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NARAL Pro-Choice California Announces Dual Endorsement of Elizabeth Romero and Joy Silver in Senate District 28; Endorses Incumbent State Senator Nancy Skinner

Candidates Earn Endorsement from State's Leading Pro-Choice Advocacy Group

SACRAMENTO - Today, NARAL Pro-Choice California announced its dual endorsement of Elizabeth Romero and Joy Silver in a special election in Senate District 28 to fill the vacancy created by Senator Jeff Stone taking a position with the Trump Administration.

Senate District 28, a historically Republican-held district, is becoming increasingly competitive for Democrats. Stone was narrowly re-elected in the 2018 election against Joy Silver. In the runoff special election on May 12th, Romero or Silver will likely find themselves competing against Melissa Melendez, an anti-choice Republican with an extreme ideological agenda.

NARAL Pro-Choice California is also announcing its endorsement of incumbent State Senator Nancy Skinner for re-election in California's Senate District 9.

“We are proud to support both Elizabeth Romero and Joy Silver, two fearless reproductive freedom champions, for the special election in Senate District 28 and Sen. Nancy Skinner for re-election in Senate District 9,” said Shannon Hovis, Director of NARAL Pro-Choice California. **“Romero, Silver and Skinner have gone above and beyond to stand up for the reproductive rights of all people. They will bring and continue a deep commitment to expanding reproductive freedom for every person in California.”**

- Elizabeth Romero (SD-28) began her service in reproductive healthcare as a Youth Promotora at Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest (PPPSW) at the age of 15, later joining PPPSW again as their Director of Community and Government Relations where she helped to elect pro-choice champions to the California State Legislature.

- Joy Silver (SD-28) previously served as Chief Strategy Officer of Choices Women's Medical Centers, leading a team of medical professionals and support staff in providing quality comprehensive care to women.
- Sen. Nancy Skinner (SD-9) authored NARAL-supported SB 1190 in 2018, which would have provided redress to people involuntarily sterilized under state eugenics laws. She was a coauthor of NARAL-sponsored SB 24, to bring medication abortion to California's public universities, and is a principal coauthor of NARAL-sponsored ACR 110 to declare that California is a reproductive freedom state.

"I am proud to have earned the endorsement of one of the state's leading reproductive freedom advocacy organizations, NARAL Pro-Choice California," said Elizabeth Romero. "With the federal government continuing to attack the rights of women and families by attempting to undermine access to health care, we need champions in the State Senate who will stand up for Californians against the current Administration's dangerous agenda. I'm looking forward to being that champion and defending our shared values."

"To those of us like myself working in women's reproductive healthcare, NARAL's commitment to reproductive rights and fight for gender equity has always been inspirational," said Joy Silver. "Thank you NARAL for your years of hard work. I will always stand with you, and I am honored to receive your endorsement for my California State Senate race."

"I am proud and honored to receive NARAL's endorsement. In this time when women's reproductive rights are under assault, NARAL is a determined, visible and strong presence fighting on behalf of all of us," said Senator Nancy Skinner.

NARAL Pro-Choice California PrivacyPAC has previously endorsed in the following open seat and challenger races: Katrina Foley (SD-37), Melissa Fox (AD-68), dual endorsement of Kris Goodfellow and Abigail Medina (SD-23), Monique Limón (SD-19), Josh Newman (SD-29), Diedre Thu-Ha Nguyen (AD-72), Ann Ravel (SD-15), Dawn Addis (AD-35), Susan Eggman (SD-5), Shelly Masur (SD-13), Kipp Mueller (SD-21) and Chris Ward (AD-78).

NARAL Pro-Choice California PrivacyPAC has also already endorsed the following incumbent champions: Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (AD-16), Tasha Boerner Horvath (AD-76), David Chiu (AD-17), Lena Gonzalez (SD-33), Cottie Petrie-Norris (AD-74), Buffy Wicks (AD-15), Rob Bonta (AD-18), Marc Berman, (AD-24), Laura Friedman (AD-43), Lorena Gonzalez (AD-80), Scott Weiner (SD-11) and Jim Wood (AD-02).

Visit NARAL Pro-Choice California's [website](#) for a full list of endorsements in California.

A 2018 [poll](#) by NARAL Pro-Choice California showed that reproductive rights was a key issue for state voters, with eighty percent of respondents saying women's rights and reproductive freedoms are important to how they vote.

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NARAL Pro-Choice America and its network of state affiliates and chapters are dedicated to protecting and expanding reproductive freedom for all. For more than 50 years, NARAL has worked to guarantee that every woman has the right to make personal decisions regarding the full range of reproductive choices, including preventing unintended pregnancy, bearing healthy children, and choosing legal abortion. Since 1969, NARAL has made history, grown to over 2.5 million members, and met the moments that have defined this fight with action, power and freedom. In recognition of its work defending our constitutional right to choose, Fortune Magazine described NARAL as "one of the top 10 advocacy groups in America."

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