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Re: **Ala Stanford Comments/Actions**

Summary of Findings

- Stanford compared calling Israel's war in Gaza a genocide to "saying the N-word around me," while stating she supported a two-state solution and opposed funding weapons that "harm and kill children and families."
 - Stanford's campaign received at least \$2 million in super PAC support from the 314 Action Fund, which received a \$1 million contribution from AIPAC's United Democracy Project in 2024. The 314 Action Fund was accused of serving as a conduit for AIPAC funding in two 2024 Oregon Democratic primaries.
- 2026: Stanford opposed the "blatant legalization of marijuana," suggesting it could be "laced with something."
- 2025: Stanford declined to rule out accepting pharmaceutical company donations, saying, "I would not say that I wouldn't take money from pharmaceutical companies [...] I won't emphatically say no, because if it will benefit my community in this district, then I would."
- Despite rising to greater prominence due to her work during the COVID-19 pandemic, Stanford made several potentially controversial comments surrounding the virus and attempts to mitigate it:
 - In July 2020, Stanford stated that an mRNA vaccine "may cause you to develop the disease."
 - As a member of Philadelphia's Vaccine Advisory Committee, Stanford said "giving the vaccine to Black people first isn't a race-based approach; it's evidence-based" and "they should be the first to get it."
 - In 2021, Stanford accompanied Will Smith on his intercontinental book tour across five cities, three time zones, and two continents despite continued COVID spread in 2021.
- In October 2025, Stanford was "in the process of moving into" the 3rd Congressional District, with her candidacy paperwork listing a P.O. box as her address.
- Stanford attended exclusive Pennsylvania Society fundraisers, which good-government groups have called a "glorified pay-to-play winter carnival."
- In 2021, Stanford suggested Afghan immigrants were being prioritized for jobs over Haitians, writing, "I heard Amazon and UPS etc. were offering jobs for Afghans to be gainfully employed in the US but saw footage of Haitians being herded by authorities on horses."

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According to The Philadelphia Inquirer in March 2026, Stanford "believes Palestinians 'deserve to have safety and freedom,' but thinks it's inflammatory when her progressive opponent, State Rep. Chris Rabb, calls Israel's war in Gaza a 'genocide.' 'I know when you use the G-word how hurtful it is to a group of people,' she said. 'It's like someone saying the N-word around me. I don't want to hear that. And every time you shout that from the rooftops, how many people are you hurting?' [The Philadelphia Inquirer, [3/18/26](#)]

Stanford Said She Supported The 'Right To Life With Freedom And Dignity And Safety' For Israelis And Palestinians And Said 'I Believe In A Two-State Solution'

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2026: Stanford Said 'I Believe In A Two-State Solution' And Said She Opposed 'Funding Weapons That Go To War That Harm And Kill Children And Families.' According to the Chestnut Hill Local in January 2026, Stanford said "[a]s a mother and as a pediatric surgeon who has operated on bodies that are riddled with bullets, my stance is humanitarian. I believe in a two-state solution. I believe that Israelis should exist. I believe Palestinians should exist. I believe that we should not be funding weapons that go to war that harm and kill children and families. There is no way to justify that behavior." [Chestnut Hill Local, [1/21/26](#)]

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2024: The 314 Action Fund Received \$1M From AIPAC. According to The Philadelphia Inquirer in April 2026, "[h]owever, 314 has taken only one contribution from an AIPAC-linked group, according to federal records. In 2024, 314 received a \$1 million check from AIPAC's super PAC, the United Democracy Project. At the time, both organizations were backing the same candidate in an Oregon House race. The money was spent during that cycle. Since then, 314 and AIPAC have occasionally been at odds." [The Philadelphia Inquirer, [4/6/26](#)]

Stanford Received Support From 314 Action, Which Was Monetarily Linked To AIPAC

2026: Stanford Received The Endorsement Of 314 Action Fund. In March 2026, Stanford announced her endorsement by 314 Action Fund. [Twitter, @alastanford, [3/4/26](#)]



