients on contraceptive options, observe abortion procedures and assist with IUD insertions under the supervision of attending physicians and clinic staff.

"I feel as though I can better understand or recommend a treatment or a therapy if I have seen the proposed intervention," explained one medical student. "The staff and physician I shadowed were fantastic. I would recommend this experience to anyone who is interested in women's health."

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Economic Bailout Package includes Extension of IRA Rollover Provision

As you are most likely aware, the President signed the historic \$700 billion economic bailout plan Friday, October 3rd. While the primary purpose of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 was to authorize government purchase of mortgaged-backed securities, the Act also contains some incentives for charitable giving, including an IRA charitable rollover, which was first included in the 2006 Pension Protection Act and expired at the end of 2007. The rollover has now been extended through the end of 2009.

The new law provides that in 2008 and 2009, an owner of a traditional or Roth IRA may distribute to a public charity, up to \$100,000 a year without the distribution being included in taxable income, and the distribution will count toward donor's mandatory withdrawal amount. To qualify for IRA rollover treatment:

- The donor must direct the IRA manager to transfer funds directly to a charity. (A withdrawal followed by a contribution would still have to be reported as income.)
- The donor must be at least age 70-1/2.
- The donee must be a tax-exempt organization to which deductible contributions can be made.

Giving to NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota Foundation

As a 501(c)(3) organization, NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota Foundation qualifies for the IRA Rollover provision. Instruct your IRA manager to direct your gift (of up to \$100,000) made payable to **NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota Foundation at 550 Rice Street, Saint Paul, MN 55103**, and be sure to send us a letter notifying us of the impending distribution, so we can properly acknowledge it.

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This year's General Election on November 4 will be an historic presidential race and as well as a highly contested race for the U.S. Senate. But there are also important elections taking place in every corner of Minnesota. With all 134 seats of the Minnesota House of Representatives up for grabs, this fall presents us with the opportunity to turnout mixed choice House of Representatives into a strong pro-choice majority.

**VOTE
PRO-CHOICE ON
NOVEMBER 4th!**

WHERE DO I VOTE?

Find out where to vote by visiting the Secretary of State at <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us> or call your County Auditor.



HOW TO READ VOTER GUIDE:

NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota endorsed candidates are listed as Pro-Choice and have a following their name.

Endorsements are based on their strong support of women's reproductive rights, health and access. Some pro-choice candidates who submitted their questionnaire after the deadline were unable to be considered for formal endorsement.

In one race, there was more than one fully pro-choice candidate and neither candidate was endorsed.

Races in which there are no known pro-choice candidates are indicated as such and do not include candidate names. Candidates who did not respond to the questionnaire are noted with a "DNR." The "Mixed-Choice" ranking refers to incumbents who voted pro-choice on some issues but did not qualify for endorsement by NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota. The "Anti-Choice" ranking is based on previous voting records, if applicable, or upon responses to the NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota Candidate Questionnaire. **Incumbent candidates are in bold.**

Find your district on the Address label! House District (HD) is listed above your name.

KNOW YOUR STUFF!

Pro-Choice Voter's Guide available at **[www.ProChoiceVoter.org!](http://www.ProChoiceVoter.org)**

