



# 2017 CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONS *of* CHOICE

When reproductive freedom is at risk, we can't settle for quiet allies. We need champions who will put their power to work to protect our rights.

We need people who won't be intimidated by virulent opposition, because they understand what's at stake. Reproductive freedom is about our economic security, our career paths, our ability to determine our futures.

The 2017 champions of choice are a shining example of just this kind of leadership. In the face of relentless attacks on reproductive freedom from Trump and the GOP Congress, we need more people to follow their example and fight for us in every city and county, in every courtroom and cultural outlet.

## SEN. HANNAH-BETH JACKSON



Reproductive freedom means supporting women at all stages of their reproductive lives. Sen. Jackson's New Parent Leave Act guarantees up to 12 weeks of job-protected leave for new parents to bond with their children. She also authored the bill that would have created a pro-choice license plate to fund family planning for low-income Californians.

## ASSEMBLYMEMBER LORENA GONZALEZ FLETCHER

Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher understands how closely economic security and reproductive freedom are linked. Thanks to her tireless work, families receiving assistance through CalWORKs will now be reimbursed for providing diapers for their children. She fought to protect workers' right to make private reproductive health decisions without losing their jobs, a bill that was sadly vetoed by Gov. Brown.



## DR. NATASHA SCHIMMOELLER

As a health care provider offering the full range of reproductive health services, Dr. Schimmoeller sees the importance of our work to fight for reproductive rights every day. She brings her knowledge and passion to making sure we pass policy that supports access to healthcare, including testifying in support of NARAL's bill to create a pro-choice license plate that would have funded family planning programs for low-income Californians.

## ASSEMBLYMEMBER CRISTINA GARCIA



As Chair of the California Legislative Women's Caucus, Assemblymember Garcia is at the forefront of the legislature's work to make life better for California women. She is tenacious in her ongoing fight to remove the unfair tampon tax, and succeeded in getting a new law in California requiring public schools to provide students with free feminine hygiene products.

## REV. DR. RICK SCHLOSSER

True religious freedom means respecting an individual's right to make decisions based on their own morals and values. Rev. Dr. Schlosser stood up to anti-choice groups who try to use religious freedom as a license to discriminate, testifying in support of NARAL's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act. He's a voice for the millions of people of faith in California who support reproductive freedom for all.



## GLORIA ALLRED



Acclaimed women's right attorney Gloria Allred understands the devastating impacts of reproductive health discrimination. She represented Teri James, a young woman who was fired from her job as a financial aid specialist at a Christian college because she was pregnant and unmarried. Ms. Allred brought Teri's devastating story to the State Capitol, urging the California state legislature to pass the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act so what happened to Teri would never happen again.

## NATO GREEN

Nato Green partners with NARAL to use the power of comedy to break down stigma around abortion and engage new activists in the fight for reproductive freedom. He has shown his commitment to advancing NARAL's mission through comedy by putting on sold-out comedy shows, coaching comics to share their personal experiences with reproductive health care, strategizing with some of comedy's brightest minds and producing hilarious and educational videos.



## ROBINA RICCIHELLO



Robina has been a longtime member of the NARAL Peninsula Power of Choice Leadership Council. She has gone above and beyond in her volunteering to advance NARAL's mission in northern California. She coordinated our inaugural Reproductive Freedom Town Halls, giving pro-choice voters an opportunity to get to know candidates for statewide office and their records in protecting and expanding reproductive freedom.