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314 Action Fund Was Focused On ‘Recruiting, Training, And Election’ Democrats With Backgrounds In Science. According to 314 Action Fund’s website, under “Who We Are,” the fund describes themselves with the following: “With a grassroots network made up of millions of engaged supporters in every part of the country, 314 Action has established itself as a trusted partner to candidates and Democratic organizations alike, connecting and working with allied organizations, PACs, and members of Congress.” [314 Action Fund, [Accessed 4/6/26](#)]

In 2024, The United Democracy Project Contributed \$1M To The 314 Action Fund. According to the federal Elections Commission (FEC), in May 2024, The United Democracy Project (UDP) contributed \$1M to 314 Action Fund. [FEC, [5/1/24](#)]

The United Democracy Project Was A Super PAC Directly Affiliated With AIPAC In The 2024 Election Cycle. According to Open Secrets, the United Democracy Project in the 2024 election cycle’s “Affiliates” were listed as the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. [Open Secrets, [Accessed 4/6/26](#)]

2024: AIPAC Was Accused Of ‘Funneling Money’ To Pro-Israel Congressional Candidates Through A Large Donation By The 314 Action Fund. In 2024, according to Sludge, at the time that 314 Action Fund received a \$1M donation from the United Democracy Project, the action fund’s spending spiked in

two democratic primaries in Oregon with the Pro-Israel-leaning candidates Maxine Dexter (OR-03) and Janelle Bynum (OR-05). 314 Action Fund responded with the following:

At the time, 314 Action pushed back against a May 3, 2024 report in The Intercept that it was receiving AIPAC funding to purchase ads backing a pair of state representatives deemed to be more pro-Israel, Maxine Dexter in the Oregon Third Congressional District and Janelle Bynum in the Fifth. In comments to Sludge, 314 Action President Shaughnessy Naughton called The Intercept's report "inaccurate," but she declined to provide any details on her claims or more information on her super PAC's recent funders.

[Sludge, [12/30/25](#)]

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Stanford In 2025: 'I Would Not Say That I Wouldn't Take Money From Pharmaceutical Companies'

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According to the Chestnut Hill Local, Stanford said:

'I would not say that I wouldn't take money from pharmaceutical companies [...]. The pharmaceutical companies are part of the way that I'm able to provide medication to my patients that can't afford it. Now, it doesn't mean that I blindly say 'Here,' but what it does mean is that I am trying to lower the cost. I am trying to provide care, and a lot of folks don't have access. [...]. I won't emphatically say no, because if it will benefit my community in this district, then I would.'

She also said, 'I think I can say I've never accepted because I've never run for office before.'

Stanford's team later clarified that 'Dr. Stanford has not received money from pharmaceutical PACs.'

[Chestnut Hill Local, [12/10/25](#)]

July 2020: Stanford Said Of MRNA Vaccines, ‘A Vaccine May Cause You To Develop The Disease. People Must Know The Risk Involved & Make Educated Decisions’

2020: Stanford Stated That A Vaccine Had The Possibility Of Causing Someone To ‘Develop The Disease.’ In July 2020, Stanford stated the following about the effects of the Moderna vaccine:

The Moderna vaccine uses genetic material from the virus, called mRNA, to prompt the immune system to fight the coronavirus.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/27/health/moderna-vaccine-covid.html> ...

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[Twitter, @alastanford, [7/30/20](#)]

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According to a November 2020 Philadelphia Magazine report on Philadelphia’s Vaccine Advisory Committee and its broader vaccine rollout, “Ala Stanford, also a member of the VAC and founder of the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium, is concerned that Black people might not be prioritized in initial vaccine distribution.” Reportedly:

Stanford is also concerned about another group within the Black community: working-class residents. ‘In the African American community, it’s working-class people in the 45-to-55 age range that are going out to work and bringing COVID home to their families. They need the vaccine most,’ she says. ‘Giving the vaccine to Black people first isn’t a race-based approach; it’s evidence-based. They should be the first to get it because

they're the most affected group, which also makes them the most likely to transmit it to others. If folks don't get the vaccine, it should be because they decided they didn't want it, not because it wasn't offered.'

