

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2022 SERIES)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS
OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF REPRODUCTIVE
FREEDOM**

WHEREAS, in 1973, the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade* ruled that the United States Constitution protects a pregnant person's reproductive choices and liberties, namely the right to an abortion; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Clinic* overturned *Roe v. Wade*, holding there is no federal Constitutional right for a pregnant person to have an abortion; and

WHEREAS, *Dobbs* expressly calls into question other substantive due process rights protecting the right to privacy and bodily autonomy; and

WHEREAS, overturning *Roe* will greatly impact marginalized groups who already face barriers accessing reproductive healthcare services, particularly low-income women and women of color, causing further inequity; and; and

WHEREAS, in a recent survey of abortion patients, 49% are living below the federal poverty line, 59% already have children, and 55% are experiencing a disruptive life event; and

WHEREAS, women with access to reproductive health services are more likely to finish college, pursue higher education, participate for a longer period in the labor force, achieve higher-paying occupations, and are much less likely to fall into poverty and receiving public assistance later in life; and

WHEREAS, a woman's and/or any pregnant person's ability to freely access reproductive health care is essential to ensuring the lives, rights, health and equality of all people and society are protected; and

WHEREAS, in the past 54 years since the state of California protected a pregnant person's right to choose under law, the people of San Luis Obispo and the State of California have been able to freely and without fear of legal recourse exercise their reproductive freedoms; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*, effectively ending federal constitutional protection of a woman's and/or pregnant person's right to choose their path towards reproductive health, as many as 26 states may move to ban reproductive choice in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, prohibitions on the right to exercise reproductive freedoms are harmful to the public health and safety of all people, and are contrary to the values of equity and justice that the people of the City of San Luis Obispo and the Constitution of the State of California seek to uphold; and

WHEREAS, passage of these laws disproportionately impact low-income women, survivors of sexual assault, the trans and nonbinary community, Black, Latinx, Indigenous and other people of color; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Luis Obispo will continue to uphold everyone's right to equality and liberty by protecting their reproductive freedoms, and their access to health services, welcoming anyone to San Luis Obispo to fully exercise their full reproductive rights; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City affirms its commitment to the human rights afforded to all women and persons who can become pregnant, regardless of socioeconomic, ethnic, racial, cultural or religious background, age or sexual orientation and to opposing any laws or regulations that pose a threat to reproductive freedom, reproductive rights and equitable access to reproductive health services, sexual freedom and/or self-determination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City supports efforts to add a person's right to choose in the California and United States Constitutions.

Upon motion of _____, seconded by _____, and on the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution was adopted this _____ day of _____ 2022.

Mayor Erica A. Stewart

ATTEST:

Teresa Purrington
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

J. Christine Dietrick
City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, on _____.

Teresa Purrington
City Clerk

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