

HIT: Elaine Luria has been endorsed by and received the financial backing of radical organizations that support defunding the police. She even took money from a member of her own party who called to “dismantle” a local police department.

Elaine Luria received a “100%” rating on Planned Parenthood’s 2020 Congressional Scorecard, she has been endorsed by Planned Parenthood, and she has taken \$6,000 from Planned Parenthood; Planned Parenthood supports defunding the police:

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(Planned Parenthood, “2020 Congressional Scorecard: Elaine Luria,” [Planned Parenthood](#), accessed 2/22/20)

- Luria received a \$1,000 campaign contribution from Planned Parenthood in July 2018, a \$1,000 campaign contribution in November 2019 and a third contribution of \$4,000 in March 2020.

Committee	Date(s)	Amount
Planned Parenthood Action Fund	7/30/18	<u>\$1,000</u>
Planned Parenthood Action Fund	11/6/19	<u>\$1,000</u>
Planned Parenthood Action Fund	3/24/20	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
TOTAL:		\$6,000.00

(Federal Election Commission, “Elaine for Congress: Receipts: Planned Parenthood Action Fund,” [FEC.gov](#), accessed 6/30/20)

- In a tweet on October 10, 2019, Luria announced that she had been endorsed by Planned Parenthood for the 2020 election cycle.



(Elaine Luria, [Twitter](#), 10/10/19)

- **Planned Parenthood supports defunding the police.** “Planned Parenthood Action Fund – in solidarity with patients, staff, and supporters – stands with the Movement for Black Lives’ call to defund the police. Defunding the police means investing less in militarizing police forces and investing more in community-based solutions, education, and health care.” (Planned Parenthood Action Fund, “Defunding the Police: What it Means and Why Planned Parenthood Supports It,” [Blog](#), 7/9/20)

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Elaine Luria has received an endorsement and financial support from NARAL Pro-Choice America, an organization that supports defunding the police:

- **Luria received an endorsement from NARAL Pro-Choice America.** “NARAL Pro-Choice America today announced its endorsement of Elaine Luria in her bid to represent Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District. ‘Elaine Luria has made it clear that supporting women’s access to reproductive health care will be one of her top priorities if elected to Congress,’ said Ilyse Hogue, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America. ‘Virginia women and families need fighters like Elaine Luria in Congress to stand up against the extreme, anti-choice GOP agenda and protect our most basic rights.’” (NARAL Pro-Choice America, “NARAL Pro-Choice America Endorses Elaine Luria on Her Bid For Congress,” [Press Release](#), 5/3/18)

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NARAL Pro-Choice America Endorses Elaine Luria on Her Bid For Congress

(NARAL Pro-Choice America, "NARAL Pro-Choice America Endorses Elaine Luria on Her Bid For Congress," [Press Release](#), 5/3/18)

- **Luria said she was proud to partner with NARAL.** "As the mother of a young daughter, I will be a strong advocate in Congress for protecting and expanding reproductive freedom for every woman in America,' said Luria 'I'm proud to partner with NARAL to protect women's access to reproductive healthcare and paid family leave.'" (NARAL Pro-Choice America, "NARAL Pro-Choice America Endorses Elaine Luria on Her Bid For Congress," Press Release, [NARAL](#), 5/3/18)
- **NARAL Pro-Choice America has donated \$8,500 to Elaine for Congress.**

Contributor name	Recipient	Election	State	Receipt date	Amount	
NARAL PRO-CHOICE AMERICA PAC	ELAINE FOR CONGRESS	PRIMARY	DC	11/04/2019	\$2,500.00	▶
NARAL PRO-CHOICE AMERICA	ELAINE FOR CONGRESS	GENERAL	DC	10/31/2018	\$5,000.00	▶
NARAL PRO-CHOICE AMERICA	ELAINE FOR CONGRESS	PRIMARY	DC	06/04/2018	\$1,000.00	▶

(Federal Election Commission, "[Elaine for Congress: Total Receipts: Other committee contributions: NARAL Pro-Choice America](#)," accessed 8/26/20)

- **NARAL Pro-Choice supports defunding the police.**

NARAL Pro-Choice America supports the demands of the Movement for Black Lives, including defunding the police and investing in Black communities, which are a response to hundreds of years of systemic oppression and the failure of reforms to address urgent needs and injustices. Budgets reflect our priorities. As such, the call to defund the police is also a call for investment in Black communities—in urgent needs that are currently underfunded, like access to healthcare, education, social services, and more. Through this investment, we can work to make sure every person, every parent, and every family is able to thrive.