[Philadelphia Magazine, [11/24/20](#)]

December 2020: Stanford Said She Would Delay Taking The Vaccine Due To Her Existing Antibodies And Cited Cultural Distrust Of Medicine As A Black Women

Stanford Said She Would Not Initially Get The COVID Vaccine Because She Already Had Antibodies. In a Facebook video posted on December 9, 2020, Stanford clarified that she would not receive the COVID-19 vaccine "at first," saying she "already has antibodies and doesn't want to take the place of someone who doesn't." She added, "If and when my antibodies dissipate then I would take the vaccine." Stanford also addressed public fear of the vaccine, saying:

Even though this has been done with the greatest rigor and the greatest scientific eyes and minds in the world, it's a natural emotion to have some fear about it [...] it's important for healthcare workers to receive it. We know that the cases are going up [...] and you want your healthcare worker to be healthy so that they are there when you need them.



[Facebook, @ala.frey.5, [12/9/20](#)]

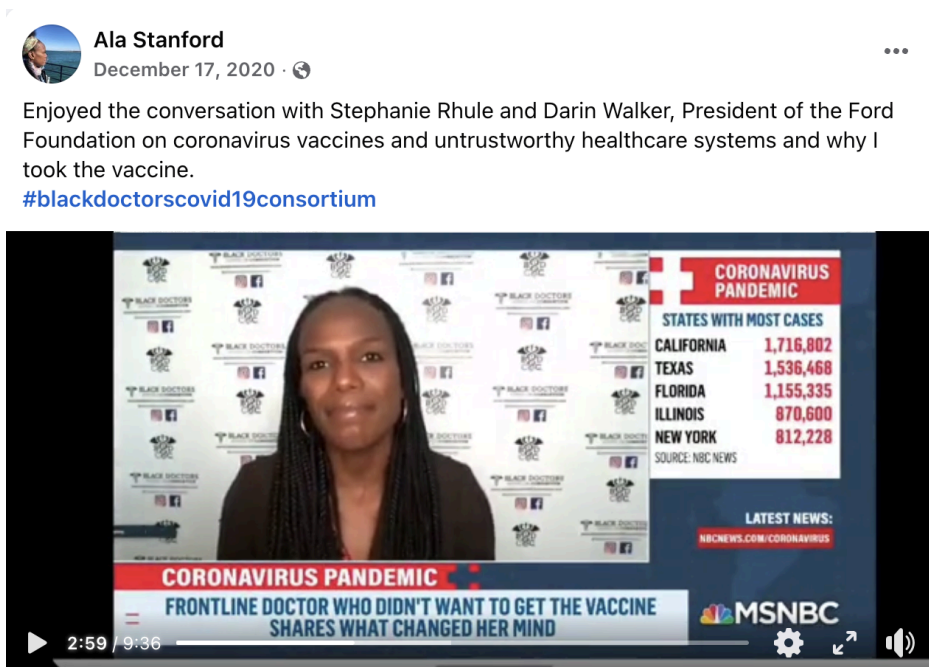
Stanford Said Her Identity As A Black Woman And Cultural Distrust Of Medicine Led To Personal COVID Vaccine Fears. In a Facebook video posted on December 17, 2020, Stanford described her

personal hesitancy around the COVID-19 vaccine, explaining that before being a doctor or surgeon, she was “a black women and culturally that is almost a norm.” Stanford said:

Before I was a doctor, before I was a surgeon, I'm a black women and culturally that is almost a norm. It's how we were raised. That you go to the doctor when you are really sick and think you are when you are about to die but other than that you don't go, you don't trust, because of the past experiences that have happened.

And so, science me was listening to the UA hearing reading everything I could get my hands on. But black me was like I am not sure that I'm gonna do this. And when I contracted coronavirus I had anti-bodies and I still do.

And my doctor and I have been following my titers and I decided I wasn't going to get the vaccine until I no longer had IGG. And I think that was my trepidation and fear. And the more people said to me 'when you tell its ok doc I'm there' it became less about me and more about all the African Americans that are dying and have a disease greater than any other group in this country.