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HD	NAME (PARTY)	RANKING
01A	No known pro-choice candidate	
01B	Bernie Lieder (DFL)	Mixed-Choice
01B	Lonn Kiel (RPM)	DNR
02A	No known pro-choice candidate	
02B	Brita Sailer (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
02B	Doug Lindgren (RPM)	DNR
03A	Tom Anzeic (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
03A	Marv Ott (RPM)	DNR
03A	W.D. (Bill) Hamm (IPM)	DNR
03B	Loren A. Solberg (DFL)	Mixed-Choice
03B	Carolyn McElfratrick (RPM)	DNR
04A	No known pro-choice candidate	
04B	Meg Bye (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
04B	Larry Howes (RPM)	Anti-Choice
05A	Tom Rukavina (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
05A	Greg Knutson (RPM)	DNR
05B	Anthony (Tony) Sertich (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
05B	John D. Larson (RPM)	DNR
06A	No known pro-choice candidate	
06B	No known pro-choice candidate	
07A	Thomas Huntley (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
07A	Ryan Stauber (RPM)	DNR
07B	No known pro-choice candidate	
08A	Bill Hilty (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
08A	Tim Hafvenstein (RPM)	DNR
08B	Tim Faust (DFL)	Mixed-Choice
08B	Judy Soderstrom (RPM)	DNR
09A	No known pro-choice candidate	
09B	No known pro-choice candidate	
10A	No known pro-choice candidate	
10B	No known pro-choice candidate	
11A	No known pro-choice candidate	
11B	No known pro-choice candidate	
12A	No known pro-choice candidate	
12B	No known pro-choice candidate	
13A	No known pro-choice candidate	
13B	No known pro-choice candidate	
14A	No known pro-choice candidate	
14B	No known pro-choice candidate	
15A	No known pro-choice candidate	
15B	No known pro-choice candidate	
16A	Gail Kulick Jackson (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16A	Sondra Erickson (RPM)	Anti-Choice
16B	No known pro-choice candidate	
17A	Jim Godfrey (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17A	Rob Eastlund (RPM)	Anti-Choice
17A	Daniel R. Sweeney (IVOTEMN.net)	
17B	Jeremy Kalin (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17B	Don Taylor (RPM)	DNR
18A	No known pro-choice candidate	
18B	No known pro-choice candidate	
19A	No known pro-choice candidate	
19B	No known pro-choice candidate	
20A	No known pro-choice candidate	
20B	No known pro-choice candidate	
21A	No known pro-choice candidate	
21B	No known pro-choice candidate	
22A	No known pro-choice candidate	
22B	No known pro-choice candidate	
23A	Terry Morrow (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23A	Mike Bidwell (RPM)	DNR
23B	Kathy Brynaert (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23B	Dale E. Jordan (RPM)	DNR
24A	No known pro-choice candidate	
24B	No known pro-choice candidate	
25A	No known pro-choice candidate	
25B	David Bly (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25B	Tim Rud (RPM)	DNR
26A	No known pro-choice candidate	
26B	No known pro-choice candidate	
27A	Robin Brown (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27A	Eric Larsen (RPM)	DNR
27B	Jeanne Poppe (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27B	Brian Thiel (RPM)	DNR
28A	Sandy Wollschlager (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
28A	Tim Kelly (RPM)	DNR

28B	Linda Pfeilsticker (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
28B	Steve Drazkowski (RPM)	DNR
29A	No known pro-choice candidate	
29B	Kim Norton (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
29B	Jason Johnson (RPM)	DNR
30A	Tina Liebling (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
30A	Jake Dettinger (RPM)	DNR
30B	Andy Welti (DFL)	Mixed-Choice
30B	Bill Kuisle (RPM)	DNR
31A	No known pro-choice candidate	
31B	Ken Tschumper (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
31B	Gregory M. Davids (RPM)	DNR
32A	Grace A. Baltich (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
32A	Joyce Peppin (RPM)	Anti-Choice
32B	No known pro-choice candidate	
33A	Nick Thomley (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
33A	Steve Smith (RPM)	Anti-Choice
33B	Kim Kang (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
33B	Connie Doepke (RPM)	DNR
34A	No known pro-choice candidate	
34B	No known pro-choice candidate	
35A	No known pro-choice candidate	
35B	No known pro-choice candidate	
36A	No known pro-choice candidate	
36B	Bev Topp (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
36B	Pat Garofalo (RPM)	Anti-Choice
37A	Shelley Madore (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37A	Tara Mack (RPM)	DNR
37B	No known pro-choice candidate	
38A	Sandra A. Masin (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38A	Diane Anderson (RPM)	DNR
38B	Mike Obermueller (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38B	Lynn Wardlow (RPM)	Anti-Choice
39A	Rick Hansen (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
39A	Bill Jungbauer (RPM)	DNR
39B	Joe Atkins (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
39B	Christian Rieck (RPM)	DNR
40A	Will Morgan (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
40A	Todd Johnson (RPM)	DNR
40B	No known pro-choice candidate	
41A	Kevin Staunton (DFL)	Pro-Choice
41A	Keith Downey (RPM)	DNR
41A	Ron Erhardt (IPM)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
41B	Paul Rosenthal (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
41B	Jan Schneider (RPM)	DNR
42A	Maria Rudd (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
42A	Shari May (RPM)	DNR
42B	No known pro-choice candidate	
43A	Clint Faust (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
43A	Sarah Anderson (RPM)	Anti-Choice
43B	John Benson (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
43B	Brian Grogan (RPM)	DNR
44A	Steve Simon (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
44A	Tracy Leahy (RPM)	DNR
44B	Ryan Winkler (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
44B	Brad Kadue (RPM)	DNR
45A	Sandra Peterson (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45A	Karen M. Nolte (RPM)	DNR
45B	Lyndon R. Carlson (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45B	Gregg Prest (RPM)	DNR
46A	Michael V. Nelson (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
46A	Gene Lotts (RPM)	DNR
46B	Debra Hilstrom (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
46B	Tim Olson (RPM)	DNR
46B	Allan Hancock (Green)	DNR
47A	Denise R. Dittrich (DFL)	Mixed-Choice
47A	Troy Buchholz (RPM)	DNR
47B	Melissa Hortman (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
47B	Andrew Reinhardt (RPM)	DNR
48A	Sharon Lawrence (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
48A	Tom Hackbarth (RPM)	Anti-Choice
48B	No known pro-choice candidate	
49A	No known pro-choice candidate	
49B	Jerry Newton (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49B	Jake Cimenski (RPM)	DNR
50A	Carolyn Laine (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
50A	Timothy D. Utz (RPM)	DNR

