

STATEMENT

Kristen McDonald-Rivet has been endorsed by and taken money from radical organizations that have called for de-funding the police. She has voted against funding school resource officers and has called for an overhaul of policing, saying that “it was a structure put in place to oppress.”

Verification

Defund The Police

Rivet Claimed That She Did Not Know A Single Elected Democrat That Has Ever Called For Defunding The Police

VIDEO: “I Don’t Know A Single Elected Democrat That’s Ever Called For Defunding The Police.” (WSGW, [Facebook](#), 10/26/22) Minute: 11:58 – 12:03

Rivet Took \$21,000 From A Soros Funded Organization That Pushed To Defund The Police

Rivet Took \$21,000 From PAC For America’s Future. ([Follow The Money](#), Accessed: 2/6/24)

Candidate	Election Status	Date of Candidate	Specific Party	General Party	Election Jurisdiction	Election Year	Election Type	Office Sought	Incumbency Status	Original Name	Contributor	Type of Contributor	Specific Business	General Industry	Board Sector	Amount	Date	Last Updated
McDONALD RIVET KRISTEN	NON-GENERAL	2022	DEMOCRATIC	DEMOCRATIC	MI	2022	STANDARD	SENATE DISTRICT 8TH	OPEN	THE PAC FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE	PAC FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE	NON-INDIVIDUAL	DEMOCRATIC/LIBERAL POLICY ORGANIZATION	LIBERAL POLICY ORGANIZATION	EDUCATION/ISSUE	\$11,000	09/16/22	11/03/22
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([Follow The Money](#), Accessed: 2/6/24)

PAC For America’s Future Is The PAC For The Future Now Fund And Is Soros Funded.

“The Future Now Fund (also called PAC for America’s Future) is a partisan super PAC/PAC hybrid (Carey Committee) based in Washington, D.C. The group spends heavily in support of Democrats running for state legislative races in battleground states, with funding from liberal donors such as George Soros’ Democracy PAC and the defunct, Bermuda-based foundation Atlantic Philanthropies. It is associated with the nonprofit Future Now Action, which develops campaign strategy for Democratic candidates and left-of-center organizations.” (“Future Now Fund (PAC for America’s Future),” [Influence Watch](#), Accessed: 2/6/24)

Future Now Supported Defunding The Police. “The States Project, a pro-defund police group that rebranded themselves from Future Now after coming under scrutiny in the fall of 2021, announced they would spend \$60 million to support Democrats in state legislative races across the country.” (Jacob Bliss, “Pro-Defund The Police Organization Dumps \$60 Million Into State Legislative Races To Back Democrats,” [Breitbart](#), 9/23/22)

Skillman Foundation

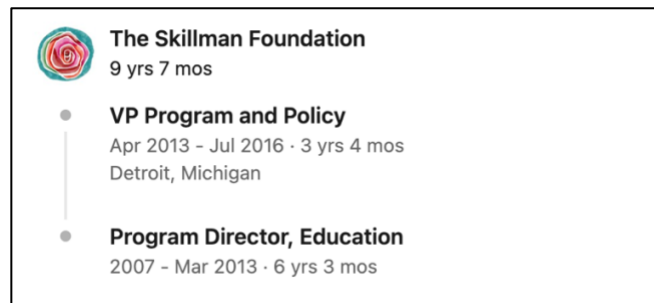
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In August 2007, Rivet Joined The Skillman Foundation As A Senior Program Officer, Managing The Foundation’s Education And Early Childhood Work. ([Detroit Free Press](#), 8/8/07)



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From 2007 Through March 2013, Rivet Served As The Program Director Of Education At The Skillman Foundation. (Kristen McDonald, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed: 2/9/24)

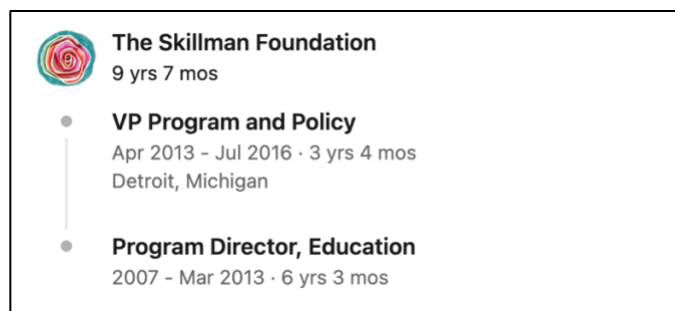


(Kristen McDonald, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed: 2/9/24)

In 2013, Rivet Was Promoted To Vice President Of Program And Policy For The Skillman Foundation, And Served In That Position Through July 2016