[Facebook, @ala.frey.5, [12/17/20](#)]

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Stanford To A User Complaining That He Was Unable To Get A COVID Test: 'Sorry You Were Unable To Get Tested But Statistically I Am 6x's More Likely To Die Than You Are As An Educated Black Woman.' In June 2020, Stanford replied to a man who accused her of politicizing COVID-19 when

discussing his difficulty not getting tested because “illegals in NY were getting tested free and I couldn’t.” He further accused Stanford of making the testing difficulty about race. Stanford replied:

Not politicizing. Working to solve a problem rather than waiting for someone to solve it for me. Sorry you were unable to get tested but statistically I am 6x’s more likely to die than you are as an educated Black woman. Not my opinion, science. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2020/06/16/race-gaps-in-covid-19-deaths-are-even-bigger-than-they-appear/> ...



The screenshot shows a Twitter thread. At the top, there are icons for replies (19), retweets (14), likes (68), and other actions. The first tweet is from **BigMike** (@MikeyFederali) dated Jun 18, 2020. The text of the tweet reads: "just watched you. As a white man I was turned away for the same reasons that you said black people were. So what is my excuse? illegals in NY were getting tested free and I couldnt. You are politicizing this and making it about race. such a shame." Below this tweet are icons for replies (1), retweets, likes, and other actions. The second tweet is from **Ala Stanford MD** (@alastanford). The text of the tweet reads: "Not politicizing. Working to solve a problem rather than waiting for someone to solve it for me. Sorry you were unable to get tested but statistically I am 6x's more likely to die than you are as an educated Black woman. Not my opinion, science. [brookings.edu/blog/up-front/...](https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2020/06/16/race-gaps-in-covid-19-deaths-are-even-bigger-than-they-appear/)" Below this tweet is the timestamp "9:36 PM · Jun 18, 2020". At the bottom of the screenshot, there are icons for replies (2), retweets, likes (1), and other actions, along with a "Relevant" filter dropdown.

[Twitter, @alastanford, [6/18/20](#)]

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5:35 AM - 21 Nov 2021 from [London, England](#)

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[Twitter, @alastanford, via Internet Archive, [11/21/21](#)]

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[Twitter, @alastanford, [9/22/21](#)]

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2021: Stanford Received The Gold Medal For Distinguished Achievement From The Pennsylvania Society. According to The Philadelphia Inquirer in December 2021, “Ala Stanford, the pediatric surgeon from North Philadelphia who founded the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium [...] was being honored with the Gold Medal for Distinguished Achievement at the black-tie dinner that is the centerpiece of the Pennsylvania Society weekend.” [The Philadelphia Inquirer, [12/5/21](#)]

The Pennsylvania Society Has Been Criticized ‘As The Epitome Of Garish Largesse At Best — And Everything That’s Wrong With Politics At Worst.’ According to Spotlight PA:

For years, Pennsylvania Society has been the marquee event for the state’s politicians and the well-heeled special interests that want something from them: a long weekend in New York City featuring back-to-back swanky fundraisers, black-tie soirees, and after-hours parties.

Good-government groups have criticized the event as the epitome of garish largesse at best — and everything that’s wrong with politics at worst. But anyone who is anyone (or wanted to be someone) in state political circles

wouldn't dare miss the annual pilgrimage every December for three days of backslapping, power-brokering, and, far less frequently, policy-making [...]

In modern times, that dinner, while technically the centerpiece of the weekend, has been overtaken by invitation-only fundraisers, receptions, and other events that have sprung up around it, turning the gathering into a whirlwind, three-day schmooze fest — and earning the derision of good-government activists.

Eric Epstein, cofounder of the nonpartisan good-government group Rock the Capital, called the event a 'glorified pay-to-play winter carnival.'

'We need less self-interest and more common good, and we need to focus on Pennsylvania problems and not New York parties,' said Epstein. 'We need to put the Society on ice, and thaw out democracy.'

[Spotlight PA, [12/3/21](#)]

2025: Stanford 'Schmoozed [...] To Woo The Elite' At 'A Somewhat Star-Studded Fundraiser.'