50B	Kate Knuth (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
50B	Lori Grivna (RPM)	DNR
51A	Shawn Hamilton (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
51A	Tim Sanders (RPM)	DNR
51A	Daniel William Sanders (IPM)	DNR
51B	Tom Tillberry (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
51B	Dave Balcom (RPM)	DNR
52A	No known pro-choice candidate	
52B	Kate Christopher (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
52B	Matt Dean (RPM)	Anti-Choice
53A	Paul Gardner (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
53A	John Kappler (RPM)	DNR
53B	No known pro-choice candidate	
54A	Mindy Greiling (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
54A	Mark Laliberte (RPM)	DNR
54B	Bev Scalze (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
54B	Julie K. Johnson (RPM)	DNR
54B	Paul Gaston (IPM)	DNR
55A	Leon M. Lillie (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
55A	Christine Jacobson (RPM)	DNR
55A	Bob Zick (IPM)	DNR
55B	Nora Slawick (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
55B	Joel Wellman (RPM)	DNR
56A	Julie Bunn (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
56A	Kathy Lohmer (RPM)	DNR
56B	Marsha Swails (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
56B	Lee Bohlsen (RPM)	DNR
57A	Karla Bigham (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
57A	Kurt Perkins (RPM)	DNR
57B	No known pro-choice candidate	
58A	Joe Mullery (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
58A	Grant Cermak (RPM)	DNR
58B	Bobby Joe Champion (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
58B	Yoman Brunson (RPM)	Anti-Choice
58B	Roger Smithrud (IPM)	DNR
59A	Diane Loeffler (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
59A	Felix Raymond Montez (RPM)	DNR
59A	David Joseph Degrio (IPM)	
59A	Lynne Torgerson (I)	
59B	Phyllis Kahn (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
59B	Ole K. Hovde (RPM)	DNR
59B	Ron Lischeid (IPM)	DNR
60A	Margaret Anderson Kelliher (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
60A	Eric Franzen (RPM)	DNR
60B	Frank Hornstein (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
60B	Adam Martin (RPM)	DNR
61A	Karen Clark (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
61A	S. Andrew Sheppard (RPM)	DNR
61B	Jeff Hayden (DFL)	Pro-Choice
61B	Kristen Lindberg (RPM)	DNR
61B	Farheen Hakeem (Green)	Pro-Choice
62A	Jim Davnie (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
62A	Dave Shegstad (RPM)	DNR
62B	Jean Wagenius (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
62B	Jeffrey Guinness (RPM)	DNR
63A	Paul Thissen (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
63A	Rene Ramirez (RPM)	DNR
63B	Linda Slocum (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
63B	Ed Field (RPM)	DNR
64A	Erin Murphy (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
64A	Meg Ferber (RPM)	DNR
64B	Michael Paymar (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
64B	Emory Dively (RPM)	DNR
65A	Cy Thao (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
65A	Paul Holmgren (RPM)	DNR
65B	Carlos Mariani (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
65B	Lisa Murphy (RPM)	DNR
66A	John Lesch (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
66A	Gilbert A. Higuera (RPM)	DNR
66B	Alice Hausman (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
66B	Mark A. Roosevelt (RPM)	DNR
67A	Tim Mahoney (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
67A	David McNutt (RPM)	DNR
67B	Sheldon Johnson (DFL)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
67B	David Carlson (RPM)	DNR
67B	SPECIAL ELECTION: State Senator	
67B	No known pro-choice candidate	

President

Barack Obama (Democrat)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John McCain (Republican)	Anti-Choice

U.S. Senate

Al Franken (Democrat)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Norm Coleman (Republican)	Anti-Choice

U.S. House of Representatives**District 3**

Ashwin Madia (Democrat)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eric Paulson (Republican)	Anti-Choice

District 4

Betty McCollum (Democrat)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ed Matthews (Republican)	Anti-Choice

District 5

Keith Ellison (Democrat)	Pro-Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Barb Davis White (Republican)	Anti-Choice

The above candidates have been endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota, and the NARAL Pro-Choice America PAC.

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