Rivet Was Promoted To Program Director And Later Vice President Of Program And Policy. “Kristen joined the Foundation in 2007 as a senior program officer. During her nine years at the Foundation, she was promoted to program director and later to her current role as vice president of program and policy. Assuming the role of president and CEO at the Greater Midland Community Center, Kristen continues on her career path as a proven strategist and leader.” (The Skillman Foundation, “Kristen McDonald Steps Down As Skillman Foundation Vice President To Lead Greater Midland Community Center,” [Press Release](#), 6/28/16)

From April 2013 Through July 2016, Rivet Served As The Vice President Of Program And Policy At The Skillman Foundation. (Kristen McDonald, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed: 2/9/24)



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In June 2016, Rivet Left Her Role As Vice President Of Program And Policy At The Skillman Foundation To Serve As President And CEO Of Greater Midland. “The Skillman Foundation’s Vice President of Program and Policy Kristen McDonald is exiting her role at the Foundation to serve as president and CEO of the Greater Midland Community Center. The Foundation is tremendously grateful for Kristen’s leadership and wishes her continued success as she applies her talents to help improve the lives of children and families in her home community of greater Midland.” (The Skillman Foundation, “Kristen McDonald Steps Down As Skillman Foundation Vice President To Lead Greater Midland Community Center,” [Press Release](#), 6/28/16)

The Skillman Foundation Published An Op-Ed Calling For The Defunding Of Police

In 2021, The Skillman Foundation Published An Op-Ed Calling For The Defunding Of Police. “I am calling for something more than disbelief, more than shock or even horror. We cannot deny the flat-out injustices that have occurred. I support defunding the police and every other demand that Black Lives Matter Global Network has stated. On Jan. 6, Americans of all backgrounds were shown a truth that Black Americans have known forever: Law enforcement protects and upholds white supremacy. I believe defunding the police is a step toward righting various injustices. I would like to see much of the money now dedicated to policing go instead to education. Black students, especially, need resources and healing practices. We need more social workers and counselors, and more teachers, too. We need new antiracist curriculums that tell the stories of marginalized people beyond our oppression. It’s also time to invest in Black neighborhoods to ensure access to physical and mental health care, and to make sure there are safe spaces for our youth.” (Ama Russell, “I Am A Student Black Lives Matter Activist. The Capitol Insurrection Didn’t Surprise Me.,” [The Skillman Foundation](#), 1/14/21)

In 2020, Rivet Posted A Photo From A George Floyd Protest In Which She Called For An “Overhaul,” And Claimed Policing In The United States Was “A Structure Put In Place To Oppress”

On June 3, 2020, Rivet Posted A Photo From A George Floyd Protest In Which She Called For An “Overhaul,” And Appeared To Claim Policing In The United States Was “A Structure Put In Place To Oppress.” “Tonight’s protest in Bay City. We can’t stand silent. George Floyd was murdered while pleading for his life and calling for his mother. Again and again this happens in cities across the country, born of a structure put in place to oppress. It can’t be fixed with small gestures. We need an overhaul now. Demand action. Vote. Silence is betrayal.” (Kristen McDonald Rivet, [Facebook](#), 6/3/20)



(Kristen McDonald Rivet, [Facebook](#), 6/3/20)

School Resource Officer

In 2023, Rivet Voted Against Having A School Resource Officer In Every Michigan School

On May 11, 2023, Rivet Voted Against The Amendment To Ensure A School Resource Officer In Every School. (SB 173 – Senator Thisis Amendment, [Roll Call #276](#), Failed: 17 – 20, Rivet Voted Nay, 5/11/23)

Roll Call No. 276			
Yeas—17			
Albert	Hauck	Lauwers	Outman
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Damoose			
Nays—20			
Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Polehanki
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Santana
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Camilleri	Hertel	McMorrow	Singh
Cavanagh	Irwin	Moss	Wojno
Excused—1			
Victory			

(SB 173 – Senator Thisis Amendment, [Roll Call #276](#), Failed: 17 – 20, Rivet Voted Nay, 5/11/23)

The Amendment Offered By Senator Lana Thisis Would Have Ensured A School Resource Officer At Every School. “A public school, district, or intermediate district that receives funding under this section shall use the funding only to ensure that it has at least 1 school resource officer at its school, district, or intermediate district to do 1 or more of the following in his or her

service at the school, district, or intermediate district” (“2023 Senate Bill 173 / Public Act 103,” [Michigan Votes](#), Accessed: 1/17/24)

Amendment offered by Sen. Lana Theis (R-22)

