



Uphold Values of the Democratic Party

Abstain on SB866, AB1993, and SB871

The democratic party has always stood for lifting up and empowering women and minority communities.

- **SB866, AB1993, and SB871** undermines the empowerment of women as mothers.
- **SB866, AB1993, and SB871** contradicts the Democratic Party's firm stance in their protection of a woman's right to bodily autonomy. These bills interfere with women's rights as they are no longer trusted to make decisions about the bodies of their children.
- **SB866, AB1993, and SB871** undermines ESL and non-English speaking communities. Education and ability to work is being utilized as a tool to continue to oppress children within these disadvantaged communities.

"Excluding unvaccinated children from in-person learning would come at an enormous cost, at a time when they should be catching up on critical academic and social experiences. In December, when the Los Angeles Unified School District tried to implement a K-12 COVID-19 vaccine mandate, they found that 30,000 students ages 12 and older hadn't met the mandate requirements. If we extrapolate those numbers to the entire state and take into account lower vaccination rates among children ages 5-11, over a million California children could be forced into remote learning. It is also important to acknowledge that Black and Latino children are less likely to be vaccinated, meaning they would likely be excluded at higher rates than their white peers."¹

These bills inadvertently imply that women and minority groups cannot be informed to make educated decisions for their families. It undermines the groups we have been working with to build a bridge and empower. As you stand firm on the matters of social justice and equity, make sure all groups are educated to make the right decisions rather than being forced.

A BETTER SOLUTION

1. A bill to improve resources for mental health, informed consent, and after lockdown support with targeted outreach to inform and educate parents, in their own language.
2. A bill to assess lock down impacts on children, women, and various demographics.²
 - Provide solutions to address negative impacts of the pandemic on children.
 - Provide support that empowers women and various demographics.
 - Provide solutions that increase **Equal Access to Education**.