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Ashley All from Kansans For Constitutional Freedom to

What was the best news womxn and allies have had since Roe was overturned by the Supreme court in June? Kansas voters overwhelmingly defeated a state constitutional amendment that would have resulted in an almost complete ban on abortions.

The amendment was resoundingly defeated with a final tally of 59% against to 41% in favor. This result is even more amazing since Kansas is a red state that supported Trump in 2016.

This wasn't luck or magic. It was the result of a months-long effort by Kansans for Constitutional Freedom, a non-partisan coalition of voters. Their spokesperson Ashley All and staff crafted a message that appealed to voters from all corners of the state. Ads focused on real people - women, men, ministers and grandmothers - and equated the abortion bans with the elimination of individual rights and freedom. The mobilized electorate, focused on this issue, turned out in extraordinary numbers.

Ms. All is an accomplished communication and political strategist with more than 18 years' experience working primarily in red states including her home state, Kansas.

She holds a master's degree in Strategic Communication from Columbia. Ms. All is also the mother of 4 girls and has stated, "(T)his campaign was for them."



Ashley All

Ashley led the communication teams on six statewide campaigns, including two for governor, two for attorneys general, a U.S. Senate race and the most recent ballot initiative protecting reproductive rights in Kansas. She also has served as a top advisor to many more.

Ashley has worked closely with media professionals, public officials, large state agencies, political agencies, political candidates, and

non-profit organizations to craft strategic communication that connects with voters across the political spectrum in some of the most challenging political environments in the county. She also served as communications director for the Kansas attorney general and later the current governor of Kansas Laura Kelly.

Ms. All has gained national attention because of this victory for reproductive rights, a historic victory in the first vote in the nation on abortion rights in a post-Roe world. However, she is not resting on her laurels. She is already thinking about the next step - keeping people engaged for the battles ahead.

Members and friends of North Carolina NOW will have the opportunity to learn more about the non-partisan strategy from Ashley All when she speaks at the NC NOW state conference on Saturday, October 22.

The conference itself will be virtual via Zoom. It begins in the evening of Friday, Oct. 21 and continues the morning of Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 am until 1pm. Find more information and updates on the conference at: northcarolinanow.wordpress.com/conferences/. Register for the conference using the form on page three of this newsletter or online at <https://bit.ly/3Bn3DHS>.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Ashley All speak about the historic vote in Kansas. They really pulled off a miracle. We cannot wait!

Exponential Leap in Taxpayer Money Giveaways to CPCs in 2021/2022

There has been an exponential leap in taxpayer money giveaways to anti-abortion clinics known as crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs). N&O article "[NC's new state budget funds pregnancy centers that steer clients away from abortion](#)," did not explain that in 2022, the NC state budget gave ***an extra 3 million dollars*** to these anti-abortion clinics. That increases the current allocation to an unbelievable \$19 million over two years. Many believe these anti-abortion clinics are harmful and state funding of them is unconstitutional

The receiving clinics are known as crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) and CPC umbrella organizations and their sole purpose is to dissuade women and girls from getting abortions. Some describe themselves as Christian ministries. According to the American Medical Association (AMA) Journal of Ethics, [CPCs Are Legal but Unethical](#). "They strive to give the impression that they are clinical centers, offering legitimate medical services and advice, yet they are exempt from regulatory, licensure, and credentialing oversight that apply to health care facilities." Even worse, since they are not really medical clinics, **they are not bound by HIPAA privacy law**. There is nothing to stop the CPC volunteers or staff from giving the pregnant person's personal information to anyone, including right wing individuals or anti-abortion organizations that may stalk or harass these women and girls.

The growth in tax giveaways to the current \$19 million has been exponential. It [started with \\$250,000 in 2013](#). The legislative leadership already had allocated \$15.8 million over 2 years in the budget passed in 2021, so **the \$3.1 million addition in 2022 increased the 2 year allocation to \$19 million. The increase in 2022 was more than the total allocation in the 2 year 2017 budget**. In the 2017 budget, which was the last to be signed by a governor before 2021, the allocation was \$2.6 million over two years. 2017 was a great leap from 2015, when the allocation was for \$300,000. Before 2013, NO TAXPAYER MONEY WENT TO CPCs, as it should be.

In 2019, Professor and constitutional scholar Gene Nichol wrote about how the state giving taxpayer money to CPCs violates the First Amendment. Professor Nichol also wrote that funding CPCs is government sponsored religion.

It is not clear how the 2021 allocation got to be so unbelievably high because [the 2022 state budget was written in secret](#), with no input from the public or even many legislators. **It is clear** that no North Carolina taxpayer money should be funding these anti-abortion centers masquerading as medical clinics.

Insist on Truth In Media wrt Abortions

The media is accepting and parroting the anti-abortion campaigns' medically and factually incorrect terminology and explanations on abortion. Are they picking sides or just too lazy to verify and use correct terminology? It's rampant – from USA Today to Raleigh's News and Observer doing it. Six week abortion ban bills are often called 'heartbeat bills.' As I am sure you know, and as I had written to USA Today last year, "There is no heartbeat at 6 weeks because there is no heart yet! Six weeks of gestation is really four weeks after fertilization. This ban kicks in before most women know they are pregnant – less than a month after fertilization. At 6 weeks of gestation, the embryo is 6mm also known as less than a 1/4 inch. The embryo at the time the ban starts is the size of a grain of rice." USA Today was already using the incorrect terminology in 2021 when Texas passed their unconstitutional 6 week abortion ban bill SB 8 into law.



5/22/18 protest against CPCs at Senator Tillis' office in Raleigh

Photo Credit: Shana Becker

Proposed NC NOW Bylaws Changes

Update bylaws to allow for and to accommodate virtual meetings, also known as meetings conducted through technology assisted communications. See details of proposed changes at <https://wp.me/P22b2e-3vn>.

2022 NOW Virtual State Conference

Friday, October 21, and Saturday, October 22, through Zoom

Voting For Womxn's Lives NOW

We are looking forward to our third virtual conference. As in past conferences, we will have a keynote speaker, a panel discussion, and a workshop/training, along with a business meeting, which will include the election of officers for next year. There will also be ice breakers and entertainment. We hope you will consider a sponsorship to support the conference. Your support will move NC NOW's work forward at this critical time.

2022 NC NOW Conference Registration Form

Make checks payable to NC NOW and mail by October 14th, 2022, to:
 NC NOW State Conference, c/o Roberta Waddle, 3941 Gainey Rd., Fayetteville, NC 28306
 Online registration is available at <https://bit.ly/3Bn3DHS>.

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