1.
Amend page 295, following line 9, by inserting:
“Sec. 97b. (1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2022-2023 2023-2024 an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.00 \$50,000,000.00 to public schools, districts, and intermediate districts as prescribed in this section.
(2) To receive funding under this section, a public school, district, or intermediate district must apply for the funding to the department of state police, grants and community services division, in a form and manner prescribed by the department of state police, and must pledge, in its application, that it will provide 50% matching funds for the funds it receives under this section.
(3) The department of state police shall not award funding under subsection (1) to a public school, district, or intermediate district in relation to the same school building more than once in a single grant application period. If a district submits an application under subsection (2) relating to a school building and a public school within that district also submits an application for funding in relation to that same school building, the department of state police shall not allocate funding under subsection (1) twice for that school building. If a public school, district, or intermediate district submits more than 1 application, the department of state police shall first consider the most recent application submitted in considering funding under subsection (1).
(4) A public school, district, or intermediate district that receives funding under this section shall use the funding only to ensure that it has at least 1 school resource officer at its school, district, or intermediate district to do 1 or more of the following in his or her service at the school, district, or intermediate district:
(a) Assist school administration in ensuring the physical safety of school buildings of the school, district, or intermediate district and the individuals inside the school buildings.
(b) Work with school administration to develop safety procedures for potential threats in school buildings of the school, district, or intermediate district.
(c) Welcome, counsel, and mentor students.
(d) Educate students about law-related topics, as appropriate.
(e) De-escalate aggression that occurs between students or between students and school, district, or intermediate district staff.
(f) Mentor students as advisors and role models.
(5) Funds allocated under this section may be used to hire new school resource officers or to increase the hours for current school resource officers. This funding may be used whether the school resource officers are hired from public employers or from private security companies.
(6) (5) Funds allocated under this section for 2022-2023 2023-2024 are a work project appropriation, and any unexpended funds for 2022-2023 2023-2024 are carried forward into 2023-2024, 2024-2025. The purpose of the work project is to continue providing funding to support public schools, districts, and intermediate districts in having school resource officers at schools, districts, or intermediate districts. The estimated completion date of the work project is September 30, 2027.2028.
(7) (6) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make payments under this section on a schedule determined by the department.
(8) (7) As used in this section, “public school” means that term as defined in section 5 of the revised school code, MCL 380.5,” and adjusting the totals in section 11 and enacting section 1 accordingly.
2. Amend page 382, line 23, after “97,” by striking out “97b.”
3. Amend page 382, line 29, after “98b.1697,” by striking out “98b.1697b.”
The amendment failed 17 to 20 (details)

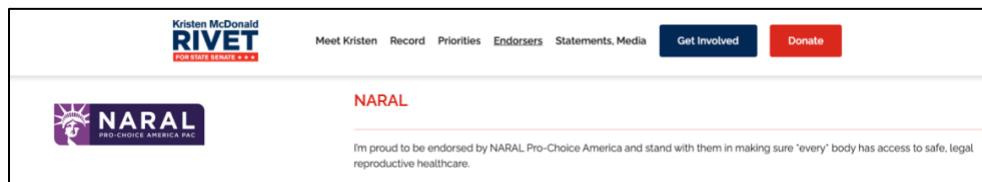
(“2023 Senate Bill 173 / Public Act 103,” [Michigan Votes](#), Accessed: 1/17/24)

According To Studies, The Presence Of SROs Lead To A Decrease In Violent Incidents In Schools, Including Rape, Robbery, And Physical Attacks. “That said, by at least one definition, they do appear to make a difference in one dimension of safety. A series of recent studies conclude that the presence of SROs does appear to lead to declines in violent incidents in schools, such as rape, robbery, and physical attacks.” (Stephen Sawchuck, “School Resource Officers (SROs), Explained,” [Education Week](#), 11/16/21)

NARAL Pro-Choice/Reproductive Freedom For All

McDonald Rivet Was Endorsed By NARAL Pro-Choice America

In 2022, NARAL Endorsed McDonald Rivet For State Senate. (“Endorsements,” Kristen McDonald Rivet For State Senate via [Wayback Machine](#), Accessed 7/31/24)



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Reproductive Freedom For All Supported Defunding The Police

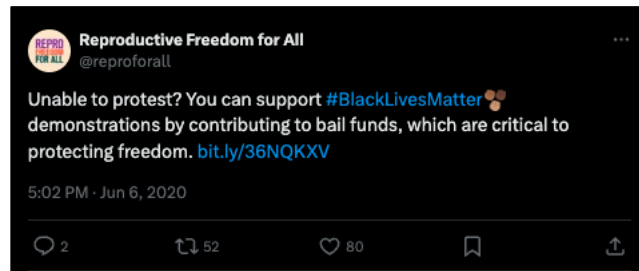
In August 2023, Then-NARAL Supported Defunding The Police. “NARAL Pro-Choice America supports the demands of the Movement for Black Lives, including defunding the police and investing in Black communities, which are a response to hundreds of years of systemic oppression and the failure of reforms to 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.” (“Racial Justice,” [NARAL](#), Accessed Via WayBack: 8/24/23)

