

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the ability to access safe and legal abortions is an important human right; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Reproductive Rights, 970 million women, representing 59% of women of reproductive age, live in countries that broadly allow abortion and 41% of women of reproductive age live under restrictive laws; and

WHEREAS, legal restrictions on abortion do not result in fewer abortions and instead compel those seeking abortions to risk their lives and health by resorting to unsafe abortion practices; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, 23,000 women die of unsafe abortions each year; and

WHEREAS, women across the world have fought for the right to access safe and legal abortion for decades; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision affirmed the right to receive an abortion under the 14th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the 1992 *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* Supreme Court decision upheld the right to receive an abortion, adding that any restrictions should be evaluated under an undue burden standard; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2021, the Supreme Court of the United States heard oral arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Clinic* concerning a Mississippi abortion law that directly challenges *Roe v. Wade*; and

WHEREAS, an initial draft opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Clinic* holds that *Roe v. Wade* must be overruled; and

WHEREAS, millions of women across the United States could soon lose their legal right to abortion if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned; and

WHEREAS, the greatest impact of this decision would be felt by marginalized groups who already face significant barriers accessing abortion care, particularly low-income women of color; and




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WHEREAS, research suggests banning abortion in the United States would lead to an estimated 21% increase in the number of pregnancy-related deaths overall and a 33% increase in the number of pregnancy-related deaths among Black women; and


WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles will continue its staunch advocacy for reproductive rights and its commitment to serve as a safe haven for all people seeking abortions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2022-2023 State and Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for any proposed legislation that would codify the right to safe abortion into law and urges the State and Federal government to take immediate action to pass legislation to this effect, as the Supreme Court of the United States appears poised to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in the coming weeks.

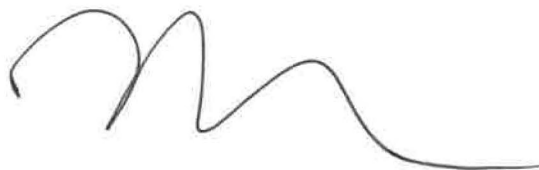
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