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Public Comment--Not on the agenda

September 17, 2022

Dear Councilmembers,

For over half a century in California, we have had the legal right to make decisions about our reproductive health care, including whether to continue a pregnancy or have an abortion, and whether to choose or refuse contraceptives, based on our personal life circumstances, beliefs, and health concerns. These are among the most private, consequential, and complex decisions we make in our lives.

Physicians and other health care providers have also had legal protection to serve our reproductive health needs without being prosecuted or second-guessed by unqualified, unaffected, and often politically motivated forces.

This year, the Supreme Court of the United States, in “Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization”, removed the federal protection of Roe v. Wade and left it to each state to determine whether we will retain, or lose, these fundamental reproductive rights.

As a result, individuals, organizations, and government entities all over California are joining together to support Proposition 1, “Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment (2022)”, which would protect these rights in our state. Prop 1 is just three sentences:

"SEC. 1.1. The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual’s reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. This section is intended to further the constitutional right to privacy guaranteed by Section 1, and the constitutional right to not be denied equal protection guaranteed by Section 7. Nothing herein narrows or limits the right to privacy or equal protection.[4]"

Since 1879, California’s constitution has been amended over 500 times. There have been few cases where the need for a state constitutional amendment has been so clear, so urgent, and so widely supported as with Proposition 1. The bill to put Proposition 1 on our November ballot passed with overwhelming majorities in our state legislature, and is supported by the California Medical Association, the League of Women Voters, and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, among many others.

As the tragic real-life consequences of the Supreme Court decision become clear in headlines across our country, it is up to us to protect the right of all Californians to make decisions about their reproductive lives, in private, based on their own beliefs and circumstances, and with the guidance of health care professionals who are able to practice to the highest ethical standards of care.

We urge the City of Los Altos to join us in supporting Proposition 1 “Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment (2022)”.

Sincerely,

Los Altos Women’s Caucus
Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation
Los Altos/Mountain View Chapter, American Association of University Women
Los Altos Community Voices



September 19, 2022

Dear Mayor Enander, Vice-Mayor Meadows and members of the Los Altos City Council,

On behalf of Los Altos Community Voices (LACV) we extend our thanks and appreciation for your unanimous vote at the Council meeting of September 6, approving the housing development at the corner of El Camino Real and Los Altos Avenue. The 47-unit project will bring seven much needed affordable units to our city.

Robin Abrams, Curtis Cole, Kim Cranston, Bill Sheppard, Marie Young
LACV Steering Committee