In September 2023, NARAL Pro-Choice America Changed Its Name To Reproductive Freedom For All. “NARAL Pro-Choice America, an influential abortion-rights group, announced

Wednesday that it is changing its name to Reproductive Freedom for All.” (Kimberlee Kruesi, “Abortion-Rights Group Rebrands To Reproductive Freedom For All In Post-Roe World,” [Associated Press](#), 4/4/24)

In June 2020, Reproductive Freedom For All Encouraged Their Followers To Contribute To Bail Funds In Support Of Demonstrators And Shared An Article Featuring The Minnesota Freedom Fund And Their Recommendations Of Who To Contribute To

In June 2020, Reproductive Freedom For All Encouraged Their Followers To Contribute To Bail Funds In Support Of Demonstrators. “Unable to protest? You can support #BlackLivesMatter demonstrations by contributing to bail funds, which are critical to protecting freedom.” (Reproductive Freedom For All, [Twitter](#), 6/6/20)



(Reproductive Freedom For All, [Twitter](#), 6/6/20)

The Link Shared By Reproductive Freedom For All Highlighted Minnesota Freedom Fund And Their Recommendations Of Who To Contribute To. “After being shared widely on social media, the Minnesota Freedom Fund (MFF), a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending mass incarceration while investing in restorative justice, has received an outpouring of support. In fact, the MFF has received so many donations, the organization announced on June 2 that it has paused receiving anymore support for the moment. Earlier this week, the MFF told Forbes it had received \$20 million in four days, thanks to donations from at least 150,000 donors. (Prior to this, the organization says it had only raised \$75,000 to \$80,000 this year.)” (De Elizabeth And Jewel Wicker, “How To Support The Protesters Demanding Justice For George Floyd,” [Teen Vogue](#), 6/8/20)

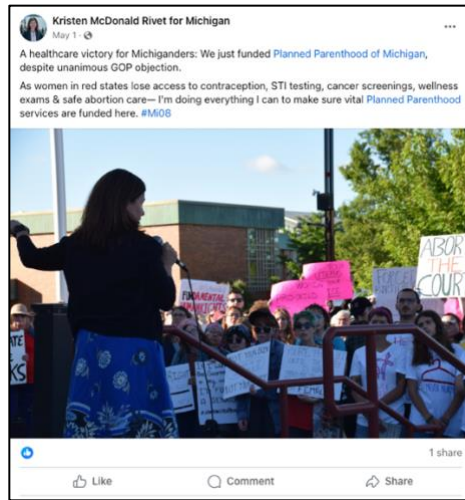
Planned Parenthood

In 2022 McDonald Rivet Was Endorsed By Planned Parenthood

McDonald Rivet Was Endorsed By Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan.

(“Endorsements,” Kristen McDonald Rivet For State Senate via [Wayback Machine](#), Accessed 7/31/24)

On May 1, 2024, McDonald Rivet Posted To Facebook That Michigan Democrats “Funded Planned Parenthood Of Michigan.” “A healthcare victory for Michiganders: We just funded Planned Parenthood of Michigan, despite unanimous GOP objection. As women in red states lose access to contraception, STI testing, cancer screenings, wellness exams & safe abortion care— I’m doing everything I can to make sure vital Planned Parenthood services are funded here. #MIO8” (Kristen McDonald Rivet For Michigan, [Facebook](#), May 1, 2024)



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Defund The Police

Planned Parenthood Action Fund And Planned Parenthood Federation Of America Called For Defunding The Police

“Planned Parenthood Stands With The Movement For Black Lives' Call To Defund The Police” (“Planned Parenthood Stands With The Movement For Black Lives' Call To Defund The Police,” [Planned Parenthood Action Fund](#), Accessed: 4/4/24)

Planned Parenthood Action Fund Supported 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.” (“Defunding the Police: What it Means and Why Planned Parenthood Supports It,” [Planned Parenthood Action Fund](#), 7/9/20)

In June 2020, Planned Parenthood Action Fund Called For Defunding The Police And Investing In Black Communities. (Planned Parenthood Action, [Twitter](#), 6/21/20)



(Planned Parenthood Action, [Twitter](#), 6/21/20)

In July 2020, Planned Parenthood Action Fund Tweeted That They Stood With Black Lives Matter And Their Calls To Defund The Police. “We stand with @Mvmnt4BlkLives' call to defund the police. That means politicians must shift their priorities from investing in forces that brutalize Black people — toward infrastructure that strengthens and protects Black communities.” (Planned Parenthood Action, [Twitter](#), 7/10/20)



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