(NARAL Pro-Choice America, "[Supporting Policies: Racial Justice](#)," accessed 8/28/20)

Luria received a \$1,000 donation from Ilhan Omar in 2018; Omar supported dismantling of the Minneapolis police department:

- **Ilhan Omar supported dismantling the police.** "Ilhan Omar, a Democratic congresswoman from Minnesota who called for the dismantling of the Minneapolis police department, stated in a tweet Sunday that defunding the police means removing funds

given from police departments and allocating it to other segments of the community.” (Eddy Rodriquez, “Which Lawmakers Support Defunding the Police?” [Newsweek](#), 6/12/20)

- In October 2018 Elaine Luria received a \$1,000 contribution from Ilhan Omar.

Contributor name	Recipient	Election	State	Receipt date	Amount
ILHAN FOR CONGRESS	ELAINE FOR CONGRESS	GENERAL	MN	10/29/2018	\$1,000.00

(Federal Election Commission, “Elaine for Congress: Receipts,” [FEC.gov](#), 10/29/18)

Editor’s Note: As of August 28, 2020, Elaine Luria has not [refunded](#) Ilhan Omar’s donation.

Ilhan Omar was said to be “calling up a negative and harmful stereotype of Jewish Americans,” Omar was “widely accused of anti-Semitic speech;” Omar also downplayed 9/11 by saying “some people did something;”

- In 2012, Omar stated on social media that Israel had “hypnotized the world” and tweeted an anti-Semitic trope — “It’s all about the Benjamins” — in February 2019 when challenged on her critical position of Israel. “It’s far from the first time Omar has faced wrath for tweets over Jewish/Israel issues. In an infamous 2012 post she claimed that ‘Israel has hypnotized the world,’ during the height of a conflict with Gaza. In March Former Ku Klux Klan boss David Duke has called her ‘the most important member of the U.S. Congress.’” (Jon Levine, “Rep. Ilhan Omar Accused of Anti-Semitism Before CAIR Gala Speech,” [New York Post](#), 11/9/19)
- Due to tweets in which Ilhan Omar was said to be “calling up a negative and harmful stereotype of Jewish Americans,” Omar was “widely accused of anti-Semitic speech.” “In February, Omar responded to a tweet from journalist Glenn Greenwald, who posted about House GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy threatening to punish Omar and another congresswoman for being critical of Israel. Omar wrote back, ‘It’s all about the Benjamins baby,’ a line about \$100 bills from a Puff Daddy song. Critics jumped on the tweet and said Omar was calling up a negative and harmful stereotype of Jewish Americans. In another tweet soon after, Omar named the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, or AIPAC, saying it was funding Republican support for Israel. This tweet received bipartisan backlash, and Omar was widely accused of anti-Semitic speech. Omar apologized and said she was learning about ‘the painful history of anti-Semitic tropes’ but held onto her criticism of AIPAC’s lobbying.” (Cody Nelson, “Minnesota Congresswoman Ignites Debate on Israel and Anti-Semitism,” [NPR](#), 3/7/19)
- In March 2019, Omar downplayed 9/11, saying that “some people did something.” “The message came just hours before Omar was to address the Council of American Islamic Relations in Washington, DC, for their annual gala. That’s the same host organization she spoke before in March, when she was accused of downplaying the 9/11 attacks as ‘some people did something.’ She is sharing the stage with Bernie Sanders surrogate Linda Sarsour.” (Jon Levine, “Rep. Ilhan Omar Accused of Anti-Semitism Before CAIR Gala Speech,” [New York Post](#), 11/9/19)

Luria received \$1,500 from Rep. Barbara Lee, who said she was “proud” of what Minneapolis decided to do in dismantling their police department:

- Elaine Luria received \$1,500 from Rep. Barbara Lee in 2018.