According to The Philadelphia Inquirer in December 2025, "Pennsylvania's political class schmoozed their way across Midtown Manhattan this past weekend, bouncing from cocktail parties to swanky receptions organized to woo the elite ahead of a big midterm election year [...] Stanford held a somewhat star-studded fundraiser Thursday evening, hosted, according to a posted listing for the private event, by Hamilton actor Leslie Odom Jr. (who did not attend but lent his name)." [The Philadelphia Inquirer, [12/15/25](#)]

Stanford Criticized Philadelphia's Democratic Party Over Their Decision To Endorse Her Primary Opponent, Their Legal Battles Against Trump, And The Mayor's COVID Vaccine Rollout

Stanford Criticized The Local Democratic Party, Saying They 'Had Always Planned To Endorse [Sharif] Street' Her Primary Opponent. According to The Philadelphia Inquirer in March 2026, Stanford "is not of the Philadelphia Democratic establishment. She said she feels like the city's long-entrenched party apparatus had always planned to endorse Street, the former head of the state party and the son of a Philadelphia mayor." [The Philadelphia Inquirer, [3/18/26](#)]

Stanford Questioned The Pennsylvania Democratic Party's Legal Battles Against Trump, Asking 'How Do The People Feel About That?' According to The Philadelphia Inquirer, "In the run-up to the 2020 election, Street, as chair of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party at the time, repeatedly fought in court against President Donald Trump's campaign over election administration issues. In her question, Stanford asked Street to focus on what he delivered for his constituents - 'not that you sued Donald Trump 20 times and won every time, because how do the people feel that?'" [The Philadelphia Inquirer, [2/24/26](#)]

2021: Stanford Criticized Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney's COVID Vaccine Rollout. According to The Philadelphia Inquirer in December 2021, Stanford's:

most pointed jab, though, came at the expense of Mayor Jim Kenney's administration. Stanford told the audience the story of how, when the city was switching its focus from testing to inoculation, it initially entrusted its largest mass vaccination site not to the consortium but to Philly Fighting

COVID. That was the scandal-plagued group led by recent Drexel graduate Andrei Doroshin that was soon taken off the job.

‘Unfortunately it went to an inexperienced white male with no medical background at all,’ she said. ‘And when that organization went defunct [...] all those folks that couldn’t find a second shot, they came to us.’

[The Philadelphia Inquirer, [12/5/21](#)]

Stanford Received ‘The George H.W. Bush Points Of Light Award’ And Memorialized Colin Powell

2021: Stanford Received ‘The George H.W. Bush Points Of Light Award.’ According to The Philadelphia Tribune in September 2021, “Stanford will be honored with The George H.W. Bush Points of Light Award during a live event Tuesday at New York’s Cipriani’s. ‘The Points of Light organization was founded by President George H. Bush Sr. and his description of Points of Light were volunteer individuals and organizations all across our nation that were giving of their service to make this world literally a better place,’ Stanford said during a news conference Friday at Deliverance Evangelistic Church in North Philadelphia.” [The Philadelphia Tribune, [9/24/21](#)]

2021: Stanford Memorialized Colin Powell. In a 2021 op-ed in The Philadelphia Inquirer, Stanford said:

My deepest condolences to those who loved Colin Powell, whose family reported that he died from complications of COVID-19, despite being fully vaccinated. As a young adult, I revered Colin Powell. He was the epitome of pulling himself up from his own bootstraps - and he got the boots for himself, not waiting for them to be provided. He was greatness, continually striving for excellence, and setting his own bar. He did not allow the judgment of others, nor their low expectations of him, to impede his ascension [...]

General Powell: Thank you for being a living example that hard work will solve most of your problems. For not making excuses for your own failures, but rather owning them. For serving as an example to so many who refused a vaccine, by doing all you could to protect yourself and your community.

I am grateful to have seen a Colin Powell in my lifetime. For those who want to run with this, don’t. Let’s crush the narrative that his death sends a message that vaccines are irrelevant. It tells us the opposite is true, in fact: We need everyone to get vaccinated so that we can protect our friends, family, and neighbors who, like General Powell, remain vulnerable even after vaccination.

[The Philadelphia Inquirer, Stanford Op-Ed, [4/5/21](#)]