

Proposed Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA IN SUPPORT OF REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

WHEREAS, access to reproductive care is central to an individual's ability to retain autonomy over their body, their choice to have children or not have children, and parent the children they have in safe and sustainable communities; and,

WHEREAS, in 1969 the California Supreme Court recognized that the U.S. Constitution protects the fundamental right to choose whether to carry a pregnancy to term; and,

WHEREAS, in 1972, the people of California amended Article I § 1 of the California Constitution to make the right to privacy inalienable; and,

WHEREAS, in 2002, California enacted the Reproductive Privacy Act, which prevents the state from interfering with the right to choose between carrying a pregnancy to term; and,

WHEREAS, in 2019 Governor Gavin Newsom issued the California Proclamation on Reproductive Freedom to educate Californians on their reproductive rights under the state constitution and laws and affirm California's commitment to reproductive freedom; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena has a track record of supporting women's rights and reproductive health, has continually supported state and federal legislation protecting and advancing reproductive rights, access to healthcare, and funds for preventative health care services;

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena will continue to uphold everyone's equality and liberty by protecting their reproductive freedom, educating residents about their rights to reproductive freedom, welcoming anyone to Pasadena to fully exercise their reproductive rights and acting as a model for other cities that want to uphold full reproductive freedom for all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Pasadena is hereby a champion and defender of health equity and reproductive freedom, so that every resident in our community may have access to the reproductive services they need when they need them.