Contributor name	Recipient	Election	State	Receipt date	Amount
BARBARA LEE FOR CONGRESS	ELAINE FOR CONGRESS	GENERAL	CA	09/28/2018	\$1,500.00

(Federal Election Commission, accessed 8/27/20)

- **Barbara Lee said she was “proud” of Minneapolis deciding to dismantle their police department.** “Already, nine Minneapolis City Council members vowed to dismantle the city’s police department...‘I was really proud of what Minneapolis unanimously decided. But it’s up to each community,’ added Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.), a senior member of the CBC, in an interview.” (Sarah Ferris, Marianne Levine and Heather Caygle, “Hill Democrats quash liberal push to ‘defund the police’,” [Politico](#), 6/8/20)
 - **Nine members of the Minneapolis City Council pledged to dismantle the Minneapolis police department.** “Nine members of the Minneapolis City Council – a veto-proof majority – pledged on Sunday to dismantle the Police Department, promising to create a new system of public safety in a city where law enforcement has long been accused of racism. Saying that the city’s policing system could not be reformed, the council members stood before hundreds of people gathered late in the day on a grassy hill and promised to begin the process of taking apart the Police Department as it now exists.” (Dionne Searcey & John Eligon, “Minneapolis Will Dismantle Its Police Force, Council Members Pledge,” [New York Times](#), 6/7/20)

Editor’s Note: Minneapolis City Council did not officially [vote](#) on this until June 26th.

Barbara Lee mourned the passing of Fidel Castro and referred to him as a “global leader:”

- **Lee said Fidel Castro was a global leader who should be mourned.** “As the world reacted with mixed feelings Saturday to the death of Fidel Castro, a Bay Area member of Congress who’s visited Cuba more than 20 times called him a global leader who should be mourned. ‘We need to stop and pause and mourn his loss,’ Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Oakland, said in a phone interview. When she learned the news, Lee said, ‘I was very sad for the Cuban people. He led a revolution in Cuba that led social improvements for his people.’ In her eight meetings with Castro over the years, Lee said, she found him to be ‘a smart man. A historian. He wanted normal relations with the United States but not at the expense of the accomplishments of the revolution.’” (Thomas Peele, “Congresswoman Barbara Lee praises Castro, bashes Trump,” [Mercury News](#), 11/26/16)

Anthony Brown has donated \$1,000 to Elaine Luria’s campaign; when asked what “defund the police” meant to Anthony Brown, he said that “systemic racism pervades far too many police departments” and that “structural and transformational change in our police departments to root out the racial bias” is needed:

- **Anthony Brown for Congress donated \$1,000 to Elaine for Congress in March 2020.**

Contributor name	Recipient	Election	State	Receipt date	Amount
ANTHONY BROWN FOR CONGRESS	ELAINE FOR CONGRESS	PRIMARY	MD	03/14/2020	\$1,000.00

(Federal Election Commission, “[Elaine for Congress: Total Receipts: Other committee contributions: Anthony Brown for Congress](#),” accessed 8/28/20)

- **When asked what “defund the police” meant to Rep. Anthony Brown, he said that “systemic racism pervades far too many police departments” and that “structural and transformational change in our police departments to root out the racial bias” is needed.** “Systemic racism pervades far too many police departments. We need structural and transformational change in our police departments to root out the racial bias that has taken the lives of far too many Black and Brown Americans. That means reducing militarization, removing bad officers, eliminating obstacles to criminal prosecutions and civil damages for illegal behavior, banning chokeholds and no-knock warrants, eliminating racial profiling and increasing transparency. Officers should act as guardians of the community, not warriors. This week, the House will vote on the Justice in Policing Act which will begin to bring about these necessary changes. We have to make greater investments in our communities, and acknowledge that for far too long we have neglected to address structural disparities and the needs of our communities. Gaps in economic opportunity, mental-health, housing, pre-K and health care, all of which have widened along racial lines during this pandemic. Our action on these issues must reflect that reality.” (Bruce DePuyt, “Anthony Brown on Hogan: ‘He Hasn’t Led on a Single Thing He Campaigns On,’” [Maryland Matters](#), 6/23/20)
 - **Rep. Brown said “we need to rein in law enforcement, hold police accountable and reform the ways in which we insure the safety of the public.”** “I am definitely encouraged by the generational diversity, and the racial and ethnic diversity, that we are witnessing in support of this battle cry that now is the time, enough is enough, and we need to rein in law enforcement, hold police accountable and reform the ways in which we insure the safety of the public.” (Bruce DePuyt, “Anthony Brown on Hogan: ‘He Hasn’t Led on a Single Thing He Campaigns On,’” [Maryland Matters](#), 6/23/20)